

Sunday 29th of January 2024

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY RIGHTEOUS DAVID THE KING, JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, AND JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD

Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:22-6:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:3-10

Troparion – Tone 2

O Joseph, proclaim the wonders to David, the ancestor of God: / you have seen a Virgin great with child; you gave glory with the shepherds; / you worshipped with the Magi; / you received an answer from the Angel. / Beseech 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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Archpriest Paul, Protospesbyter 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, 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, 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), Sergey, John, Francis, Anna, Birgin, Richard Matthews and John Francis.

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

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- The Holy Prophet-King David, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, and Saint James the Brother of the Lord are commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, their commemoration is moved to December 26. At an early date, some churches in the East began to commemorate certain important figures of the New Testament at the time of Theophany, and later during the Nativity season. In Syria, for example, Saint Stephen (December 27), Saints James (April 30) and John (September 26), and Saints Peter and Paul (June 29) were commemorated near the end of December. In Jerusalem, the saints mentioned above were combined with a feast that the Jews of Hebron celebrated on December 25 or 26 in honor of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob. Later on, the Christians substituted Saint James (October 23) for Jacob, and then the commemoration of the Brother of the Lord became associated with his ancestor King David. In time, Saint Joseph was linked with Saints David and James. Saint Joseph had four sons from his previous marriage: James, Judah, Joseph, and Simon (or Symeon), and three daughters: Esther, Martha, and Salome, who was the mother of Saint John the Theologian.

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 28th of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 29th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Tuesday 31st of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Wednesday 1st of January

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 4th of January

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 5th of January

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

**Following FFCoffee Hour – Baptism of Joseph, Lyssa and Leliana
Great Vespers at 5 pm – followed by Great Blessing of the Water
and Blessing of the Church**

Monday 6th of January

HOLY THEOPHANY

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Parish Council and Father Michael wishes you the blessed Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as well as most blessed New Year.

Thank you

Sincere thanks to Timothy Katchur, Seth Fleishman, and choir members of the HSOC as well as all altar servers for all their work during Nativity Season. May God grant you many blessed years!

Pierogi making class and Christmas Eve Dinner

Our sincere thanks to our Subdeacon Mark for organizing these events. We also thank all participants who prepared the food and all who shared the Christmas Eve Dinner.

Panikhida for Zoran Pejovic on 28th of December 2024

Panikhida for Father Michael's father Zoran Pejovic will be served on Saturday 28th of December at 4 pm.

Join us for the Baptism and Chrismation

On Sunday 5th of January we will receive Joseph Naron, Lyssa Naron and Leliana Perez will be received into the Holy Orthodox Church. The baptism and chrismation will follow a brief coffee hour. Please keep Joseph, Lyssa and Leliana in your prayers.

Funeral Information for Dorothy Warycka

Dorothy Warycka used to be a member of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, and she fell asleep in the Lord earlier this week. Please find the more information about her funeral by following the link: <https://purtafuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1191/Dorothy-Warycka/obituary.html#tribute-start>

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

Sussex Help Center Announcement

Recently Dan Taylor had a meeting with the Sussex Help Center Food Pantry. Their requests are for soups or stews and items for school lunches for children. This is an ongoing HSOC outreach program and thank you for your support and contributions.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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