

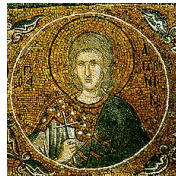
SAVE THE DATE

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, Protopresbyter 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*****



[Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia, and those with him](#)

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True faith is found in one's heart, not mind. People who have faith in their mind will follow the antichrist. But the ones who have it in their heart will recognize him.

Archimandrite Gavriil (Urgebanze)

MARTYR AGATHONICUS OF NICOMEDIA, AND THOSE WITH HIM, WHO SUFFERED UNDER MAXIMIAN - The Martyrs Agathonicus, Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno and others accepted death for Christ during the reign of the emperor Maximian (284-305). The Martyr Agathonicus was descended from the illustrious lineage of the Hypasians, and he lived at Nicomedia. Well versed in Holy Scripture, he converted many pagans to Christ, including the most eminent member of the Senate (its "princeps" or leader). Comitatus Eutolmius was sent to the Pontine (lower Black Sea) region, where he crucified the followers of the Christian Zoticus, who had refused to offer sacrifice to idols. He took Zoticus with him. In Nicomedia, Eutolmius arrested the Martyr Agathonicus (together with the princeps), and also Theoprepus, Acindynus and Severian. After tortures, Eutolmius ordered that the martyrs be taken to Thrace for trial by the emperor. But along the way, in the vicinity of Potama, the Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus and Acindynus were unable to proceed further behind the chariot of the governor because of wounds received during torture. Therefore, they were put to death. The Martyr Severian was put to death at Chalcedon, and the Martyr Agathonicus together with others was beheaded with the sword by order of the emperor, in Selymbria. The relics of the Martyr Agathonicus were in a church named for him at Constantinople, and were seen in the year 1200 by the Russian pilgrim Anthony. And in the fourteenth century Philotheus, the archbishop of Selymbria, devoted an encomium to the Martyr Agathonicus.

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 21st of August
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 22nd of August
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 28th of August
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 29th 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 still away and Father Alexander Smida will again be with Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, serving Vespers on Saturday, August 21st at 5pm and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 22nd at 10am.

Many Thanks

The council and parishioners of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, extend our sincere thanks to the Mitred Archpriest George Hasencz for serving Vespers and Divine Liturgy last weekend at our church. God Bless!

Thank you!

Our sincere thanks go to all those who dedicated their time and effort at the NJ State Fair. Even during these troubling times, through your unrelenting dedication, we managed to raise money for our Parish. God grant you many years!

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.

51st Annual Saint Herman Pilgrimage

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the 51st Annual Saint Herman Pilgrimage on which His Grace Bishop Alexis of Bethesda was nominated as the episcopal candidate for the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska. For more information please follow the link:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon-presides-at-the-51st-annual-saint-herman-pilgrimage>

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The Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Annual Parish meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, September 12th, 2021. Please plan to attend. The Annual Parish Council Meeting is a great chance to reflect on the previous year and to establish goals for the next one. As a part of the body of Christ, we are all called to witness this important event.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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