

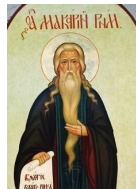
SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Annual Parish Meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 2021 has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 19, 2021 Immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please plan to attend.

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:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Nadine Olsen, Marianna, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner and Helen Schweizer. Amen!!!

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



[Saint Macarius the Roman](#)



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Don't ever pay attention to anything earthly and unstable. Strive for the union of your soul with God.

Elder Amphilochios of Patimos

SAINT MACARIUS THE ROMAN: was born at the end of the fifteenth century into a wealthy family of Rome. His parents raised him in piety and gave him an excellent education. He lived in an age when the Christian West was shaken by the Protestant Reformation. While others around him were pursuing luxury and lascivious pleasures, he studied the Holy Scriptures and the writings of the Fathers. Saint Macarius was grieved to see so many darkened by sin and worldly vanity, and was disturbed by the rebellions and conflicts within the Western Church. With tears, he asked God to show him the path of salvation, and his prayer did not go unanswered. He came to realize that he would find the safe harbor of salvation in the Orthodox Church. Saint Macarius left Rome secretly, and set out for Russia. After many sufferings on his journey, he arrived in Novgorod, where he rejoiced to see so many churches and monasteries. Saint Macarius came to the banks of the River Svir, where Saint Alexander of Svir (April 17 and August 30) had founded the monastery of the Holy Trinity. Saint Alexander received Macarius into the Orthodox Church and tonsured him as a monk. Macarius, however longed for the solitary life. He moved to an island on the River Lezna. Some of his visitors begged Saint Macarius to permit them to live near him and to be guided by his counsels. Seeing that this was the Lord's will, he did not refuse them. He blessed them to build cells, and this was the foundation of his monastery. Saint Macarius was ordained to the holy priesthood by Bishop Macarius of Novgorod, who later became Metropolitan of All Russia. The hierarch also appointed Saint Macarius as igumen of the monastery. Saint Macarius was an example to the others, and was given the gifts of clairvoyance and wonderworking from God. He wore himself out with his labors and vigils, encouraging others not to become faint-hearted in their own struggles. After several years, he entrusted the monastery to one of his disciples, and returned to the island where he had first lived. There he fell asleep in the Lord on August 15, 1550.

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Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5 pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:40am 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 14th of August

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 15th of August

THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 21st of August

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 22nd of August

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Sunday 19th of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING after Divine Liturgy

Announcements

Welcome to the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Father Michael is away and the Mitred Archpriest George Hasenecz is the assigned priest at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, serving Vespers on Saturday, August 14th at 5pm and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 15th at 10am. On Sunday, we commemorate the *Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary*, a great feast of the Church. Thank you for worshipping with us and welcoming Father George. As is our custom and tradition, there will be the blessing of flowers and herbs after Vespers on Saturday and after Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

Our Thanks

The council and parishioners of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, extend our sincere thanks to Father Alexander Smida for serving Vespers and Divine Liturgy last weekend at our church. God Bless!

NJ STATE FAIR – August 7th – 14th

Great to be back at the Fair! A good time had by all! There will be a full report forthcoming from the HSOC chairpersons about our fundraising and participation at this year's Fair. Our thanks to all volunteers and participants! An outstanding performance by all!

Visitors Welcome!

If you are a guest at today's Divine Liturgy, we invite you to join us following Divine Liturgy for light refreshments and fellowship so we can get to know each other. You are always welcome to share in worship and fellowship at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and include your email.

Committee on FundRaising

At the last Parish Council Meeting, it was agreed to form a Committee on FundRaising. The purpose of the committee is to create ideas for fundraising events. If interested, speak with Father Michael at the Coffee Social for details or more information.

Change of Venue for the 2021 Diocesan Assembly

Announcement of change of venue for the 2021 Diocesan Assembly: 2021 Diocesan Assembly to be held by online video conference. Please follow the link for more information's.

https://www.nynjoca.org/news_210804_2

Have an item for the bulletin?

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