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21st Sunday after Pentecost Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

- 9:10am – Reading of Hours
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
 - Epistles: Gal. 2:16-20*
 - Heb. 13: 7-16*
 - Gospels: Luke 8:5-15*
 - John 17:1-13*
- Church School – Coffee Hour

Schedule of Services

Saturday, October 23

Memorial (Demetrius) Saturday

8:00am – Divine Liturgy and Panikhida

5:00pm – Holy Chrismation
for Jacob Galati

6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, October 24

9:10am – Reading of Hours

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

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Seeing the Kingdom Before We Die?

One of the readings for October 19 includes a warning from Our Lord: we are called to witness to Him no matter what the circumstances, and regardless of temptations to disavow Him in order to make our own lives easier. He says, "Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels" (Luke 9: 26).

The next verse is one that apparently still troubles people. Jesus says, "But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God." Earlier this year, a lengthy article in the New Yorker Magazine cited this verse as a "proof" that the whole story of Jesus Christ is questionable. The writer of the article took the verse to mean that the Second Coming would take place during the lifetimes of some who were Jesus' contemporaries. Since that did not happen, Christianity is based on a lie—in fact, a series of lies.

But is that what Jesus means, that the Second Coming is imminent, and that some of those to whom He is speaking will live to see it? Does the fact that things didn't happen that way mean that Christianity is based on lies? Any Christian, especially one who knows some lives of saints and holy people, can confidently answer "no" to both questions.

Saint Paul is the first one who helps us see what Jesus' words meant. In II Corinthians 12: 2-4 he writes about a man (himself, as later verses reveal) who "fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise...and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter." Certainly this vivid description shows us that Paul saw the kingdom of God before tasting death.

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter and Mary Milk, Helen Pawlush, Helen Pirniak, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber.

May God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman, Julia Brelinsky, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini.

THE DEPARTED:

Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

Welcome to our Parish

*We warmly welcome all families,
friends and guests to our parish.
We are glad to pray with you here
today. Over the past eighty-six
years, hundreds of people have
called Ss. Peter and Paul their
home. If this parish is the kind of a
spiritual home you have been
searching for, we would love to have
you become a part of our family.*



Today's Memorial Offering

• **St. Nicholas' Cross** – in memory of John, Pauline & Ludmila Prokopenko – by Irene Lawrence.

• **St. John's Cross** – in memory of John, Pauline & Ludmila Prokopenko – by Irene Lawrence.

• **Church Wine** – in memory of Peter Lopen Sr. – by the Lopen Family.



Announcements

❖ Saturday, October 23 is St. Demetrius Memorial Saturday. Please come and offer your prayers for your departed loved ones.

❖ Mark your calendars: We are pleased to announce that His Grace Bishop Michael will visit our parish on the Thanksgiving weekend of November 27 & 28. More details are coming up. Please save these dates and plan to attend on both days.

❖ A new carpet installation in our Church is coming up at the end of October. If you would like to support this project, please make your contribution at the candle desk. Thank you.

❖ The Bayonne "R" Club is holding their annual flea market on October 16 & 23. If necessary, please contact any member to arrange for pick up of donated items.

❖ Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed. Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk (there is a list of what is needed – not much, actually). Upcoming Coffee Hour: October 24 – sponsored by Matthew & Tonya Galati.

❖ Available at the candle desk are memorial candles, Altar bread and wine to be sponsored in prayerful intentions of your loved-ones.

Thank You

Our heartfelt "Thank you" to Robert Pierce for fixing our Church bells, and to Miroslaw Szeszawicki for the restoration of the damaged by leaking walls inside the Church. May our Lord God pay you back hundredfold!