

RIGHTEOUS SIMEON, WONDERWORKER OF VERKHOTURYE

SUNDAY 18th of DECEMBER

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:1-25

Troparion — Tone 8

By a flood of tears, you made the desert fertile, / and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. / By the radiance of miracles, you illumined the whole universe! / O our holy father Simeon, pray to Christ our 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, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine, Michelle, 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, PamelaAnne, and David.

Amen!!!

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

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RIGHTEOUS SIMEON, WONDERWORKER OF VERKHOTURYE - Saint Simeon of Verkhoturys was a nobleman, but he concealed his origin and led the life of a beggar. He walked through the villages and for free sewed half-coats and other clothes, primarily for the poor. While doing this he deliberately failed to sew something, either a glove, or a scarf, for which he endured abuse from his customers. The ascetic wandered much, but most often he lived at a churchyard of the village of Merkushinsk not far from the city of Verkhoturys (on the outskirts of Perm). Saint Simeon loved nature in the Urals, and while joyfully contemplated its majestic beauty, he would raise up a thoughtful glance towards the Creator of the world. In his free time, the saint loved to go fishing in the tranquility of solitude. This reminded him of the disciples of Christ, whose work he continued, guiding the local people in the true Faith. His conversations were a seed of grace, from which gradually grew the abundant fruits of the Spirit in the Urals and in Siberia, where the saint is especially revered. Saint Simeon of Verkhoturys died in 1642, when he was 35 years of age. He was buried in the Merkushinsk graveyard by the church of the Archangel Michael. On September 12, 1704, with the blessing of Metropolitan Philotheus of Tobolsk, the holy relics of Saint Simeon were transferred from the church of the Archangel Michael to the Verkhoturys monastery in the name of Saint Nicholas. Saint Simeon worked many miracles after his death. He frequently appeared to the sick in dreams and healed them, and he brought to their senses those fallen into the disease of drunkenness. A peculiarity of the saint's appearances was that with the healing of bodily infirmities, he also gave instruction and guidance for the soul. The memory of Saint Simeon of Verkhoturys is celebrated also on September 12, on the day of the translation of his relics (1704).

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5 pm 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 17th of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 18th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 24th of December

Divine Liturgy followed by Great Vespers at 9 am

Great Compline and Vigil for Nativity at 6 pm

Sunday 25th of December

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great at 10 am

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Monday 26th of December

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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 address.

Many thanks for supporting HSOC!

The end of the year is fast approaching and there have been major improvements and accomplishments to our church and rectory which we can be proud of, thanks to our council members, parishioners, and friends of the parish. Many thanks for your generous contributions, whether it be time, talent, or finances. We pray you and your families are well and appreciate your support of HSOC and ask that you continue to contribute to our church, keeping your financial support current. Your support is appreciated, and we are thankful.

Nativity Fast and Confession

We are entering the last week of the Nativity Fast. We are called to abstain from meat, eggs, and dairy products. There's fasting from foods, and also called to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from these other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us. Confessions will be heard every Saturday evening before or after Vespers or by appointment. If you wish to make an appointment for confession, please contact Father Michael via email at pejovicveljko@gmail.com or call him at (848)228-1563.

Collection for the Diocese of Alaska

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For Sale

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church has pierogies for sale. They are \$10 per dozen. See Nadine Olsen at the Coffee Social to order your pierogies in time for Christmas.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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