

St Ambrose the Bishop of Milan

Troparion - Tone 4

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
your humility exalted you;
your poverty enriched you.
Hierarch Father Ambrose,
entreat Christ our God
that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion - Tone 3

You shone forth with divine doctrine eclipsing the deception of Arius,
shepherd and initiate of the mysteries, Ambrose.
you worked miracles through the power of the Spirit,
healing various passions;
righteous father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

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Sunday, December 7, 2008 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Thurs. 7:30 pm Orthodox Study Group
Fri 7:00 Vespers, Saint Herman
Saturday 7:35 Hours, 8:00 am Divine Liturgy, St. Herman
6:00 P.M. Vespers/Private Confessions
Sunday 9:15 am Church School - 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (11th of Luke) — Tone 8. St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397). Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Siya (Novgorod—1558). Ven. Nilus of Stolobénsk (1554). Ven. John the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Martyr Athenodorus of Mesopotamia (ca. 304). Ven. Paul the Obedient. St. Philotheia of Thrace, Protectress of Romania (12th c.). Ven. Gregory, Founder of Grigoriou Monastery (Mt. Athos—14th c.).

Ephesians 4:1-6 (Epistle) Luke 17:12-19 (Gospel, from the 26th Sunday)

BULLETIN

The **memorial Service** this morning is offered for the newly departed **+Patriarch Alexie, Metropolitan of Moscow and Patriarch of All-Russia**. His Holiness Patriarch +Alexie fell asleep in the Lord this past Friday. Prayers for his soul are being offered worldwide. May his memory be eternal!

Thank you to Maria Higginbotham vacuuming the Church yesterday. Many Years!

Thank you to all who took Gift Tags and bought Nativity presents for the needy. **May God Repay.**

This coming Tuesday evening's Parish Council Meeting has been cancelled.

The Sussex Help Center has started its Christmas food drive for the needy. Please give a food donation & place it in the food basket located in the church entrance. Thank-you, Despena Eptamenitis

Wantage School Senior LUNCHEON **When:** Wednesday, December 17, 2008 **Snow date:** December 18, 2008 **Time:** 12:00 pm No early birds please **Where:** Wantage School Gym Dining Room R.S.V.P. Call 973-815- 4589 Ask for Elf Barb or Elf Marge Our 13th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon and celebration. Turkey and all the trimmings! Parking In

rear of building Handicapped spaces available

Thank you to **Alexandra Gutu** who hosted the **Coffee Social** last week. **The Blauvelt Family** will host this week. Next week the Coffee Social will be hosted by **Sonia Blazo**. Check the Coffee Social Assignment Sheet for your assigned Sunday.

Remember to participate in Nativity Private Confessions. It is important for your spiritual life and for your continuance in receiving the Holy Sacraments. Father Samuel will be available after each vespers service to hear Confessions. Please call Father Samuel to arrange a different time for him to be available for you. Please do not plan on Confessions on Sunday Mornings.

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Please **keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Corinne Matthews, child Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, the infant Logan Eugene, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Jean Holowach, Louis Vagias, Mike Flood, child Ella Jane, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, Ana Tienken, Mary Itzla, Linda Braxton, Al Wetmore and His Beatitude Metropolitan HERMAN.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **the Benda family** in Blessed Memory of **ND+Marianne Benda**

By **Sapho Mavros** in Blessed Memory of **+Nicholas** (Mavros) 12-06-94

By **the Benda family** for **Mark & Victoria Benda** for the safe delivery of their 1st child.

By **the Eptamenitis family** in Blessed Memory of **ND+Marianne Benda**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.