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Christ is risen!

April 29, 2012

3rd Sunday of Pascha
Holy Myrrhbearing Women

- 9:10am – Hours, Confessions
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Acts 6:1-7
Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8
- Church School

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, MAY 5

10:00am – Baptism of Evdokia Nosova

6:00pm – Great Vespers, Confessions

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:50am – Order of Confession

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

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The Hard Life of a Prophet

On May 1st the Church honors the Prophet Jeremiah, a sensitive soul who was called by God to do things that would have been difficult even for a person less easily bruised.

God instructs His young prophet to warn Jerusalem of foreign invaders from the north. So Jeremiah addresses the people: "In vain you beautify yourself. Your lovers despise you; they seek your life. For I heard a cry as of a woman in travail, anguish as of one bringing forth her first child, the cry of the daughter of Zion gasping for breath, stretching out her hands, "Woe is me! I am fainting before murderers" (4:30-31).

In popular literature, prophets are sometimes depicted as mirthless killjoys who take pleasure in spoiling everyone's good times and bringing messages of doom. But this is not true of most of the prophets, and certainly not of Jeremiah. His message burdens his heart: "My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh, the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent; for I hear the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war" (4:19).

Through Jeremiah, God accuses the people not only of turning from Him, but of embracing false, powerless gods: "...for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (2: 13). This is in painful contrast to the good things God has done for them: "When I fed them to the full, they committed adultery and trooped to the houses of harlots" (5: 7b).

God is concerned with more than His people's wandering off to impotent gods. Through Jeremiah He accuses them of unkindness toward one another: "Like a basket full of birds, their houses are full of treachery; therefore they have become

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

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

THE DEPARTED:

Peter Kalada, Benedict Benda, Georgette Saba, Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Marianne Benda.

great and rich, they have grown fat and sleek. They know no bounds in deeds of wickedness; they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy" (5: 27-28).

Jeremiah describes what happens to a culture in which people no longer care about each other: "Let everyone beware of his neighbor, and put no trust in any brother; for every brother is a supplanter, and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer. Everyone deceives his neighbor, and no one speaks the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they commit iniquity and are too weary to repent" (9: 4-5).

Finally, he poetically contrasts God's intentions with what actually happened: "I thought how I would set you among my sons, and give you a pleasant land, a heritage most beautiful of all nations. And I thought you would call me, My Father, and would not turn from following me" (3: 19).

Reluctant to deliver harsh messages, sensitive to mistreatment, Jeremiah still relied on God's word: "I am with you, to save you and deliver you" (15: 20b).



Today's Memorial Offering

• Bread and Wine for the Holy Eucharist – in memory of Joseph Cimboic, on the 5th Anniversary of his Repose – by Terry Cimboic.



Announcements

- ❖ Please note that there is no kneeling or prostrations from Holy Pascha until the Vespers of Pentecost.
- ❖ The next Parish Council meeting is tomorrow, Mon. Apr 30 at 7pm. All members are urged to attend.
- ❖ To bless the graves of your departed loved ones, please make an appointment with Fr. Igor.
- ❖ Stop&Shop, A&P and ShopRite Shopping Cards available at the candle-stand. Do your shopping as you always do it, and help our church raise funds at no additional cost to you.

Heartfelt Greetings

Our prayers and best wishes to Valentina & Theodore Benda, who celebrate their 71st Anniversary of Marriage. Happy Birthday to Elena Nehrebecki and to all who celebrate their Birthdays in the month of May. May God grant you good health and happiness for 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.