

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, the priest Gregory, 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*****



[Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Lifegiving Cross of the Lord](#)

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The WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Accustom your tongue to saying, "Forgive me" and humility will come to you.

Abbah Isaiah

PROCESSION OF THE HONORABLE WOOD OF THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF THE LORD - The origin of this Feast is explained in the Greek *Horologion* of 1897: "Because of the illnesses which occur during the month of August, it was customary at Constantinople to carry the Precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification, and to deliver it from sickness." On the eve (July 31), the Cross was removed from the imperial treasury and placed it upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (which is dedicated to Christ, the Wisdom of God). From August 1 until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, there was a procession throughout the entire the city, and then the Cross was placed where all the people could venerate it. In the Russian Church this Feast is combined with the remembrance of the Baptism of Rus on August 1, 988. In the "The order of services for the holy, catholic, and apostolic Great Church of the Dormition," which was compiled in 1627 by order of Patriarch Philaret of Moscow and All Rus, there is a similar explanation of the Feast: "On the day of the Procession of the Precious Cross there is a Cross Procession with the Sanctification of Water, for the enlightenment of the people, in all the towns and places." Knowledge of the day of the actual Baptism of Rus is preserved in the Chronicles of the XVI century: "The Baptism of the Great Prince Vladimir of Kiev and of all Rus took place on August 1." In the current practice of the Russian Church, the service of the Lesser Sanctification of Water on August 1 takes place either before or after Liturgy. Because of the Blessing of Water, this first Feast of the Savior in August is sometimes called "the Savior of the Water." Along with the Blessing of Water, there may also be a Blessing of Honey (thus it is also called "the Savior of the Honey)," because on this day, the newly-gathered honey is blessed and tasted.

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 31st of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 1st of August
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 7th of August
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 8th of August
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday August 7th – Saturday August 14th
New Jersey State Fair

Sunday 19th of September
Divine Liturgy at 10 am
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING after Divine Liturgy

Announcements

Welcome!

Everyone is welcome and invited to visit and worship with us and experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5:00 pm and/or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10:00 am.

A Message from Father Michael

As most of you know, I will be away during the month of August and return at the beginning of September. In the event of an emergency, please contact a council member. If there is an urgent pastoral need, please contact Archpriest Samuel Kedala.

August 7th & 8th

Father Michael Pejovic will be away and Father Alexander Smida will be the assigned priest for August 7th and 8th at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage

Parish Celebration

The summer BBQ celebration last Sunday, to give thanks to all for being mortgage FREE, was fun and a success. Many thanks to all who put the event together, donated their time and talents and to the parishioners and friends of the parish who made this to be a memorable time. God Bless and Grant You all Many Blessed Years!

Fundraiser Events Committee Meeting

The first meeting of this Committee will be held on **Sunday, August 1st, following Divine Liturgy**. If you are interested in being a member of this Committee, you are most welcome to participate and attend. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please speak with Father Michael.

Mark your Calendar – NJ STATE FAIR – August 7th – 14th

Our church will once again participate in this event as the major fundraiser for our church. As in the past, there is an initial expense to our church. Any financial assistance you can offer to offset the initial expense to the church would be helpful - and we are thankful. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda for more information and details. It's a fun event and your help at the fairgrounds is needed and appreciated. No experience necessary. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

New Laity Liturgical Books for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Many thanks to Edward and Taisa Engelsman for their generosity towards the purchase of the newly published laity liturgical books from St. Tikhon's. Our goal is to purchase 40 books for our church. St. Tikhon's anticipates the books will be published and available for purchase during the month of September 2021 and will let us know the final price of the books.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be **Monday, September 6th at 6 pm via ZOOM**. If you would like to receive minutes from the Parish Council Meetings please contact Mary Osinski.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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