

Sunday, 11th of August 2024

MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON EUPLUS OF CATANIA

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Kontakion – Tone 4

**When the love of Christ was your only defense, / you stood in the
midst of your fight and said: / I endure this struggle willingly and
with confidence! / You rejoiced, O Euplus, to offer your head to the
sword and so complete your course!**

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, Catherine Xenia, 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, 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) and Sergey. Amen!

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

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church
102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461

Father Michael - Priest-in-charge
(848)228-1563

holyspiritwantagej@gmail.com

www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

<https://www.holyspiritorthodox.org/>

<https://www.holyspiritorthodox.org/weeklybulletins>

The WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

August 11th, 2024

MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON EUPLUS OF CATANIA - The Martyr Archdeacon Euplus suffered in the year 304 under the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). He served in the Sicilian city of Catania. Always carrying the Gospel with him, Saint Euplus preached constantly to the pagans about Christ. Once, while he read and explained the Gospel to the gathered crowd, they arrested him and took him to the governor of the city, Calvisianus. Saint Euplus confessed himself a Christian and denounced the impiety of idol-worship. For this they sentenced him to torture. They threw the injured saint into prison, where he remained in prayer for seven days. The Lord made a spring of water flow into the prison for the martyr to quench his thirst. Brought to trial a second time, strengthened and rejoicing, he again confessed his faith in Christ and denounced the torturer for spilling the blood of innocent Christians. The judge commanded that the saint's ears be torn off, and that he be beheaded. When they led the saint to execution, they hung the Gospel around his neck. Having asked time for prayer, the archdeacon began to read and explain the Gospel to the people, and many of the pagans believed in Christ. The soldiers beheaded the saint with a sword. His holy relics are in the village of Vico Della Batonia, near Naples.

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 10th of August

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 11th of August

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Friday August 2nd – Saturday August 10th

NJ STATE FAIR

Wednesday 14th of August

Great Vespers at 6 pm with blessing of flowers and herbs

Thursday 15th of August

DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Divine Liturgy at 9 am with blessing of flowers and herbs

Saturday 17th of August

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 18th of August

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 refreshments in the church hall.

Dormition Fast

Dormition fast takes place on August 1st, 2024. Please refrain from meat products, dairy products, fish and oil. The fast ends on the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos which is celebrated on August 15th, 2024.

Feast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos

Please join us for the Feast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary. The Great Vespers with the blessing of flowers and herbs will take place on Wednesday 14th of August at 6 pm and the Divine Liturgy with blessing of flowers and herbs will be served on Thursday 15th of August at 9 am.

A Message from Father Michael

On behalf of myself, Nadine and Michael Olsen, Mark Benda, NJ State Fair Chairpersons, and HSOC's Council members, please accept our gratitude and thanks as we shared many wonderful times at the NJ State Fair, August 2-10, 2024, and the recent gathering at the Firehouse to make the delicious cabbage casseroles. Our thanks to the individuals who worked at the firehouse and to those who funded the rental fee for the firehouse, and all who worked and gave time to this major fundraiser event for our church. Your dedication, participation and support of our church is a blessing. The amount derived from this event will be forthcoming shortly. Our blessings and God Grant You Many Years!

Choir Director

Christian (Iosophat) Gamboa, a parishioner and choir member at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, and son of Glen and Dahlia Gamboa, HSOC parishioners, has accepted the Choir Director position at the Orthodox Christian Church of the Annunciation, Brick, NJ. He will begin serving in this capacity on Sunday, August 3rd, 2024. God Bless and Grant Him Many Years!

HSOC Cleaning Help Needed

Now with more families attending Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, we are in need of anyone and everyone who is willing to help clean the Church. Many hands make for light work. For a cleaning schedule and any questions, please call or text Maritsa Farren at (973)670-8728.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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