

Sunday 27th of August 2023

HIEROMATYR KUKSHA AND VENERABLE PIMEN

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:16-26

Troparion – Tone 7

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, / you became a successor to their throne. / Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; / by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, / even to the shedding of your blood. / Hieromartyr Kuksha, entreat Christ God to 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, Protospyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Matushka Svetlana, Karen, Edward, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance 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, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Irene, Dorothy, Pauline and Irene.
Amen!!!

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

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VENERABLE KUKSHA AND VENERABLE PIMEN OF THE KIEV NEAR

CAVES - The Hieromartyr Kuksha and Saint Pimen the Faster died after the year 1114. Saint Simon, Bishop of Vladimir and Suzdal (May 10), in a letter to Saint Polycarp, Archimandrite of the Caves (July 24), wrote of Saint Kuksha: "How can I worthily proclaim the glory of those saintly men dwelling in the holy Monastery of the Caves, in which pagans were baptized and became monks, and Jews accepted the holy Faith? But I cannot keep silent about the holy hieromartyr and Black-Robed Kuksha of this monastery. Everyone knows that he cast out devils, baptized the Vyatichi, caused it to rain, dried up a lake, performed many other miracles, and after many torments was killed together with his disciple Nikon." The death of the hieromartyr Kuksha was revealed to Saint Pimen the Faster. Standing in the church of the Monastery of the Caves, he loudly exclaimed, "Our brother Kuksha was killed today for the Gospel." After saying this, he also surrendered his soul to God. The Vyatichi, among whom the hieromartyr Kuksha preached and died, were pagans living along the River Oka, and they occupied the area of the Orlov and Kaluga districts. Saint Nestor the Chronicler (October 27), writing about the Vyatichi, was shocked by their brutal customs and he added that they live "only for the present day," remaining unacquainted with the Law of God, and making their own law instead. The Hieromartyr Kuksha preached to the Vyatichi during the era of Saint Theoctistus, Bishop of Chernigov (August 5). He was buried, as was Saint Pimen the Faster, in the Near Caves. The Monks of the Near Caves are commemorated on September 28.

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 26th of August
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 27th of August
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 28th of August
Great Vespers at 6 pm

Tuesday 29th of August
Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Friday 1st of September
Beginning of the Church New Year

Saturday 2nd of September
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 3rd of September
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy, you are invited to join us for light refreshment in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation and ask any questions you may have.

Beheading of Saint John, the Baptist

Please join us for commemoration of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Great Vespers will be served on Monday 28th of August at 6:00 pm. And Divine Liturgy will be served on Tuesday 29th of August at 9:00 a.m. Please note that Tuesday is a strict fasting day.

Helen Schweizer is in nursing home.

Thanks to Matushka JoAnne we learned that our dear Helen is in Highland Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Middletown, New York. If you have a chance please visit her, since she will not be able to attend the services in any perceivable future. Here is the address: Here is the address: 120 Highland Avenue, Middletown NY 10940

2023 Alaska Initiative

For the next three Sunday we will collect a special offering for the Diocese of Alaska. The Diocese of Alaska is the birthplace of the Orthodox Christianity in North America and the mother diocese of the Orthodox Church in America. The entire Orthodox Church in America owes much to the Church in Alaska for its continuous faith and witness since Saint Herman and the first missionaries arrived in 1794. Please support the Diocese of Alaska and thank you for giving!

Labor Day 2023

This year the holiday is celebrated on Monday, September 4th. Have a fun, safe and blessed Labor Day!

Metropolitan Tikhon presides at Annual Saint Herman Pilgrimage

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the annual Saint Herman Pilgrimage in Alaska on August 7-10, 2023. For more information, please follow the link: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon-presides-at-53rd-annual-saint-herman-pilgrimage>

Offerings to HSOC

Although it's summer and many of us are enjoying time away, the expenses of the church continue. Please remember to make regular offerings to the parish. Many blessings to all and have a happy and safe summer and see you at the Fair!

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com