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BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 28

16th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs
"Church Musician Appreciation Day"

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour and Q. & A. Period

TUESDAY/SEPTEMBER 30

7:00p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY/OCTOBER 1

Protection of the Theotokos

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
6:30p.m. Compline
7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class: "Time and
The Church" A reading and commentary
on an essay by Prof. Georgios Mantzaridis

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 4

"Education Day-St. Vladimir's Seminary"

9:30a.m. Akathist to our Lord; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 5

17th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

6:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to
St. Innocent of Moscow, Enlightener
of Alaska and Siberia (Oct. 6)



Psalm 68:4 "Sing to GOD, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds...his name is the LORD...be exultant before him."

Offerings Week of September 28

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Jeffery Alexander (birthday).

Wine: for the health of Marie Turri (birthday); for the health of June and Michael (50th anniversary).

Flowers: for the health of Gregory Hudson and Anastasia Lewis (Marriage on Sept. 28th).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Sept. 28, 1953 Thomas Lisowski
Sept. 29, 1929 Demetrius Berdar
Sept. 30, 1954 Wasyl Kluchnik
Sept. 30, 1966 Anna Gnoinsky
Sept. 30, 1983 Anna Motoviloff
Sept. ?, 1930 Stephen Chemeris
Oct. 02, 1990 Stella Labay
Oct. 03, 1922 John Milanich
Oct. 03, 1946 Stephen Blisak
Oct. 03, 1971 Dimitri Pegene
Oct. 03, 1978 Pauline Andreyko

Coffee Hour Hosts

Sept. 28 Sarchisian, Dunaenko & Wypych
Oct. 05 Peterson, Bakaletz & Mattei
Oct. 12 Kita, Nevitt, Keller

Usher Schedule

Sept. 28 Edward S., A. Moldoveanu & Kahka
Oct. 05 Timothy S. & Peter B.
Oct. 12 Timothy G. & Jerry S.

Names Day Greetings

Holy Theotokos/Oct. 1: Marie Turri and Pam Marie Stone
St. Justina/Oct. 2: Justina Dao
St. Dionysius/Oct. 4: Dennis Fedechko
Many Blessed Years!

Reliable Worker Available

Small jobs, landscaping, painting, - Javier, contact through Fr. James.

99th Anniversary Celebration of Parish and International Food Festival Will Be Held on Sunday, November 9th

Sign-Up Sheets on the Vestibule Stand. Please sign-up. Questions? Speak with Jill Peterson or Pam Stone.

Sheet A-1 - Food Team - Russian, Polish, Georgian

Sheet A-2 Food Team - Middle East/Greek, Romanian, Italian, Beverages

Sheet B - Advertising and Outreach; Silent Auction, Solicitation of Donations and Set-Up; Set Up on Day of Event; Ticket Sales.

Sheet C - Children's Choir and Ethnic Dancing

Food Festival Planning Meeting

Monday, October 6th at 7:00p.m.

Cemetery Gate Closing

Please be aware that the Cemetery Gate may be closed at the end of the day. Be careful when entering the cemetery driveway.

Church Media - Keeping in Touch

- Parish website: www.ssppoc.org
- Diocese website: www.nynjoca.org
- Parish Face book: Friends of Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church
- Parish e-mail: Parish Mailing List (to be on the mailing list you must subscribe from your e-mail; we cannot simply add you.)

Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of the Diocese of NY and NJ

The Sundays of September 21, 28 and October 5 are designated as dates for consideration by our parishioners to supporting this program. Join us!

Church School Classes

Our Church School Classes are held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the Month, during the Coffee Hour. The Teen Class is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please be sure your children and young adults are participating in Christian education.

Coffee Hour Team "Re-balance"

Our team number 5 is down to two people, Katherine Manzafof and Patricia Sokol. If your team has more than 3 people and someone can transfer to team 5, that would be greatly appreciated. Or, if you are not on any team, join team number 5. Please see Jill Peterson about this.

Martyr Wenceslaus the Prince of the Czechs

Commemorated on September 28



The Holy Prince Wenceslaus (Vyacheslav) of the Czechs was a grandson of the holy Martyr and Princess Ludmilla (September 16), and he was raised by her in deep piety. He began to rule at age eighteen after the death of his father Prince Bratislav (+ 920).

In spite of his youthful age, he ruled wisely and justly and concerned himself much about the Christian enlightenment of the people. The holy prince was a widely educated man, and he studied in the Latin and Greek languages.

St Wenceslaus was peace-loving. He built and embellished churches, and in Prague, the Czech capital, he raised up a magnificent church in the name of St Vitus, and he had respect for the clergy. Envious nobles decided to murder the saint and, at first, to incite his mother against him, and later to urge his younger brother, Boleslav, to occupy the princely throne.

Boleslav invited his brother to the dedication of a church, and then asked him to stay another day. In spite of the warnings of his servants, the holy prince refused to believe in a conspiracy and exposed his life to the will of God. On the following day, September 28, 935, when Wenceslaus went to

Matins, he was wickedly murdered at the doors of the church by his own brother and his brother's servants. His body was stabbed and discarded without burial.

The mother, hearing of the murder of her son, found and placed his body in a recently consecrated church at the princely court. They were not able to wash off the blood splashed on the church doors, but after three days it disappeared by itself.

After repenting of his sin, the murderer transferred the relics of St Wenceslaus to Prague, where they were placed in the church of St Vitus, which the martyr himself had constructed (the transfer of the relics of St Wenceslaus is celebrated on March 4). The memory of Prince Wenceslaus has been honored from of old in the Russian Orthodox Church.

Reflection By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Vatslav (Wenceslas) was the grandson of St. Ludmilla. As king, he labored in the Faith like the great ascetics, and strengthened the Orthodox Faith among his people. He was strict in ensuring that no innocent person suffer in the courts. In his zeal for the Christian Faith and in his love for his fellow man, St. Vatslav purchased pagan children who were being sold as slaves, and immediately baptized them and raised them as Christians. He translated the Gospel of St. John into the Czech language, and transported the relics of St. Vitus and St. Ludmilla to Prague. His brother Boleslav invited him to be his guest, and then killed him in his court. Immediately after this, Boleslav brought in German priests and had the services celebrated in Latin. St. Vatslav suffered in the year 935 and his relics repose in Prague.

A faithful and God-fearing ruler is a true blessing for all people. King Vatslav of the Czechs was such a ruler. His zeal for the sanctity of the Faith and his steadfastness remind us of the ancient ascetics. During the day he devoted himself to the affairs of the state, and at night to prayer. In winter, he often walked barefoot to the church for Matins with his old servant Podivoi. He often prepared and baked prosphora himself, especially when he desired to receive Holy Communion. Because of his care for the Faith, many churches were built, in which daily services to God were celebrated. He especially concerned himself with the poor and needy. He was a lover of peace, yet also a great and fearless hero. When the neighboring Prince Radislav attacked the Czech lands, Vatslav sent him a letter asking why he was waging war. The proud Radislav replied that he wanted Vatslav to cede all the Czech lands, and his throne, to him. Vatslav promptly amassed a large army and confronted his enemy. Yet, pondering on the two powerful armies, he mourned that so many men would die, and sent a message to Radislav: "The quarrel is between you and me; you desire to rule the land of the Czechs and I will not yield. Agree to resolve this matter with a duel between the two of us. Why shed so much blood in a battle between two armies?" Prince Radislav agreed to this duel, and was defeated by Vatslav. On his knees, he begged him for forgiveness.