

Our Journey to Pascha! 2025

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

“To this disoriented world, the icon brings a testimony of the authenticity of the reality of another way of life, of other norms of existential relationships brought about in the incarnation of God and unknown to a man enslaved by biological laws.”

Leonid Ouspensky

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, Protopresbyter Christos, 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, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, 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, Birgin, Tanya and John Francis and Pamela.

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

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The WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 9th, 2025

1st SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY - The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm. The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilus, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the Icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes. In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people. Since that time this event has been commemorated every year, because it was definitively determined that we do not worship the Icons, but we honor and glorify all the Saints who are depicted on them. We worship only the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and no one else, neither a Saint, nor an Angel. Originally, the Holy Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage.

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 8th of March – Clean Week Saturday

Panikhida for Carol Benda at 4 pm

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 9th of March – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

**Great Vespers at 4 pm at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church,
Wayne NJ**

Wednesday 12th of March

Presanctified Divine Liturgy with

His Eminence Archbishop Michael at 6:30 pm

Friday 14th of March

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm

Saturday 15th of March (Memorial Saturday)

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 16th of March

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Deanery Vespers with

His Eminence Archbishop Michael at 5 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitor Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy you are invited to join us for light refreshment in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation and ask any question you may have.

Sunday of Orthodoxy March 9th, 4 pm

You are invited to the celebration of Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers with His Eminence Archbishop Michael at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Road, Wayne Nj. Following Vespers, there will be a Lenten supper in the Parish Hall.

Many Blessed Years!

John Fernandez became a catechumen last Sunday, 2nd of March. Please join us in welcoming him and keeping him in your prayers as he begins his faith journey.

Archbishop Michael Pastoral visit

Please plan to worship at Presanctified Liturgy at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, NJ on Wednesday, March 12th, at 6:30pm with His Eminence, Archbishop Michael and other priests from the Greek and Romanian Archdioceses. The Presanctified Liturgy is scheduled to start at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend this service and bring your favorite Lenten dish to share for the potluck meal that will take place following the Presanctified Liturgy.

Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers 2025

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church will host the first Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers on Sunday, March 16th. The Vespers will start at 5 pm and His Eminence Archbishop Michael will be main celebrant. **Please plan to attend this service!** After the service we will have a Lenten potluck so please plan to bring your favorite Lenten meal to share.

Confessions

Will be heard every Wednesday before Presanctified Liturgy and Saturday evening before or after Vespers. Alternatively, you can always make an appointment with me.

Food Donation Cart

The need to continue to assist those in need continues and we ask that when you are shopping, please remember those who are less fortunate. Dan Taylor informed us that the needs of the Sussex Help Center did not change and that they are accepting peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish cans, cereal boxes and other non-perishables.

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com.