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24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 9:10am – 3rd & 6th Hour
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
 - Epistle: Eph. 2:14-22
 - Gospel: Lk. 12:16-21
- Panikhida – in memory of newly departed **Olga Stecher**, offered by Stephen Wasilewski and Family.

Schedule of Services

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:00pm – Great Vespers with Litya

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 –

Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:00pm – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:10am – 3rd & 6th Hour, Confessions

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

How Can You Teach People?

On November 23 we remember Saint Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium.

He was from Cappadocia, like his contemporary Saint Basil the Great. Also like Saint Basil, he had to deal with various false teachings that became popular during his lifetime. One of his chief opponents was Macedonius – a man who didn't merely teach wrong ideas, but also used his position as a bishop to persecute some who did not agree. Macedonius was a power-hungry and cruel person who finally fell into disgrace, but not before he had done great damage to the Church and to many believers.

The basic teaching of Macedonius and his followers was that the Holy Spirit is merely a created being, not one of the divine and uncreated Persons of the Holy Trinity. His teaching went along with that of the Arians, who taught that Jesus Christ is not the divine Son of God.

Bishop Amphilochius argued powerfully against these teachings, knowing that they could lead people to misunderstand the truth about God. He persuaded Saint Basil to write his famous treatise on the Holy Trinity, and stood up to the threats of Macedonius and his friends.

Amphilochius also pleaded with the emperor, Theodosius, to remove the false teachers from their positions of authority in the Church, especially the Arians who denied the divinity of the Son of God. The emperor was not willing to listen until the saint found an ingenious way of making his point. He asked for an audience with the emperor, and entered the royal chamber in which Theodosius was seated with his son, Arcadius.

Giving a proper greeting to Theodosius, Bishop Amphilochius completely ignored Arcadius. This snub to his son angered 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.

THE DEPARTED:

Olga Stecher, Peter Kalada, Benedict Benda, Georgette Saba, Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Marianne Benda.

emperor, who was ready to punish Amphilochius for it, but the bishop quickly spoke up and said, "Now you see, O Ruler, how you cannot tolerate disrespect to your son! In the same way, God the Father does not tolerate disrespect to His Son, and turns away from those who deliberately dishonor the Lord Jesus Christ, and who lead others to do the same by false teaching."

Theodosius was amazed at the bishop's willingness to risk his imperial anger, and understood how important the matter was. Amphilochius knew that people will lose hope of their own salvation if they do not believe that Jesus Christ is equal in power and mercy to God the Father, and therefore is able to save them.

On this same day we read from Saint Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians (3: 6-1) in which he expresses concern about some members of that community who were using their expectation of the Second Coming as an excuse to live in idleness. Paul warns the believers to ignore any such person, and have nothing to do with him. But like Amphilochius, Paul was concerned not with punishing but with saving people. He tells the Thessalonians: "Do not look on him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother."



Today's Memorial Offering

- *St. Nicholas Cross* – for the health of Theodore Benda – by Valentina Benda and Family.
- *St. John's Cross* – for the health of Theodore Benda – by Valentina Benda and Family

• *Bread and Wine for the Holy Eucharist* – in memory of my husband Joseph Cimboric, on our Wedding Anniversary – by Terry Cimboric.



Announcements

❖ On the 17th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America last Tuesday, His Eminence, Archbishop Tikhon, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania was elected Metropolitan of All America and Canada. **Eis Polla Eti Despota!**

❖ We are in the **Nativity (St. Philip's) Fast** which 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 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.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Matthew Galati, and to all who celebrate their birthdays in the month of November. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!