

Sunday, 8th of December 2024

VENERABLE PATAPIUS OF THEBES

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Kontakion – Tone 2

In the following your divine calling from your youth, / you shone forth upon the world with the gift of your ascetical labors. / And as one made glorious by the grace of dispassion, / you healed diverse passions. / O Venerable Father Patapius, / entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy.

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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Archpriest Paul, Protosphyriaristos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Engelsman, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery, Halyna (Klima), Sergey, John, Francis, Anna and Birgit. Amen!

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

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VENERABLE PATAPIUS OF THEBES - Saint Patapius was born at Thebes into a pious Christian family. Reaching the age of maturity, he scorned the vanity of this world, and so he went into the Egyptian desert where he became known for his ascetic deeds. Though he wished to live in silence, people began coming to him for advice. To every tired pilgrim who visited his cell, he offered rest and hospitality, as well as spiritual instructions and profitable counsel for the salvation of one's soul. The Saint's reputation spread quickly, and every day many arrived at his cell in order to hear these beneficial instructions from his lips. Later, he went to Constantinople, where he had a cell by the city wall, near the Blachernae church. But even here, he soon became known. The infirm started to gather around Patapius, and because he had been granted the gift of healing, he helped all those in need. Once a certain woman was afflicted by the terrible disease of cancer, and worms came forth from her breasts. Not only did she suffer a great deal of pain in her chest, but throughout her entire body as well. She was in constant pain, and it reached her heart, so that she was near death. The doctors could not help her, and she felt she was wasting her money without obtaining relief. Therefore, she came to Saint Patapius and fell at his feet, begging him to heal her. The worms were devouring her flesh even before she was in the grave, causing her such pain that she longed for death. The Saint answered, "If you have faith in the Lord, and have no doubt that you shall be healed, then let it be done according to your faith." Sighing from the depths of her soul, she said, "I believe, O Lord that You know all things which are hidden and unknown, and that You are all-powerful. Therefore, have mercy on me and heal me." Then the Saint asked the woman to let him see the effects of her distress. When he saw the ravages of the disease, he was struck with awe, saying, "Your affliction is indeed great, and difficult to cure. Go in peace, for you shall not suffer anymore." As soon as he said this, the woman was healed and went home rejoicing and glorifying God. She told of this miracle everywhere and praised Saint Patapius. After a life adorned with virtue and miracles, Saint Patapius fell asleep in the Lord and was buried in the church of Saint John the Baptist.

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5pm 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

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 7th of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 8th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Julia Pawelko 2nd Class after coffee hour

Thursday 12th of December

Saint Herman the Wonderworker

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Friday 13th of December

Saint Herman the Wonderworker

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Spirit of Orthodoxy Concert at 7:30 pm

Saturday 14th of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 15th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshment in the church hall.

Thank you

We offer our sincere thanks to Subdeacon Mark Benda and Lara for organizing Thansgiving Dinner at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. God grant you many blessed years!

Many Blessed Years

On Saturday 30th of November, we witnessed the baptism of Luke Colavito. May the Lord bless him, his godparents and their families for many blessed years!

Calendars for 2025

Dear brothers and sisters, Church Calendars are available in the narthex. Please take one for your home. We thank Pinkel Funeral Home for again sponsoring our Church calendars.

Christmas Fast Begun

The Christmas Fast began on November 15th. Please refrain from using any animal products until Christmas. We are also called to fast from sin, gossip, jealousy, anger, and from other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us.

Spirit of Orthodoxy Christmas Concert

The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir will have its concert on Friday December 13th, 2024, at 7:30 pm in our Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach so please, invite your friends and family. This is the first time that we are hosting such a wonderful event, so please mark your calendars, share it with your friends and plan to attend. Following Spirit of Orthodoxy Christmas Concert, we will gather in the Church hall for cookies and coffee. If you are moved to help, please consider bringing some cookies or light snack for this event.

Advent Confessions

Confessions will be heard every Saturday evening or after Vespers or by appointment. If you wish to make an appointment for confession, please contact Father Michael via email pejovicveljko@gmail.com or call (848)228-1563.

Matushka Olga's Relics Uncovered in Kwethluk AK

On November 15-16, 2024, clergy and faithful from across Alaska, the lower 48 states, and from other parts of the world gathered in the village of Kwethluk, AK for the uncovering of the relics of Matushka Olga. For more information, please follow the link: <https://www.o.ca.org/news/headline-news/matushka-olgas-relics-uncovered-in-kwethluk-ak>

Have an item for the bulletin?

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