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November 25, 2012

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Nativity (St. Philip's) Fast

- 9:10am – 3rd & 6th Hour
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6
Heb. 9:1-7

Gospel: Lk. 13:10-17
Lk. 10:38-42, 11:27-28

- Panikhida** – in memory of newly departed **Olga Stecher**, on the 9th day of her repose, offered by the Wasilewski Family.

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
6:00pm – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
9:10am – 3rd & 6th Hour, Confessions
9:30am – Divine Liturgy, followed by Annual Parish Meeting

There Are Many Kinds of Prisons

On November 25th we remember Saint Clement of Rome. He was a contemporary of the apostles and one of Rome's earliest bishops.

Born into a wealthy and well-known Roman family, Clement was highly educated and raised in luxury. But he lost his family when his mother and brothers were caught in a roaring gale at sea and were flung by the storm to different places. His grieving father went off to look for his wife and sons, and somehow also was lost.

Clement wanted desperately to find his family, and decided to travel east in his search. He went to Alexandria, where he met the apostle Barnabas. Later, in Palestine, he was introduced to the apostle Peter, and the two men struck up a friendship. After many spiritual conversations, Clement agreed to be baptized by Peter, and became his follower. In the next years he accompanied the great apostle on his travels, helping in his efforts to bring people to Christ, and enduring with him his sufferings and imprisonments.

As they traveled, Clement and Peter shared an extraordinary personal experience. They found Clement's mother, reduced to begging in an obscure town. Later they found his father. Reunion with his parents was like a release from prison for Clement, freeing him from the worry of not knowing what had happened to them.

Peter knew that enemies of Christ were determined to kill him. He wanted to leave the Church, and Rome, in good hands. He and the other apostles made Clement a bishop. After Peter's death as a martyr, two men served briefly as Bishop of Rome, and then came Clement's tenure. He served brilliantly, convincing unbelievers to follow Christ and fearlessly proclaiming the faith. As bishop, he urged his flock in a letter to

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.

be willingly "imprisoned" or "bound" for Christ: "Let the one truly possessed by the love of Christ keep His commandments. What can express the binding power of divine love?"

The emperor Trajan exiled Clement to Cherson, a place in the Crimea. There he met several thousand prisoners for the faith, Christians who had also been exiled and put to the arduous work of stonecutting at a quarry in the hot, dry land where water was scarce. They welcomed Clement and took strength from his encouragement and unshakable faith. So strong were his prayers that God revealed a hidden spring from which they could all take physical refreshment as well.

Once again, Clement brought unbelievers to the faith – pagans who lived in the area. The stonecutting work led to the building of a church right in the quarry, and more were built in the following years.

Clement was put to death by drowning in the year 101. It would be centuries before his relics were rescued from the sea, but their wonderworking power has healed and saved many other prisoners of unbelief and despair, leading them to certainty that the Kingdom is the place where all those in prison will be set free.



Today's Memorial Offering

- **St. John's Cross** – in memory of my parents Anna & Alexi Nahosh – by Terry Cimboic
- **St. Nicholas Cross** – In Honor of Stephen Wanko's Birthday – by Mom & Dad.

- **Candles on the Altar** – in Honor of Stephen Wanko's Birthday – by daughters Laureen & Lindsay.



Announcements

❖ 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 next **Sunday, December 2nd** after the Divine Liturgy. Please plan on attending – your presence is necessary.

❖ **Friday, December 7** - The Sisterhood of St. Barbara of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church, 35 Orange Avenue, Clifton, NJ, will have their **Annual St. Nicholas Day Fish Dinner** at 6:00 pm. Donation: Adults – \$20, children – \$5. For tickets and further information, contact Olga Grib @ 973-471-3678 or see a flyer posted at the candle desk.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Stephen Wanko, Mirek Szeslawicki, 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!