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November 11, 2012

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 9:10am – 3rd & 6th Hour
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
 - Epistle: Eph. 2:4-10
 - Gospel: Lk. 10:25-37
- Panikhida** – in memory of **Benedict Beda**, on his 1st Anniversary of Repose – offered by family.
- Coffe Hour** – Please come downstairs for a fellowship following the Panikhida Service.

Schedule of Services

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

NATIVITY (ST. PHILIP'S) FAST BEGINS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:00pm – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:10am – 3rd & 6th Hour, Confessions

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

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Two Outstanding Saints of Constantinople

On November 13th and 14th, the Church celebrates two saints who lived and worked in the city of Constantinople. The first is John Chrysostom, and the second is the Emperor Justinian.

Saint John Chrysostom did so many important things that he is one of the best-known people who ever lived in the great city. One action that stands out is his speaking against moral laxness. He insisted that priests and bishops, especially, hold themselves to a high standard of moral behavior, and urged them to serve as examples both to believers and to those outside the Church.

We might assume that his stance would be welcomed and supported by all the clergy. But there were those among them who had become accustomed to a life that didn't demand much of them in terms of moral living or hard work, and they deeply resented Chrysostom. He endured real hatred from those who had no desire to live up to the standards he set, and they watched with jealousy as he became a famous preacher and, more importantly, a spiritual shepherd loved and trusted by the people. He suffered from their envy, and it finally led to his exile and death. But he never abandoned his struggle to live as a true follower of Christ.

Justinian was born in 482, about 75 years after Chrysostom's death. His unusually long reign, from 527 to 565, was as full of notable events as Chrysostom's life had been. He planned aggressive military campaigns to regain territory that had been lost, especially in North Africa and Italy. His effort was so successful that by the time he died in 565, the Empire extended further than it ever would under the rulers who followed him.

Justinian wrote hymns, created a code of laws (the

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Eva Benda, Theodore & 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.

"Justinian Codex") to bring order to the life of the Empire, and lived as a serious Christian. He kept the fasts and observed the feasts, urging others to do the same, whether they were members of his court or simple citizens.

The rebuilding of the cathedral of Hagia Sophia was one of the great achievements of Justinian's reign. He undertook a massive program of construction throughout Constantinople, which was described in a treatise written by the court historian. The cathedral, being the central place of Christian worship in the Empire, was the most notable part of his effort.

Hagia Sophia is known for its design and grand scale, as well as its soaring dome. At least two of the architects Justinian selected had been trained in physics and mathematics, and they were able to create a structure that has impressed thousands of visitors since their work was completed in 537.

Though it is no longer a place of worship for Christians, Hagia Sophia is still a reminder of the shining days of Constantinople. The two saints commemorated in mid-November, John and Justinian, did much to make the city a place where God was honored and truly worshiped.



Today's Memorial Offering

- **Sanctuary Lamp** – in memory of Benedict Benda, on the 1st Anniversary of his Repose – by Eva Benda.
- **Candles on the Altar** – in memory of June Bianchini, on the 3rd Anniversary of her Death – by Mom and Dad.



Announcements

❖ A heartfelt Thank you to all of you who have helped out in any possible way to make the events of the 90th Anniversary a wonderful celebration of our parish. May God bless and keep all of you in His loving care for many blessed years! Pictures from this event will be posted on our parish and diocesan websites.

❖ The 17th **All-American Council** of the Orthodox Church in America, at which a new Metropolitan of the OCA will be elected will take place this Tuesday, November 13, 2012 in Parma, Ohio. Please pray for the Holy Synod of Bishops and for all delegates to the council so that the Holy Spirit may guide them in their deliberations and votes.

❖ The **Nativity Fast** begins **Thursday, Nov. 15th** and ends after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, December 25th. Please remember the importance of the spiritual part of the Fast as well – make proper preparations and receive private Confession and Holy Communion during this time.

❖ The **Annual Luncheon & Card Party** at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, (89 W 29th St, Bayonne, NJ) is rescheduled for Sunday, **November 18, 2012.**

❖ The Bayonne "R" Club will have the **Flea market on Saturdays, December 1st and 8th, 2012.** Donations of items are accepted. If necessary, please contact any member to arrange for pick up.

❖ The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on Sunday, December 2nd after the Divine Liturgy. Please plan on attending – your presence is necessary.