

**NEW MARTYR NAZARIUS, METROPOLITAN OF
KUTAISI-GAENATI, AND HIS COMPANIONS OF
GEORGIA**

Sunday 14th of August

Epistle Reading: Romans 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34

Troparion — Tone 4

**Your holy martyrs Nazarius, and those with him, O Lord, /
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns
from You, our God. / For having Your strength, they laid low
their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of
demons. / Through their intercessions, save our souls!**

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, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine Olsen, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine 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 Benetz Amen!!!

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



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[NEW MARTYR NAZARIUS METROPOLITAN OF KUTAISI](#) - Metropolitan Nazarius of Kutaisi-Gaenati was born in 1872 in the village of Didi Jikhaishi in Imereti. His forefathers belonged to a long lineage of clergy, and the future metropolitan was nurtured in the Church from the earliest years of his youth. Nazarius (known in the world as Joseph) received his education at Kutaisi Theological School. In 1892 he graduated with honors from Tbilisi Seminary and began to serve in the Church, first as a deacon and later (from February 9, 1893) as a priest. In 1904, after a series of personal tragedies (first his wife died, then his two daughters), Nazarius was tonsured a monk. On November 4, 1918, he was enthroned as Metropolitan of Kutaisi. The years 1922 to 1923 marked a difficult period in the history of the Georgian Church. The Bolsheviks razed twelve hundred churches, destroyed much of the Church's wealth, burnt many rare manuscripts, and persecuted spiritual leaders—particularly Georgian nationalists. On February 10, 1921, following the Red Army's invasion of Georgia, the treasures of the Sioni and Svetitskhoveli Cathedrals were carried away to Kutaisi for safekeeping. Patriarch Leonid gave his blessing for four boxes of holy objects to be buried under the porch at Metropolitan Nazarius's residence, which was located on the grounds of the Bagrati Cathedral. After the Bolsheviks secured their occupation of Georgia, they discovered where the treasures had been buried and arrested Metropolitan Nazarius. They accused him of agitating against the government and concealing the possessions of the Church. During the court proceedings the metropolitan was asked for whom he had hidden the treasure, and he answered, "For the Church and the Georgian people!" The court sentenced Nazarius to the most severe punishment—execution by a firing squad—but the sentence was subsequently rescinded. In the end, the Bolsheviks imprisoned the hierarch and confiscated his personal belongings. In April of 1924 Metropolitan Nazarius received amnesty and was released after two years in prison. He returned to his diocese, which was undergoing many trials. He was not permitted to return to his own residence, but was obliged to live with his brother, while his former home was transformed into a storage facility. On August 14, 1924, a delegation from the village of Simoneti came to the metropolitan to request that he consecrate their local church. At the appointed time, the metropolitan arrived in Simoneti with his retinue and consecrated the church. That night, a group of Chekists (Soviet security agents) broke into the house where Metropolitan Nazarius and his entourage were staying, bound and beat them, and then dragged them to the village council. Without an investigation, the Troika (a Soviet extraordinary council of three judges) sentenced to death Metropolitan Nazarius and four other clergymen—Priest Herman Jajanidze, Priest Hierotheos Nikoladze, Priest Simon Mchedlidze, and Archdeacon Besarion Kukhianidze. A layman, Axalmotsameni, was also sentenced to death. They were shot to death in the Sapichkhia Forest. In 1994, with the blessing of Catholicos-Patriarch Ilia II, the full Ecclesiastical Council of the Georgian Church resolved with one accord to canonize Metropolitan Nazarius and the clergymen who were martyred with him.

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 13th of August
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 14th of August
Divine Liturgy at 10 am
Great Vespers at 6 pm (Blessing of the Flowers)

Monday 15th of August
DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
Divine Liturgy at 9 am (Blessing of the Flowers)

Saturday 20th of August
Diocesan Youth Day
10:30 am – 2:00 pm
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 21st of August
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Welcome!

Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us at Holy Spirit Church and to experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5 pm and/or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am. Fellowship and light refreshments follow Divine Liturgy

The Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Every year on August 15th, the Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated in the Orthodox Church. This year to celebrate this feast day, at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Vespers will be served on Sunday, August 14th at 6 pm and Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom will be Monday, August 15th, 9 am. Having flowers blessed is a tradition for this feast day. You are invited and welcome to bring flowers to be blessed at Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

Forthcoming Catechumen Class

It's time to start another Catechumen Class. If you, a family member or friend, would like to learn more about the Orthodox Christian faith, you are most welcome to join. This class is informative and helpful in learning about being an Orthodox Christian. Speak with me during coffee hour or email me at pejovicveljko@gmail.com or call me at (848)228-1563 for more information or your desire to register and participate in the class.

NJ State Fair – August 5th – 13th

Once again, it was great to be back at the Fair! Although this year's event did take place during the height of a heat wave and required many months of planning and working at the event, it was a good time for all. It's also a time to get to know each other and meet old friends. A full report will be forthcoming from the HSOC chairpersons about our fundraising and participating at this year's Fair. Our thanks to all volunteers, including parishioners and friends of the parish! An outstanding performance by all! God bless and Grant You Many Years!

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Youth Day at Treescape Aerial Adventure Park, Vernon NJ – Saturday August 20th, 2022, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

The Department of Youth announced that Youth Day will be held at very close proximity to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage. This event and adventure are open to everyone from age 4 and up. Everyone, including children, teens, recent graduates, and parents are invited to join in on the fun. There is no fee and lunch is included. Link for flyer and complete details:

[YD-Flyer.pdf \(nynjoca.org\)](#).

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, August 22nd, 7 pm via ZOOM.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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