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## June 19, 2011

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints

### Happy Father's Day!

- 8:40am – Hours
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy  
Epistle: Heb. 11:33-12:1  
Gospel: Matt. 10:32-33,37-38; 19:27-30
- Panikhida – in memory of Anna, Joseph and Steven Pirniak, on their Anniversary of Death, offered by Olga DeMay & Helen Pirniak.
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Olga DeMay and Stephen Wasilewski.

### Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 –

Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
6:00pm - Akathist to St. John the Baptist

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

6:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 –

All Saints of America and Russia  
9:00am - Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida for the departed members of RBO.

### *In Hope They Believed Against Hope*

On June 22 we read Saint Paul's words in Romans 4:13-25. He urges us to follow the example of the patriarch Abraham, whose faith remained constant no matter what happened to him.

Abraham continued to believe God's promise that he would be the father of many nations, even as the years went by and he became an old man who still hadn't seen the promise fulfilled. Saint Paul puts it this way: "He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised" (19-21).

This is what Paul means by "in hope believing against hope." Abraham continued to believe God could and would keep His promise, even though immediate circumstances—his great age and his wife Sarah's barrenness—would seem to render it impossible for them to bear children and make him the father of many nations.

One of the saints commemorated on June 21, is the martyr Julian of Tarsus. He was the son of a pagan father and a devout Christian mother. When she was widowed, she took her son from his birthplace, the town of Anazerba, to Tarsus. There she saw to his baptism and instructed him in the faith.

The grace of baptism and his mother's teaching kept Julian from denying his faith during the persecutions unleashed by the emperor Diocletian. Though he was just eighteen when he was arrested as a Christian, Julian not only withstood torture but resisted the promises of riches and honors if he would renounce Christ and worship the pagan gods. When they

### Intercessory Prayer

#### THE LIVING:

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

May God grant you Many Years!

#### THE DEPARTED:

Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, George Makara, Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

tortured him and threw him into a dungeon, his mother begged to be given three days with her son, assuring the jailers that she would convince him to offer sacrifice to the idols. Her request was granted.

When the three days had passed, Julian and his mother were brought before the magistrate, who began to praise her motherly influence for bringing her son to his senses. But his flowery words were interrupted by the voices of the mother and son, loudly proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the only true God.

Julian's mother knew she was consigning him to execution when she urged him, imprisoned and severely weakened by torture, not to deny his faith. As a mother, she grieved her terrible loss. But like Abraham, she "did not waver when she considered his body" and her own body, which were "as good as dead." Like Abraham, "in hope she believed against hope," and the Church tells us that she and her son have received their crowns in the Kingdom of the One whose promises they believed.

### Today's Memorial Offering



- Sanctuary Lamp – in memory of Anastasia Grudinoff, on her Anniversary of Birth – offered by John and Helen Wanko.
- Church Bread and Wine offered in memory of Juliana and Andrew Bacsik.



### Announcements

❖ Tomorrow, June 20<sup>th</sup>, is the beginning of the Apostles' (Ss. Peter and Paul) Fast. During this Fast, which ends on the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29<sup>th</sup>, we are called to increase our prayers and almsgiving, and to refrain from eating meat, eggs and dairy products throughout the Fast, as well as from fish on Wednesdays and Fridays.

❖ Friday, June 24, is the Feast of Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Akathist to St. John the Baptist will be served at 6:00pm.

❖ Happy Name's Day to Russian Brotherhood Organization of St. John the Baptist! RBO's annual meeting will be held in the Church Hall next Sunday, June 26 after the Divine Liturgy and Panikhida for the departed members of RBO. All members are urged to attend.

❖ The celebration of the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul is coming up! There will be Great Vespers with Litya on Tue. June 28<sup>th</sup>. On Wed. June 29<sup>th</sup> there will be the Divine Liturgy at 9:00am; and at 6:00pm we will have our parish name's day picnic. Everyone is welcome. If you can, please bring dish to share. There is a sign-up list at the candle desk. Hot dogs, hamburgers and kielbasa will be provided. Let us celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saints!

❖ Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed. Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours are: June 26 – provided by RBO on St. John's Day; July 10 – by Wasilewski Family.