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Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING: Eva Benda, Theodore & Valentina Benda, Terry Cimboric, 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

- **Sanctuary Lamp** – in memory of Kathryn yendrey, on Anniversary of Birth – by Mary Macinsky.
- **St. John's Cross** – in memory of MaryAnn Yendrey, on Anniversary of Birth – by Mary Macinsky.

- **Wine for the Holy Eucharist** – in memory of Elizabeth Hook – by Cathryn Christensen.
- **Bread for the Holy Eucharist** – in memory of Anna & George Berezny – by Cathryn Christensen



Announcements

❖ The Bayonne 'R' Club has contributed \$1,000 to the church from the proceeds from the flea market that was held in December. Thank you to everyone who offered their time and merchandise.

Congratulation

Congratulation and best wishes to our newlyweds Lauren and Nicholas Petronko! May God bless and preserve your family for Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Nadine Galasso and to all who celebrate their Birthdays this month. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

March 10, 2013

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

Sunday of the Last Judgment

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

Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2

Gospel: Mt. 25:31-46

NOTE: Today, March 10th, is the last day we partake of the meat products until the Holy Pascha, May 5th.

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

6:00pm – Great Vespers, Confessions

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:10am – Hours, Confessions

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

6:00pm – Forgiveness Vespers

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The Wisdom of Jude

The readings for March 12 and 14 include the entire Letter of Jude, the second-last book of the New Testament.

Consisting of a single chapter with 24 verses, this letter has a powerful impact for so brief a document. It was inspired by a crisis, and is not the kind of letter the author had intended to write before the crisis arose. Jude states that he had planned to write about "our common salvation."

In other words, the letter was to be a general description of the beliefs that all Christians hold. He says that he was "very eager" to send such a letter. So it must have been quite a crisis that compelled him to write in an altogether different way, urging his fellow believers to "contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."

He then names the cause of the crisis: There are false teachers who have made their way, secretly, into the Church. These are not enemies from outside, putting forth theories about life and salvation that are different from those of the Church. These are people who are living, working and teaching among the believers and who "deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."

Jude offers three examples of what happens to those who "pervert the grace of God" as these false teachers do. First he describes those who were saved out of the land of Egypt in Moses' time. That deliverance was no guarantee of eternal salvation for people if they did not continue in faithfulness; Jude writes that God "afterward destroyed those who did not believe." Next he describes angels who rebelled against God. They fell from their lofty position and now await a fearful judgment in the "nether gloom."

The third example is Sodom and Gomorrah, where immorality and unnatural lust led people to actions worthy of "a

punishment of eternal fire."

Jude sees the false teachers' arrogant behavior as being just as dangerous as the rebellion and immorality he has described. He writes that the Archangel Michael, when disputing with the devil, didn't presume to pronounce a "reviling judgment" on him, but left it to God. Unlike the archangel, these men "dare to revile whatever they do not understand." At the Eucharistic feast, they carouse and look after themselves rather than being peaceful and showing consideration for everyone.

This letter contains harsh condemnations. But Jude has seen the terrible effects of rebellion against God among his own people, in the churches established by the apostles. He calls on church members to be loving: to convince, save, or have mercy on anyone they encounter. But they must also take care for their own salvation through prayer, building on their foundation of faith, keeping themselves in God's love, and waiting patiently for Christ's mercy.

This path to salvation is open to anyone; those who rebel are freely choosing not to take it and they know the consequences. Jude uses strong language and powerful images to help his readers choose to stay on the path.