

Sunday 13th of August 2023

LEAVETAKING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Epistle Reading: Heb. 7:26-8:2 and Cor 1. 4:9-16

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:14-19; 17:14-23

Troparion – Tone 7

**You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, /
revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear
it. / Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, /
through the prayers of the Theotokos. / O Giver of Light, glory
to You!**

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, Matushka Svetlana, Karen, Edward, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, 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, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia and Adrian. Amen!!!

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

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MARTYR HIPPOLYTUS OF ROME AND THOSE WITH HIM: MARTYR CONCORDIA, IRENAEUS, AND ABUNDIUS

The Martyr Hippolytus was a chief prison guard at Rome under the emperors Decius (249-251) and Valerian (253-259). He was converted to Christ by the Martyr Laurence (August 10), and he buried the martyr's body. They informed the emperor of this, and Saint Hippolytus was arrested. Valerian asked: "Are you then a sorcerer, to have stolen away the body of Laurence?" The saint confessed himself a Christian, and they beat him fiercely with rods. His only response was, "I am a Christian." The emperor gave orders to clothe Saint Hippolytus in his soldier's garb, saying, "Be mindful of your calling and be our friend. Offer sacrifice to the gods together with us, just as before." But the martyr answered, "I am a soldier of Christ, my Savior, and I desire to die for Him." They then confiscated all his property, and whipped his foster mother, the Martyr Concordia, with olive switches, and they beheaded all his household before his very eyes. The saint himself was tied to wild horses, which dragged him over the stones to his death. This occurred on August 13, 258, the third day after the martyr's death of Archdeacon Laurence, just as he had foretold to Saint Hippolytus. By night the priest Justin buried all the martyrs at the place of execution. However, the body of Saint Concordia had been thrown into an unclean place at Rome. After a while two Christians, the Martyrs Irenaeus and Abundius, learned from a soldier where the body of the martyr had been thrown, and they buried her beside Saint Hippolytus. For this reason, they drowned on August 26, just as the martyr had been. Christians took up the bodies of the martyrs by night and buried them near the relics of the holy Archdeacon Laurence.

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 12th August

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 13th of August

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 14th of August

Great Vesper at 6 pm with blessing of flowers and herbs

Tuesday 15th of August

DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Divine Liturgy at 9 am with blessing of flowers and herbs

Saturday 19th of August

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 20th of August

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors 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 questions you may have.

Dormition Fast

Dormition fast takes place on August 1st, 2023. Please refrain from meat products, dairy products, fish, and oil. This fast ends on the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos which is celebrated on August 15th, 2023.

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 Monday 14th of August at 6 pm and the Divine Liturgy with blessing of flowers and herbs will be served on Tuesday 15th of August at 9 am.

Helen Schweizer is in nursing home.

Thanks to Matushka JoAnne we learned that our dear Helen is in Highland Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Middletown, New York. If you have a chance please visit her, since she will not be able to attend the services in any perceivable future. Here is the address: Here is the address: 120 Highland Avenue, Middletown NY 10940

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 4-12, 2023, 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!

Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor's Appreciation Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend a New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner for the 2022 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, hosted with gratitude by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael. The event will take place on October 8, 2023, at 5 pm at Saint Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Manville NJ. For more information, please see attached flyer.

Offerings to HSOC

Although it's summer and many of us are enjoying time away, the expenses of the church continue. Please remember to make regular offerings to the parish. Many blessings to all and have a happy and safe summer and see you at the Fair!