

Sunday, 25th of August 2024

SAINT MENAS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Kontakion – Tone 4

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, / an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; / your humility exalted you; / your poverty enriched you. / Hierarch Father Menas, / entreat Christ our God / that our souls may be saved.

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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Joseph, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Archpriest Paul, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, 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, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery, Halyna (Klima), Sergey and John Francis. Amen!

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

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SAINT MENAS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE - Saint Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople (536-552), was at first a presbyter at Constantinople and supervisor there of the Home of Saint Sampson the Hospitable for the poor and needy during the reign of Saint Justinian I (527-565). After the removal of the heretic Anthimus (535-536), the holy presbyter Menas was raised to the patriarchal throne of Constantinople as one worthy to be bishop, because of his profound virtue and firm confession of Orthodoxy. Agapitus, the Bishop of Rome (535-536), participated in the consecration of Saint Menas. He had come to Constantinople in order to depose the heretic Anthimus. During the patriarchate of Saint Menas, a miracle occurred at Constantinople, which was known to the whole city. A certain Jewish child went with other children to church, and he partook of the Holy Mysteries of Christ. At home, he told his father about this. In a terrible rage, he seized the child and threw him into a red-hot oven (the father was a glassblower). He said nothing to his wife. For three days, the mother tearfully searched for her son, calling loudly for him. On the third day, he emerged from the red-hot oven. When she pulled the child out, she found that he was unharmed. The boy said that a most radiant Lady had come to him, cooling the fire and bringing him water and food. This incident became known to Saint Menas and the emperor Justinian I. The boy and his mother received Baptism, but the father of the child was obdurate and did not wish to repent, in spite of the great miracle that he had seen. Then the emperor ordered that the father be tried as a child-killer and sentenced him to death. The holy Patriarch Menas ruled the Church of Constantinople for sixteen years. During his patriarchate at Constantinople, the famous church of Hagia Sophia, the Wisdom of God, was consecrated. The saint died peacefully in the year 552.

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 24th of August
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 25th of August
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Wednesday 28th of August
Great Vespers at 6 pm

Thursday 29th of August
Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 31st of August
Baptism of Isla and Christopher Spies at 11 am
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 1st of September
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshments in the church hall.

Join us for the Baptism

On Saturday, August 31st, 2024, 11am, we will witness the baptism of Isla Magdalene Spies and Christopher Matthew Spies, children of Christopher Michael Spies and Alyssa Nicole Ross. Following the service the family is inviting you to the Parish Hall for light meal. Everyone is welcome.

Prayers and Financial Assistance Needed

The mayhem caused by Hurricane Debby had damaged St. Olympia Orthodox Church in Norwood, NY. One unofficial preliminary assessment now predict that damages may go to \$50,000 or above. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated! Checks can be made payable, and sent, to the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, 33 Hewitt Avenue, Bronxville, NY 10708. Please write "St. Olympia Recovery" in the memo line. Alternatively, online donations can be offered at the newly posted GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-st-olympia-orthodox-church-flood-recovery>

DDB Appreciation Dinner in the New York City Deanery

You are cordially invited to attend a New York City Deanery Appreciation Dinner for the 2023 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, hosted with gratitude by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael. The dinner will take place on Sunday, September 22nd, 2024, at 5:00 pm at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 46 Seymour Street, Yonkers, NY 10701. You are encouraged to bring family members and parish guests.

Reflections in Preparation for 21st All-American Council

In preparation for the upcoming 21st All-American Council in Phoenix, AZ, July 14-18, 2025, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon is calling on all communities of the Orthodox Church in America—parishes, missions, seminaries, monasteries, and all institutions—to submit reflections on this moment in the life of the Church. For more information please follow the link: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon-calls-for-reflections-in-preparation-for-21st-all-american-council>

HSOC Cleaning Help Needed

Now with more families attending Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, we are in need of anyone and everyone who is willing to help clean the Church. Many hands make for light work. For a cleaning schedule and any questions, please call or text Maritsa Farren at (973)670-8728.