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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

- 9:10am – Hours
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
Epistles: 2 Cor. 9:6-11
Heb. 13:7-16 (Fathers)
Gospels: Luke 8:5-15
John 17:1-13 (Fathers)
- Church School

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Memorial (Demetrius) Saturday

8:00am – Divine Liturgy and Panikhida
6:00pm – Great Vespers and Confessions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:10am – Hours
9:30am – Divine Liturgy

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The Bible and the Liturgy (Part 2)

The readings for the week of October 9 include several passages from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Like the verses from Ephesians read during the previous week, these verses show us how prayers of the Liturgy are based on the Bible.

In 4:30 Paul entreats the Ephesians not to "grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." In 3:16 he has prayed that God "may grant you to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man."

This Biblical idea of the Holy Spirit dwelling and working in us is reflected in the priest's prayer that "the communion of the Holy Spirit [may] be with all of you." The congregation asks the same for the priest by responding, "And with your spirit." Near the end of the Liturgy, we acknowledge this gift and sing, "We have seen the true Light! We have received the heavenly Spirit!"

As we prepare to sing the Lord's Prayer, the priest prays that we may do so "with boldness." We ask God to allow us to do this very bold thing: to approach Him "as Father" and to address Him with the words of the prayer which Christ taught us. This plea has a basis in the Letter to the Ephesians. Near the end of the letter, Paul asks the Ephesians to make supplication for him, that "utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly, to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel" (6:19).

In verses read last week, the source of our boldness is revealed. Paul writes that we have "boldness and confidence of access through our faith" in Jesus Christ (3:12). It is this faith that enables us to "dare" – a strong word – to call on God as "Our Father." The only way we can dare to do such a thing

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Stephen & Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber.

May God grant you Many Years!

THE DEPARTED:

Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

"without condemnation" is to ask Him to "make us worthy," and to "commend our whole life and hope" to Him.

In the Prayer before the Ambo, the priest asks God to "preserve the fullness of Thy Church." This too has a basis in Ephesians. Paul writes that God intends His plan for our salvation to happen through the Church: "...that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known..." (3:13).

But it is not only that the Church has a vital role in God's saving work. Ephesians also includes, in the fifth chapter, the well-known comparison of marriage to the relationship between Christ and the Church. The Church is precious to God – He loves it as a bridegroom loves his bride. So the Prayer before the Ambo asks God to "sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house." These words ask a blessing on those who share God's love for His Church by honoring and respecting her.

Paul ends his letter to the Ephesians with a similar blessing: "Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love undying."



Announcements

❖ On Mon. October 17 the Hawaiian Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God will be visiting Bayonne. At 7:00pm there will be Molieben and Akathist at St. Nicholas Church, 606 Kennedy Blvd.

❖ Saturday, Oct. 22 is St. Demetrius Memorial Saturday. The Divine Liturgy will start at 8:00am, followed by Panikhida for the departed. Please come and offer your prayers for your deceased loved ones.

❖ The Bayonne "R" Club will hold their annual flea market on Sat. October 22 and 29. Any donations are gladly accepted. If necessary, please contact any member to arrange for pick up of donated items.

❖ Ss. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church in South River is hosting a Russian Fall Festival on Sat. November 5th from 10am–5:00pm. For more information please see a flyer posted on the bulletin board.

Birthday Greetings

and warmest wishes to Matushka Anna and to all who celebrate their birthdays in the month of October. May God grant you and your loved ones good health and happiness for Many, Many, Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able.

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.