

August, 4th of August 2024

SAINT EVDOKIA OF PERSIA

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

Kontakion – Tone 4

Your lamb Eudokia calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: / "I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. / In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, / and I died so that I might live with You. / Accept me as a pure sacrifice, / for I have offered myself in love." / Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

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, Protospresbyter 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) and Sergey. Amen!

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

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The WEEKLY BULLETIN

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ST. EVDOKIA OF PERSIA - St. Eudokia of Persia was born in Anatolia—modern-day Turkey—in the fourth century. She was one of the largely anonymous Martyrs of Persia and can sometimes be confused with St. Eudokia of Heliopolis or the empress Saint Eudokia, who was married to Byzantine Emperor Theodosius II. The Martyrs of Persia under Shapur II were Assyrian Christian martyrs who were put to death by Shapur II of Persia, who reigned from 309–379, for failing to renounce their faith. This was a sharp departure from the early history of Christianity in Persia, which was widely tolerated. But when Byzantine emperor Constantine the Great converted to Christianity and made it the official religion of his empire, Shapur II came to view the Christian presence in his realm as hostile and potentially threatening. His suspicions hardened after Roman armies defeated his forces in war. As a result, he ordered that all Christian churches be destroyed, their clergy executed, and—later—all professed Christians be put to death. Calculations of the number of Persian Christians executed by his edicts vary, though estimates suggest many thousands. The Persian army brought St. Eudokia into captivity along with some 9,000 other Christians. While captive, she took it upon herself to educate her fellow prisoners in Holy Scripture since she knew them well. She also preached to and converted many of the Persian women with whom she came into contact to life in Christ—which led to what may have been a more severe martyrdom than she might otherwise have suffered.

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 3rd of August

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 4th of August

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 5th of August

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Tuesday 6th of August

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Divine Liturgy with blessing of fruit at 9 am

Saturday 10th of August

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 11th of August

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Friday August 2nd – Saturday August 10th

NJ STATE FAIR

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.

Dormition Fast

Dormition fast takes place on August 1st, 2024. Please refrain from meat products, dairy products, fish and oil. The fast ends on the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos which is celebrated on August 15th, 2024.

Prison Ministry Awareness

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your generosity to support this important ministry last Sunday, July 28th, 2024. In the event you were not here last week and would like to contribute, you are most welcome to do so. Again, our thanks and God Bless!

Parish Council Conference on Parish Management

Parish Council Conference on Parish Management will take place on Saturday, August 10th, 2024, from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Gregory Palamas Church, 5th Church Street, Glen Gardner, NJ. This annual conference is intended for any and all parishioners, especially those who are serving on parish councils. If you are interested to attend, please speak with Father Michael.

Choir Director

Christian (Iosophat) Gamboa, a parishioner and choir member at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, and son of Glen and Dahlia Gamboa, HSOC parishioners, has accepted the Choir Director position at the Orthodox Christian Church of the Annunciation, Brick, NJ. He will begin serving in this capacity starting Sunday, August 3rd, 2024. God Bless and Grant Him Many Years!

NJ State Fair – August 2nd – 10th

It's that time of the year! As in the past, HSOC is again participating in this event. Everyone is invited to participate by volunteering to work at the Fair and to invite family and friends to this major fundraiser for our church. Any additional financial assistance you can offer would be appreciated and helpful. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda to volunteer or for more information. See you at the Fair!

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.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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