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As we approach the end of the year, your help and financial support of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is requested and needed. Please continue to contribute to our church and keep your financial support current. Your support is appreciated, and we are thankful.

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Cor. 9:6-7

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, Nadine Olsen, Marianna, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic and Sunny Hunsicker. Amen!!!

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

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Someone who faces every problem spiritually is not exhausted.

Saint Paisios of Mount Athos

VENERABLE ELIAS OF MUROM, WONDERWORKER OF THE KIEV NEAR CAVES - Saint Elias Muromets of the Caves, nicknamed “Shoemaker” or “Cobbler,” was from the city of Murom. Popular legend identifies him with the famous warrior hero Elias Muromets, who was the subject of Russian ballads and of Gliere’s Symphony No. 3. St Elias died with the fingers of his right hand formed to make the Sign of the Cross in the position accepted even today in the Orthodox Church: the first three fingers together, and the two outermost fingers folded onto the palm [in contrast to the Sign of the Cross used by the “Old Ritualists”]. During the struggle with the Old Ritualist Schism (seventeenth-nineteenth centuries), this information about the saint served as powerful proof in favor of the present positioning of the fingers.

COMMEMORATION OF THE – Adam and Eve, Righteous Abel, Righteous Seth, Righteous Enos, Righteous Kenan, Righteous Mehaliel, Righteous Jared, Righteous Enoch, Righteous Methuselah, Righteous Noah, Righteous Shem, Righteous Japheth, Righteous Arpacshad, Righteous Cannan, Righteous Shelah, Righteous Eber, Righteous Peleg, Righteous Ragab, Righteous Serug, Righteous Nahor, Righteous Terah, Patriarch Abraham, Patriarch Isaac, Patriarch Jacob, Patriarch Reuben, Patriarch Simeon, Patriarch Levi, Patriarch Judah, Patriarch Zebulon, Patriarch Issachar, Patriarch Dan, Patriarch Gad, Patriarch Asher, Patriarch Naphtali, Patriarch Joseph, Patriarch Benjamin, Righteous Pharez and Zerah, Righteous Hezeon, Righteous Aram, Righteous Aminadab, Righteous Nahshon, Righteous Salmon, Righteous Obed, Righteous Jesse, Holy Prophet and King David, King Solomon, King Rehoboam, King Abijah, King Asa, King Jehosaphat, King Joram, King Ochoziah, King Jotham, King Ahaz, King Hezekiah, King Manasseh, King Amos, King Josiah, King Jechoniah, Sheltiel, Zerubbabel, Abiud, Eliachem, Azor, Zadok, Matthan, Jacob, St Joseph the Betrothed, The Righteous Melchizedek, The Righteous Job, The Holy Prophet Moses, The priests Hur and Aaron, Joshua, The holy Prophet Samuel, the Holy Prophet Nathan, The Holy Prophet Daniel, The three Holy youths Hannaniah, Mishael and Azariah, The Righteous Sarah, The Righteous Rebecca, The Righteous Leah, The Righteous Rachel, The Righteous Asineth, The Righteous Miriam, The Righteous Deborah, The Righteous Ruth, The Righteous woman of Zarephath, The Righteous woman of Shunem, The Righteous Judith, The Righteous Esther, The Righteous Hannah, The Righteous Susanna.

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 18th of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 19th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Chrismation of Pamela Kachur during the Divine Liturgy

Friday 24th of December

Vespersal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 9 am

Vigil for the Nativity – 6 pm

Saturday 25th of December

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at 9 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 26th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Announcements

Visitors Welcome!

If you are a guest at today's Divine Liturgy, we invite you to join us following Divine Liturgy for the 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.

Sunday 19th of December

On Sunday, before the Feast of the Nativity, Pamela Kachur will receive the Sacrament of Chrismation during the Divine Liturgy. God Bless and Grant Pamela, her husband, children, and her entire family, many Blessed Years!

NATIVITY FAST

We are in Nativity Fast, we are called to abstain from meat, eggs, and dairy products. Refreshments following Divine Liturgy should reflect the Fast rules.

Newly Formed Committee!

Last Sunday, following the Coffee Social, the Fundraising and Events Committee, chaired by Mark Benda, had their first meeting. The members of this committee will participate in creating and planning events for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Speak with Mark Benda if you wish to be included in this committee or have any suggestions for future Church events.

Advent Confessions

The Feast of the Nativity is fast approaching, and we are days away from celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Father Michael will hear confessions before or after Great Vespers or before Divine Liturgy. You may also contact him if you wish to make other arrangements for confessions. Thank you.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday, December 29th at 7pm via ZOOM.

The 2021 Year and Appeal

This year is fast coming to an end and Holy Spirit Orthodox Church would be most appreciative if you could consider making a year-end contribution to our Church to offset some of the many major expenses incurred this past year. Please make our Church a priority in your year-end giving. Gifts can be in any amount and made by check, credit or online by following this link: <https://holyspiritorthodox.org/>. May God bless you for your generosity.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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