

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

April 21st – SAINT MARY OF EGYPT

Epistle Reading: Galatians 3:23-29; Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:36-50; Mark 10:32-45

Troparion – Tone 8

In you, O Mother, was preserved with exactness what was according to the image; / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away; / but to care for the soul, since it is immortal. / Therefore, O Venerable Mary, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.

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 Joseph, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, 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, Helen Schweizer, 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 and Tyler.

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

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HIEROMARTYR JANUARIUS - Hieromartyr Januarius Bishop of Benevento, and the deacons Proculus, Sossius and Faustus, Desiderius the Reader, Euty chius and Acution suffered martyrdom for Christ about the year 305 during the persecution ordered by the emperor Diocletian (284-305). They arrested Saint Januarius and led him to trial before Menignus, the governor of Campagna (central Italy). Because of his firm confession of Christianity, they threw the saint into a red-hot furnace. But like the Babylonian youths, he came out unharmed. Then at Menignus's command, they stretched him out on a bench and beat him with iron rods until his bones were exposed. In the crowd were Deacon Faustus and the Reader Desiderius, who wept at the sight of their bishop's suffering. The pagans surmised that they were Christians, and threw them into prison with the hieromartyr Januarius, in the city of Puteolum. At this prison were two deacons who had been jailed for confessing Christ: Saints Sossius and Proculus, and also two laymen, Saints Euty chius and Acution. On the following morning they led out all the martyrs into the circus to be torn to pieces by wild beasts, but the beasts would not touch them. Menignus claimed that all the miracles were due to sorcery on the part of the Christians, and immediately he became blinded and cried out for help. The gentle hieromartyr Januarius prayed for his healing, and Menignus recovered his sight. The torturer's blindness of soul, however, was not healed. He accused the Christians of sorcery, and ordered the martyrs beheaded before the walls of the city (+ 305). Christians from surrounding cities took up the bodies of the holy martyrs for burial, and those of each city took one, in order to have an intercessor before God. The inhabitants of Neapolis (Naples) took the body of the hieromartyr Januarius. With the body, they also collected his dried blood. Since the fifteenth century, the blood liquifies when the container is placed near another relic, believed to be the martyr's head. Many miracles proceeded from the relics of the hieromartyr Januarius. During an eruption of Vesuvius around 431, the inhabitants of the city prayed to Saint Januarius to help them. The lava stopped and did not reach the city.

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 20th of April

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 21st of April

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Deanery Vespers at Holy Resurrection Church in Wayne NJ at 5 pm

Wednesday 24th of April

Presanctified Liturgy at 6:30 pm in Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Newburg NY at 7 pm

Friday 26th of April

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm

Saturday 27th of April

LAZARUS SATURDAY

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 28th of April

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM – PALM SUNDAY

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Bridegroom Matins at 5 pm

BEGINNING OF THE HOLY WEEK

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

After every Liturgy, you are invited to join us for light refreshments in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation, and ask any questions you may have.

Thank you!

Our sincere thanks to Mark Benda for again decorating the Cross of the Lord.

Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers 2024

The forth Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers will take place at Holy Resurrection Church, 285 French Hill Rd., Wayne NJ, on Sunday 21st of April 2024 at 5pm. Everyone is welcomed.

Brotherhood of "Three Hierarchs" Presanctified Liturgy

We thank Reverend Father Michael Palamara for hosting Presanctified Liturgy at his parish, Sts. Constantine and Helen, West Nyak, on Wednesday 17th of April. The next brotherhood Presanctified Liturgy will take place in the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 19 Fullerton Avenue, Newburgh, NY, on Wednesday 24th of April 2024 at 7 pm. Everyone is welcomed.

Confessions

Palm Sunday is next week, and we are called to confession, especially during Great Lent. Plan to come to confession before any Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, or after Great Vespers or before any Divine Liturgy or you may contact me via email pejovicveljko@gmail.com to arrange another time.

Pascal Flowers

Donations for flowers to adorn the grave are requested and very much appreciated. This is an opportunity to remember a departed loved one or to remember and honor a family member, relative or friend. Please mark your check or note with cash, "Pascal Flowers."

Donation of Red Eggs for Pascha

Please volunteer to offer red eggs to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church to be distributed at Pascha. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For more information on how to dye eggs or how many eggs are needed, please speak with Mark Benda or Nadine Olsen.

Pray for those who are illumined

As we are slowly approaching the most Holy Pascha of our Lord, please keep in your prayers those who will soon become Orthodox Christians. Joan, Edgar, Travis, Olivia, and Finley. The date of their baptism/chrisamation will soon be known and shared with the community.

Sussex Help Center Announcements

We have received three very generous food drives, and our shelves are bulging! So just now (upon request), we also give pet food (cat and dog, wet and dry), baby stuff – diapers (to size 6), oil, lotions, food (no jar food please!), laundry and dish detergents and basic cleaning supply. Thank you all for your generous donations. Joan