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**As we approach the end of the year, your help and financial support of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is requested and needed. Please continue to contribute to our church and keep your financial support current. Your support is appreciated and we are thankful.**

***“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”***

**2 Cor. 9:6-7**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Nadine Olsen, Marianna, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic and Sunny Hunsicker. Amen!!!

**\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\***

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## The Weekly Bulletin HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*Let us do all in our power to expel demons that have entered us through our negligence by the prayers of Jesus.*

*Saint Ignatius*

**SAINT JUSTINIAN THE EMPEROR** - Saint Justinian, a major figure in the history of the Byzantine state, was also a great champion of Orthodoxy, a builder of churches and a Church writer. He was born in the Roman province of Illyricum. During his reign (527-565), Byzantium won glory with military victories in Persia, Africa, and Italy, as a result of which paganism was decisively routed among the Germanic Vandals and Visigoth tribes. By command of the emperor Justinian the pagan schools in Athens were closed. Justinian sent John, the Bishop of Ephesus, throughout the regions of Asia Minor with the aim of spreading Christianity. John baptized more than 70,000 pagans. The emperor gave orders to build ninety churches for the newly-converted, and he generously supported church construction within the Empire. His finest structures of the time are considered to be St. Catherine's Monastery at Sinai, and the church of Hagia Sophia at Constantinople. Under Saint Justinian many churches were built dedicated to our Most Holy Lady Theotokos. Since he had received a broad education, Saint Justinian assiduously concerned himself with the education of clergy and monks, ordering them to be instructed in rhetoric, philosophy and theology. The right-believing sovereign devoted much attention and effort to the struggle with the Origenists of his time, who then were reviving the Nestorian heresy. To counter their heretical speculations, the Church hymn "Only-Begotten Son and Immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation..." was composed, and Justinian commanded that it be sung in the churches. From that time to the present day, this hymn is sung at the Divine Liturgy before the Small Entrance after the second Antiphon. At the command of the sovereign, the Fifth Ecumenical Council was convened in the year 553, censuring the teachings of Origen and affirming the definitions of the Fourth Ecumenical Council at Chalcedon. He also attempted to secure religious unity within the Empire through his (unsuccessful) dialogues with the non-Chalcedonians. The holy Emperor Justinian wished to have orderly rule and law within the realm. Under his guidance and supervision a complete compendium of Roman law was compiled. It has come down to us as a law codex known as "the Justinian Codex." The "Church laws" of Justinian are included in all the variants of the Russian collections of Canon Law. In his personal life, Saint Justinian was strictly pious, and he fasted often. During Great Lent he would not eat bread nor drink wine. He is also remembered for promoting the idea of "symphony" between church and state. The holy Emperor Justinian died in the year 565.

### Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5 pm Saturdays

**Hours:** 9:45am Sundays

**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00am Sundays

**Confessions:** Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

**Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)**

Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of November**

**BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of November**

**The Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple**

**Divine Liturgy 10 am**

## Announcements

### Visitors Welcome!

If you are a guest at today's Divine Liturgy, we invite you to join us following Divine Liturgy for the light refreshments and fellowship so we can get to know each other. You are always welcome to share in worship and fellowship at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and include your email.

### NATIVITY FAST begins Monday, November 15th

As the Nativity fast begins, we are called to abstain from meat, eggs and dairy products. By fasting from the food, we are also called to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from these other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us.

### Synaxis of the Archangel Michael

Following Divine Liturgy for this feast day, thanks to the V. Rev. Fr. Samuel Kedala for officiating at the Slava service for the Rev. Fr. Michael and Matushka Mihaela and their families. A festive lunch was offered for friends and parishioners in the parish hall.

### Confession by Appointment

As we are entering Nativity Fast, we are called to attend sacrament of confession. Confessions will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment. Please contact Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com).

### Hurricane Ida relief

Many thanks to all for your kindness and support of this project for the Hurricane Ida victims needing help. The HSOC check, in the amount of \$350.00, has been forwarded to the Diocese of NY/NJ.

### New Laity Liturgical Books for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Your donations have made it possible for HSOC to purchase new and updated Liturgical Books from St. Tikhon's Monastery Bookstore for church use and for you to purchase for your personal prayers and use. The books should be in the church pews this Sunday. The books are available for purchase at \$20.00, per book. A perfect gift, especially at Christmas. See Douglas Dobrzynski or Michael Olsen to purchase one or more! Again, thanks for your donation to make this new addition to our church possible.

### Stewards of the OCA Launch 2021 Annual Appeal

Today, Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special collection for Stewards of OCA group. It is through the work of these groups that the Orthodox Church in America is able to provide the many resources to its clergy and faithful. Please read more by following this link:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/stewards-of-the-oca-launch-2021-annual-appeal>