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June 24, 2012

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- 8:40am – 3rd & 6th Hour, Confessions
- 8:55am – Churching of newly Baptized Mykola Stets
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: *Rom. 5:1-10*
Gospel: *Mat. 6:22-33*
- Panikhida – in memory of all departed members of RBO.
- Coffee Hour – Everyone is invited to come downstairs for a festal Luncheon following the Panikhida sponsored by the Russian Brotherhood Organization of St. John the Baptist.
- RBO's yearly meeting

Schedule of Services

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

6:00pm – Great Vespers with Litya

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

6:00pm – Great Vespers, Confessions

SUNDAY, JULY 1

8:30am – Order of Confession, Hours

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Our Saints of Britain and Ireland

June 24 this year is also the feast day of all the saints of Britain and Ireland. This feast, unlike many much older ones on the Orthodox Church's calendar, was instituted just in recent years. It honors early saints from the western part of the world.

Two of these saints, Aidan of Lindisfarne and Hilda of Whitby, were sixth-century contemporaries. Saint Aidan had been a member of the monastic community on the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland. Founded by Saint Columba, this monastery was a center of Celtic spirituality. When King Oswald of Northumbria (in northeastern England) asked for missionaries from Iona to convert his English subjects to Christianity, the first monk to attempt it decided that the pagan English were too stubborn to be influenced, and gave up.

Aidan refused to believe the job was impossible, and left Iona for Northumbria in 635. He established a monastery on the island of Lindisfarne, and it became not only a center of missionary work but the home of a growing community of monks. Aidan went on foot among the people of the area, teaching about Christ's love from one village to another. At first he traveled with an interpreter, since he knew only his native Irish language; some say King Oswald occasionally accompanied him. But gradually Aidan learned the language of the people, who responded eagerly to his preaching and instruction.

Saint Hilda of Whitby, born in 614, was a child of the royal house of Northumbria. Her early life was scarred by tragedy and loss; when she was still a baby her father was poisoned. She was brought up by Christian relatives in the Northumbrian court, and grew to love Jesus Christ with all her heart.

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.

So when her sister decided to travel to Gaul to become a monastic, Hilda planned to follow her. But Saint Aidan, who knew her dedication to the faith, asked her to stay in England and gave her land on which to build a monastery.

By 657, Saint Hilda had established that thriving monastic community, and had moved on to Whitby. There she organized a double monastery (one for men and one for women) in accordance with the Celtic tradition of Saint Columba. The community became famous as a center of learning and trained five bishops. Secular rulers and monastic abbots sought Saint Hilda's advice, and she advised these and many other people, while also encouraging the study of Scripture and giving Church artists the resources to create.

Hilda was stricken with serious illness – a virulent fever that darkened the final six years of her life. But as the Venerable Bede writes, "...taught by her own experience she admonished all men to serve the Lord dutifully when health of body is granted to them, and always to return thanks faithfully to Him in adversity, or bodily infirmity."

These saints are only two of the many who lived and worked faithfully in Britain and Ireland during the Church's early years. ■

Announcements

❖ The celebration of the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul is coming up! There will be Great Vespers with Litya on Thu. June 28th. On Fri. June 29th 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. There is a sign-up list at the candle desk for the food that's needed. Let us celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saints!

❖ Monetary donations are taken at the candle desk towards the next **sandwich outreach** for homeless shelters, which will take place on **Sat. July 7** at 10:00am in the church hall. Anyone interested in lending a helping hand that day is welcome to join us.

❖ Our **90th Jubilee Celebration** is coming up! Please reserve the weekend of **October 27-28, 2012** for the celebration. Also, your help in preparation for the event is greatly needed and highly appreciated. If you can help in any possible way, please speak to Fr. Igor or any member of the Parish Council; and remember: "Many hands make light work". More information will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Halina Harasim and happy Name's Day to all who bear name John in our parish. 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, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.