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

Today's Memorial Offering



- *Candles on the Altar* – in memory of Antonina Rotko - offered by Suchowacki Family.
- *St. Nicholas Cross* – in memory of Archpriest Nicholas and Matushka Glykeria Fedetz - offered by Tais Fedetz.



Announcements

- ❖ **Calendars** for 2013 are available at the candle desk. Please pick one if you did not do so yet.
- ❖ Monetary donations are taken at the candle desk towards the next **sandwich outreach** for homeless shelters, which will take place this **Saturday January 12, 2013** in the church hall. Anyone interested in lending a helping hand that day is welcome to join.
- ❖ **2013 Fundraiser** – the parish council will be sponsoring a “Tricky Tray” fundraiser in 2013. Although a date for the event is yet to be determined, we are beginning to ask for donations of new and unopened items still in the original packaging. This collection will be ongoing, and your generosity is appreciated. Consider donating any Christmas gifts that may not be your taste, a gift basket of non-perishable items that you don't mind parting with, and lastly, remember to keep your eyes open for the after-Christmas bargains!
- ❖ **Stop&Shop, A&P and ShopRite Shopping Cards** are available at the candle-stand. Do your shopping as you always do it, and help our church raise funds at no additional cost to you.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Victor Wasilewski and to all who celebrate their Birthdays in the month of January. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

December 30, 2012

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday after Nativity
Sunday Before Theophany.

- 9:10am – 3rd & 6th Hour
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19
Gospel: Mt. 2:13-23
- Panikhida – in memory of:
 - Archpriest Nicholas and Matushka Glykeria Fedetz - offered by Tais Fedetz
 - Antonina Rotko, offered by parish council

Schedule of Services

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE
6:00pm – Great Vespers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 –
CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST, ST. BASIL THE GREAT
9:30am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil & Molioben for the New Year

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 – EVE OF THEOPHANY
6:00pm – All-Night Vigil & Blessing of Waters

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 – THEOPHANY OF CHRIST
9:10am – Hours
9:30am – Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Waters

The Patroness and Protectress of Paris

On January 3 we remember Saint Genevieve of Paris, who lived during the mid-fifth century.

This was the very time when Attila the Hun was threatening to conquer France. In his years of power, Attila built an empire stretching from Russia to the Rhine River, and from the Danube River to the Baltic Sea. So when he brought his fierce soldiers thundering into France with the intention of taking Paris, many inhabitants were in an understandable state of panic and ready to flee.

One resident, however, had a different idea, and that was Genevieve. She was from a family of peasants in Nanterre, and knew from childhood that she wanted to be a nun. She entered monastic life at the age of fifteen.

When her parents died she had come to live with her godmother in Paris. She became well-known for her charity and prayerfulness. She kept a strict vegetarian diet and didn't allow herself any extra physical comforts such as a soft bed or lotions to smooth her skin. The pleasures of the world didn't appeal to her, and her trust in God made her courageous and able to face anything.

So when word of Attila's approach spread through the city, Genevieve didn't even think of running away. Instead, she stood at the city walls and urged people to pray, leading them in the effort for hours.

At first, some city leaders were furious with her for exposing the people to terrible danger by urging them to stay. But in the end, Attila turned back from Paris and took his armies instead to Orleans. This wonderful event, in the year 451, was the inspiration for Saint Genevieve being seen as the protectress of the city.