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August 12, 2012

Dormition Fast

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

- 8:40am – 3rd & 6th Hour, Confessions
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:9-16
Gospel: Mat. 17:14-23
- Coffee Hour – Please come downstairs for a fellowship following the Divine Liturgy.

Schedule of Services

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

6:00pm – Great Vespers with Litya & Blessing of flowers and herbs

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 –

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

9:00am – Divine Liturgy and Blessing of flowers and herbs

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

12:00pm – Baptism of Jerry Pavel Federal

6:00pm – Great Vespers, Confessions

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:40am – 3rd & 6th Hour, Confessions

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Paul Punctures the Corinthian Balloon

On August 12 we read I Corinthians 4:9-16. In these verses Paul talks to the Christians of Corinth with sarcasm and severity.

In verse 8 he has used the word “already” to express his feelings. The Corinthians apparently feel they already have the fullness of the faith and have already become rich. Paul says, “Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you!” In other words, if the Corinthians have achieved the fullness of salvation, they should take Paul and the other hard-working preachers to reign with them in the Kingdom.

Verses 9 and 10 remind the Corinthians of the sufferings of those preachers and teachers, contrasting them to the virtues of the Corinthians themselves. The preachers are fools, weak, and held in disrepute. Corinth’s believers are wise, strong and held in honor. Of course Paul is being ironic here – these virtues are only what the Corinthians imagine they possess.

This is not the only part of this letter in which Paul has scolded the Corinthian Christians for having puffed-up ideas about themselves. In 1:26 he tells them, “...not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise.” They were chosen by God, Paul is telling them, and not because they were anything special, but because He is merciful.

In today’s verses, 4:11-13, Paul vividly describes the sacrifices that he and others have made to spread the Gospel. The efforts of these hungry, thirsty, ill-clad, buffeted, homeless people who labor to support themselves have left them as “the

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.

refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.” Despite this, they have blessed those who reviled them. They have endured persecution, and tried to conciliate when they are slandered.

Paul wants the proud Corinthians to remember all these things that he and others have done and endured for them. He doesn’t want them to go on believing that everything good that has come to them has been the result of their own efforts or virtues.

In the next verse Paul’s tone changes abruptly; his words no longer have a hard edge. He assures the Corinthian believers that he has not directed such harsh words at them in order to shame them, “but to admonish you as my beloved children.” Though disappointed, Paul is still the father whose heartfelt wish is the salvation of his children in Christ. He tells them he is not just one of the “countless guides in Christ” they may know – people who observe the basics of belief and worship. Paul is the one who has sacrificed and suffered for them, as only a father would.

The last verse of this passage is a simple request made by a father who is worried about his children: “I urge you, then, be imitators of me.”



Today’s Memorial Offering

- *Candles on the Altar* – in memory of Tatiana Korbela, on the 38th Anniversary of her Repose – by the Korbela Family.
- *Bread and Wine for the Holy Eucharist* – in memory of my husband Joseph Cimboric, on Anniversary of his Birth – by Terry Cimboric.

Announcements

- ❖ Next **Parish Council** meeting will be tomorrow, Mon, Aug. 13 at 7pm. All members are urged to attend.
- ❖ A **fund-raising picnic**, organized by American Russian Aid Society “Otrada” will be on Sun. Sept. 2, 2012 in Chestnut Ridge, NY (Spring Valley area). All proceeds are used for humanitarian aid to orphanages, adult homes in Russia, and disabled Orthodox people in the US. For more information please see a flyer on the bulletin board.
- ❖ A new issue of “The Orthodox Church” is available at the candle desk. Due to a limited number, please pick one per household.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Stephen Cimboric, Lillian Sokol and to all who celebrate their birthdays in the month of August. 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.