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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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Don't ever pay attention to anything earthly and unstable. Strive for the union of your soul with God.

Elder Amphilochios of Patmos

VENERABLE SAVVA THE SANCTIFIED - Saint Savva the Sanctified was born in the fifth century at Cappadocia of pious Christian parents, John and Sophia. His father was a military commander. Journeying to Alexandria on military matters, John and Sophia left their five-year-old son Savva in the care of an uncle. When the boy reached eight years of age, he entered the monastery of Saint Flavian located nearby. The gifted child quickly learned to read and became an expert on the Holy Scriptures. In vain did his parents urge Saint Savva to return to the world and enter into marriage. When he was seventeen years old he received monastic tonsure, and attained such perfection in fasting and prayer that he was given the gift of wonderworking. After spending ten years at the monastery of Saint Flavian, he went to Jerusalem, and from there to the monastery of Saint Euthymius the Great (January 20). But Saint Euthymius sent Saint Savva to Abba Theoctistus, the head of a nearby monastery with a strict cenobitic rule. Saint Savva lived in obedience at this monastery until the age of thirty. After the death of the Elder Theoctistus, his successor blessed Saint Savva to seclude himself in a cave. On Saturdays, however, he left his hermitage and came to the monastery, where he participated in divine services and ate with the brethren. After a certain time Saint Savva received permission not to leave his hermitage at all, and he struggled in the cave for five years. Saint Euthymius attentively directed the life of the young monk, and seeing his spiritual maturity, he began to take him to the Rouba wilderness with him. They set out on January 14 and remained there until Palm Sunday. Saint Euthymius called Saint Savva a child-elder and encouraged him to grow in the monastic virtues. When Saint Euthymius fell asleep in the Lord (+ 473), Saint Savva withdrew from the Lavra and moved to a cave near the monastery of Saint Gerasimus of Jordan (March 4). After several years, disciples began to gather around Saint Savva, seeking the monastic life. As the number of monks increased, a lavra sprang up. When a pillar of fire appeared before Saint Savva as he was walking, he found a spacious cave in the form of a church. Saint Savva founded several more monasteries. Many miracles took place through the prayers of Saint Savva: at the Lavra a spring of water welled up, during a time of drought there was abundant rain, and there were also healings of the sick and the demoniacs. Saint Savva composed the first monastic Rule of church services, the so-called "Jerusalem Typikon", accepted by all the Palestine monasteries. The saint surrendered his soul to God in the year 532.

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 4th of December
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 5th of December
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 6th of December
Saint Nicholas Wonderworker of Myra
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 11th of December
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 12th 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.

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.

Welcome Catechumens

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, on Sunday of the Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple, following Divine Liturgy, Pamela Kachur, Asia Booker Sanchez, Kristen Steier and her child Hazel became Catechumens and are preparing for the Sacrament of Chrismation. God Bless our Catechumens!

Advent Confessions

As we are entering Nativity Fast, we are called to attend sacrament of confession. If you would like to receive the sacrament of confession before Great Vespers or Divine Liturgy, please contact and inform Father Michael so he can plan accordingly. Thank you.

Memorial or Panikhida Service

A Panikhida Memorial Service was held for the departed +Antonina offered by her daughter Anna Seniw. Make her memory be eternal! If you would like to offer a Memorial or Panikhida service for a loved one, please speak with Father Michael.

New Laity Liturgical Books for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

The new and updated books are now in the pews! You are encouraged to use the books for prayers and to follow the service. You are most welcome to join us for the Hours, prior to the Divine Liturgy, every Sunday at 9:45am. The books are available for purchase at \$20.00 per book. A perfect gift at any time and especially at Christmas! See Michael Olsen or Douglas Dobrzynski to purchase one or more!

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.