

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2023

APRIL 2nd – SAINT MARY OF EGYPT

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:36-50 and 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 Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine, Michelle, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance 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 and David. Amen!!!

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

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April 2nd, 2023

MARTYRS AMPHIANUS AND EDESIUS OF LYCIA - The Holy Martyrs Amphianus (Apphianus) and Edesius (Aidesius) were brothers. They lived in the city of Patara (province of Lycia) in the family of the pagan governor. They went to the city of Beirut to study the pagan sciences. There they became ardent followers of Christ. The holy brothers left their pagan parents and went to Alexandrian Caesarea, where they found an instructor, Saint Pamphilius (February 16), and under his guidance they became accomplished in the spiritual life, spending their time in prayer and the study of sacred books. By decree of the emperor Maximian (305-313), a zealous pagan and cruel persecutor of Christians, all the inhabitants of Caesarea were required to offer public sacrifice. Many Christians, including Saints Amphianus and Edesius, had to hide in order to avoid sacrificing to idols. When the city prefect of Caesarea was about to offer sacrifice to idols, Saint Amphianus boldly went into the temple, took the prefect's hand, and urged him to abandon his error and believe in Christ. By order of the governor, soldiers seized Saint Amphianus, fiercely beat him and then threw him in prison. Two days later they led him to trial, where they beat him with iron rods and burned his body with bundles of flax soaked in oil. The brave youth, steadfastly confessing his faith in Christ, was then thrown into the sea with a stone about his neck. Suddenly a storm arose, and the waves carried the martyr's body to shore, where it was buried by Christians. After a while they freed Saint Edesius and sent him to Alexandria. There he boldly denounced the governor Hierokles for his extreme cruelty towards Christians. Saint Edesius was tortured and then drowned.

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

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 1st of April

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Panikhida for Stefan and Antonina Szemetylo at 4:15 pm

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 2nd of April

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Deanery Lenten Vespers at Orthodox Christian Church of the Annunciation in Brick NJ at 4 pm

Friday 7th of April

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm

Saturday 8th of April

LAZARUS SATURDAY

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 9th 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!

Welcome

Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us, and especially during Holy Week, to experience the beauty of Holy Week's services. Please follow our bulletin on: <https://www.holyspiritorthodox.org/weeklybulletins> for more information or take a physical copy in the Church.

Paschal Flowers

Donation 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, "Paschal Flowers." God Bless and many thanks.

Donation of Red Eggs for Pashca

Please volunteer to offer red eggs to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church to be distributed at Pascha. There's 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 our Catechumens

Please remember in your prayers Glen and Delia as they are preparing for the sacrament of the Holy Chrismation which will take place during the Divine Liturgy on Great and Holy Saturday, April 15th, 2023.

Confessions

As we are approaching Holy Week, we are all to confess our sins. Confessions will be heard before any Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, before or after Great Vespers or before Divine Liturgies.

Food Donation Cart

Whenever you are shopping remember those who are hungry and purchase one or more items for our donation cart. If you would like to know the current needs of the Sussex Help Center, please talk with Dan Taylor. Thank you and God bless you!

Vigil at the Tomb of Christ

An ancient tradition in the Orthodox Church is the Vigil at the Tomb of Christ. The Holy Friday Vigil at Christ's tomb is our opportunity to help keep watch over our Lord's body as He descends into Hell to loosen the bonds of death. What better way to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus than to participate in the Vigil by His tomb? The Church has given us this opportunity to watch and wait with the countless saints and myriads of angels as our Lord conquers death. If you would like to participate in this ancient tradition and read the Psalms over the tomb of Christ, please sign up at the sing-up sheet in the Narthex. The time period will be divided by two hour intervals, and you are more than welcome to share your spot with another person.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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