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July 15, 2012

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils.

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir.

- 8:40am – 3rd & 6th Hour, Confessions
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Epistles: Rom. 12:6-14

Heb. 13:7-16 (Fathers)

Gal. 1:11-19 (St. Vladimir)

Gospels: Mat. 9:1-8

Jn. 17:1-13 (Fathers)

Jn. 10:1-9 (St. Vladimir)

- Panikhida – in memory of Halina & Jan Szestawicki & Jan Gryc – offered by Walentyna & Mirosław Szestawicki
- Coffee Hour – Please come downstairs for a fellowship following the Divine Liturgy, sponsored by Walentyna & Mirosław Szestawicki in memory of the departed members of their families.

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, JULY 21

6:00pm – Great Vespers, Confessions

SUNDAY, JULY 22

8:40am – Hours, Confessions

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir

The holy and right-believing Vladimir (Svyatoslavich), Baptizer of Kievan Rus' (958-1015), who is commemorated today, was the Grand Prince of Kiev when Orthodoxy was introduced into present day Ukraine and Russia. He is also the grandson of St. Olga, and the father of Sts. Boris and Gleb the Passion-Bearers, the first saints of the Russian lands.

St. Vladimir was a devout pagan in his early life. He was a great conqueror who had many wives and erected many pagan statues in the lands that he ruled over.

Upon finding out that other faiths existed beyond his own paganism, he decided to send his envoys out into the world to find out what was true faith on earth.

His envoys met with Muslims, but felt that there was no joy among them, and that their faith was very mechanical. The envoys also met with Jews and Catholics, but were still unimpressed.

Everything changed, however, when the envoys arrived in Constantinople. Upon attending Divine Liturgy in Hagia Sophia, the envoys said, "We no longer knew whether we were in heaven or on earth."

Taking the word of his envoys, St. Vladimir had himself and his nation baptized into the Orthodox Church.

St. Vladimir changed completely after his baptism. He destroyed all the pagan statues that stood in Kievan Rus', and replaced them with churches. He also attempted to live in peace as much as possible with his neighbors and had only one wife.

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.

Troparion (Tone 4)

*Holy Prince Vladimir,
you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls.*

By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, you found Christ, the priceless pearl.

*He appointed you to be another Paul,
washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness.*

*We celebrate your memory,
asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians
and for us, your spiritual children.*

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.



Today's Memorial Offering

- *Sanctuary Lamp* – in memory of John Kost, on the Anniversary of Death – by Carmine & Marianne Guagenti.
- *St. John's Cross* – in memory of Halina & Jan Szestawicki and Jan Gryc – by Walentyna & Mirosław Szestawicki.

• *Candles on the Altar* – in memory of Paraska Berezny – by Helen Stathis.

• *Wine for the Holy Eucharist* – in memory of Paraska Berezny – by Helen Stathis

• *Bread for the Holy Eucharist* – in memory of Halina & Jan Szestawicki and Jan Gryc – by Walentyna & Mirosław Szestawicki.



Announcements

❖ On Sunday, July 22, Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus will have their Annual Parish Picnic, starting at noon. For more information about this event please see a flyer at the bulletin board.

❖ On Friday, July 27, (Feast of St. Great-martyr and Healer Panteleimon) at 6:00pm we will have a Healing service – Akathist to St. Panteleimon, with prayers for the health and anointing with the oil, blessed on the relics of St. Panteleimon. Come yourself and bring your friends and neighbors.

❖ The 2012 Annual Diocesan Youth Day will take place on Thursday, August 16 at Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ. Complete information regarding the schedule and registration is available on the diocesan website in the "Upcoming Events" section.

Heartfelt Greetings

Happy Birthday and Happy Name's day to our choir director Vladimir Nehrebecki. Happy Birthday to Marge Kovach and Happy Wedding Anniversary to Andrea and Russ Wyskanycz. May God grant you and your loved ones good health and happiness for Many, Years! Mnogaya Leta!