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Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

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

May God grant you Many Years!

THE DEPARTED:

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

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

regulations: "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" (2:21)?

All the regulations imposed by these teachers are a lot of work. Their followers must know what things to avoid, what things to do regularly, and what are the best ways to keep from being "disqualified" by their teachers. Paul encourages the Colossians to forget all that, because it is the wrong work. He suggests that they do some other things: Hold fast to Christ who is the Head, and seek and set their minds on the things that are above rather than those that are on earth (2: 19, 3:1-2). Yes, these things are also work, but they are the right kind, because they lead to salvation. They are the kind of work that the Archangel Jehudiel can support and assist.

People who believe that angels rule the universe are misguided, Paul firmly says. It's true that we cannot understand everything about life or the world, because our "life is hid with Christ in God" (2: 3). But Christ is our life, and when He appears and is manifested in glory, "then you also will appear with Him in glory" (3:4).

Today's Memorial Offering



- *Sanctuary Lamp* – in memory of June Bianchini, on her 2nd Anniversary of Repose – by Mom & Dad.
- *St. John's Cross* – in memory of June Bianchini, on her 2nd Anniversary of Repose – by Mary Macinsky.
- *St. Nicholas Cross* – in memory of June Bianchini, on her 2nd Anniversary of Repose – by Husband Ken.
- *Triple Candelabra* – in memory of Teodosia DeMay, on the Anniversary of her Repose – by DeMay Family.
- *Candles on the Altar* – in memory of John DeMay, on the Anniversary of his Repose – by DeMay Family.

Announcements

❖ On Wed. November 30, 2011 at 7:00pm His Grace Bishop Michael will visit our parish with a special presentation about the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ – "The True Meaning of Christmas". We will explore the meaning of this wonderful feast as conveyed to us through scripture, the liturgical services and hymns, as well as the various holy traditions of our Orthodox Church. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. Light refreshments and fellowship will be held in the Church Hall.

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, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.

November 6, 2011

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 9:00am – General Confession, Hours
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19
Gospel: Luke 8:26-39
- Church School
- Fellowship - Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Matthew & Tonya Galati, for the glory of God and for His miracles.

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00pm – Great Vespers and Confessions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:10am – Hours

9:30am – Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida and Coffee Hour in memory of June Bianchini, offered by Bianchini /Wanko Family

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Be Sure Not to Do the Wrong Work

November 8 is a day when the Church commemorates angels – not only the Archangel Michael, who is named, but "all the other bodiless powers" as well.

Among these other celestial beings is the Archangel Jehudiel, who like the others has a special role in God's plan. Jehudiel is known as the angel of work. In particular, he watches over those who work for God's glory, encouraging them, strengthening them and giving them wisdom.

On this same day and the previous day, we read Colossians 2:13 to 3:3. In these verses Saint Paul writes about angels, but he is not describing the kind of benevolent care that Jehudiel and the others have for us. He is concerned that some people misunderstand what angels are, and give them a kind of respect that should be offered only to God.

Paul's worry is that false teachers are exerting great influence over the Colossian Christians. These teachers seem outwardly to be following the Gospel's warnings against self-indulgence, by "promoting rigor of devotion and self-abasement and severity to the body" (2:23). But such teaching is empty and even harmful, Paul says, because it doesn't come from Christ. It is the result of someone being "puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind" (2:18) and pretending to have some kind of supernatural knowledge. It only has the "appearance of wisdom."

"What's wrong with you, Colossians?" Paul seems to be asking. He reminds them that when they learned to worship Jesus Christ as the true God, they were freed from the old, oppressive belief that "elemental spirits" ruled their lives and must be placated. Why, he asks, are they now willing to listen to these teachers who ask them to return to the worship of angels? Why do they agree to submit to unnecessary