

Sunday 10th of December 2023

**MARTYRS MENAS, HERMOGENES, AND EUGRAPHUS
OF ALEXANDRIA**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:12-19

Troparion – Tone 8

**Having slain the fiery ragings and fierce movements of the passions
though their ascetic labors, / the Martyrs of Christ, Menas,
Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, received grace to dispel the afflictions
of the infirm and to work wonders both while alive and after death. /
It is a truly great wonder that bare bones pour forth healing. / Glory
to our only God and Creator.**

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, Protosynergos Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, 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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ALEXANDRIA - The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313). Saint Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians. Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint Eugraphus, the secretary of Saint Menas, who had declared himself a Christian upon witnessing the endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes; and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes. The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria. Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.

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 9th of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 10th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Tuesday 12th of December

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Wednesday 13th of December

Repose of Saint Herman of Alaska

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 16th of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 17th of December

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. Please join us for fellowship.

Nativity Fast

As the fast continues 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 pejovicveljko@gmail.com or call him (848)228-1563.

Religious Education

Following Sunday's Divine Liturgy and the coffee social, Father Michael meets with the catechumens to discuss religion and the church. You are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there.

Sunday School

All youth are welcome to attend Sunday School. To join the class or for more information, speak with Matushka JoAnne or Bethann Lamlamay.

Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Benedict of Hartford and New England

On Saturday, December 2nd, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, hierarch of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America, and hierarchs of other sister Orthodox Churches gathered at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Boston, MA for ordination to the Holy Episcopate of Bishop-elect Benedict (Churchill), as Bishop of Hartford and the Diocese of New England. For more information, please follow the link: [Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Benedict as Bishop of Hartford and New England - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](http://oca.org)

Thank You for Giving from Father Michael

Once again, the end of the year is fast approaching and on behalf of myself and the parish council, we express our sincere gratitude for the support that we have received throughout the year. Significant improvements have been made in the church and the rectory, thanks to your giving and the efforts of the parishioners and friends of our church and the community. Your generous financial contributions as well as the time and talents donated are appreciated. We give thanks for your continued support and encourage contributors to maintain the generous financial assistance and your time and talents for our Holy Spirit Orthodox Church.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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