



# SS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## September 16, 2012

### 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross.**

- 9:10am – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hour, Confessions
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Epistles: Gal. 2:16-20(Sunday After)  
2 Cor. 4:6-15

Gospels: Mk. 8:34-9:1(Sunday After)  
Mat. 22:35-46

*Before Thy Cross  
we bow down in worship,  
O, Master,  
and Thy Holy Resurrection  
we glorify!*

### Schedule of Services

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

6:00pm – Great Vespers, Confessions

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

9:10am – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hour, Confessions

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

## The Good Grandmother of Good King Wenceslas

*September 16 is the feast day of a princess of Bohemia, part of what is now the Czech Republic. She is the Holy Martyr Ludmilla.*

*She and her husband, a Czech prince, were both baptized in about 871 by Saint Methodius, one of the two great evangelists--the other is Saint Cyril--who together are known as the Enlighteners of the Slavic Peoples. As new Christians instructed and inspired by those two great men, Ludmilla and her husband enthusiastically built the first Christian church in Bohemia, near Prague. They built other churches as well, provided for clergy to serve in them, and supported the spread of the faith among their people in every way they could. Pagan opposition was so strong that for a while the couple had to leave the country, but when they returned they continued their work.*

*Ludmilla was widowed quite early in life; her husband was in his thirties when he died. After this, their son married a woman named Dragomira who was happy to have a royal husband, but whose Christianity was only a façade; she secretly kept her pagan beliefs and customs.*

*Ludmilla took most of the responsibility for raising the young couple's child, her grandson, whose name in Czech was Vatslav but who is better known as Wenceslas. She brought him up as a devout Christian, and strongly influenced his attitudes. He is the one so admiringly described in the Christmas carol as caring for the poor by taking food to them on a bitterly cold night, and being concerned for the young page who accompanied him.*

*Dragomira was not pleased with Ludmilla's authority over her son. When her husband died, she became regent for 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.

*young and inexperienced Wenceslas, who took the throne in 921. That was her chance, and she took it, encouraging pagan customs in the court and among the people. Her hatred of Ludmilla became so overwhelming that, even though the older woman had moved to a distant town, she wanted to destroy every vestige of her influence. She sent seasoned assassins to murder Ludmilla, and they did their deadly work.*

*Her loving grandson Wenceslas placed her body in the Church of Saint George in Prague. Ludmilla and Wenceslas, who was later killed by his own brother, are both martyred saints of the Church.*

*On this day we read 2Corinthians 4:6-15. Here Saint Paul describes the many kinds of suffering he has undergone without ever having been undone by them. He writes of being "afflicted but not crushed, perplexed but not despairing, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed." Paul adds, "For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake."*

*Saint Ludmilla was one who was "always being given up to death for Jesus' sake" because the forces of paganism constantly stalked her and her family, ready to kill them. But she never wavered, and she would say with Paul, "We do not lose heart" (4:1).*



## Today's Memorial Offering

- **Candles on the Altar** – in memory of Mary Grudinoff, on the Anniversary of her Birth – by John and Helen Wanko.



## Announcements

❖ Thank you to all of you who made donations to decorate the Holy Cross of the Lord with flowers. May God's Blessings be upon you!

❖ The next **Parish Council meeting** will be this Wed. Sept. 17 at 7pm. All members are urged to attend. His Grace Bishop Michael will be in attendance.

❖ The **Carpathian Club** will hold its **annual picnic** next **Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 11am-3pm on the church grounds. The price is \$17 at the door and \$15 in advance. For tickets please see Robert Pierce.

❖ Save the date! In celebration of our 90<sup>th</sup> Jubilee, the **Hawaiian Iveron Myrrh-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God** will be visiting our parish on **Wed. October 10, 2012**. Greeting of the Icon will be at 7:00pm, followed by Akathist to the Theotokos and the anointing with Holy Myrrh that streams from the Icon. Everyone is invited! Bring your family and friends!

❖ The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the priestly ordination of Protopresbyter **Daniel Hubiak** will be celebrated at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Jersey City on **Mon. October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm** with Molieben, served by His Grace Bishop Michael, followed by a reception in the church hall. All former parishioners, family and friends of Fr. Daniel and Matushka Dunia are cordially invited to join in this celebration. Please contact Fr. Joseph Lickwar if you plan to attend.

❖ Our **90<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration** is coming up! Please reserve the weekend of **October 27-28, 2012**. His Grace Bishop Michael will be serving Great Vespers and Panikhida for all our departed parishioners on Saturday evening at 6:00pm and the Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebration of this great milestone in our Parish history.