

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING REPORT

This meeting was held on Sunday, February 6th. The Budget Proposal for 2022 was unanimously approved by those in attendance. Adrian Pawelko was also unanimously selected as the delegate to attend the All-American Council with Father Michael Pejovic.

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 Olsen, Mariella, Frank, Anastasia, 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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HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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February 13th, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

- The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the *Triodion* (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins. Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances. The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14). The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation. Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark's Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior's death and burial.

Kontakion — Tone 4

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! / And learn humility from the Publican's tears! / Let us cry to our Savior, / have mercy on us, / only merciful One!

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 12th of February
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 13th of February
Divine Liturgy at 10 am
This is Fast Free Week

Saturday 19th of February
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 20th of February
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 address.

Memory Eternal!

I am sorry to inform you that the friend of the Parish Andrew Lukashuk fell asleep in the Lord. Please keep his wife Linda, son Christopher, daughter Melissa and brother James in your prayers. May his memory be eternal!

Panikhida for +Olga Maio

Following Divine Liturgy on February 13th, there will be a Forty-Day Memorial Service remembering the newly departed +Olga Maio. After the Memorial Service light lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. May her memory be eternal.

Memorial Offerings

Sincere thanks to Despina Eptamentis, Elizabeth James, Anna Seniw, Joan Barat, Elaine Lembeck, Michael Kirpan, Rosemarie Muller, Patricia Luongo, and Mary Osinski for their offerings to the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in memory of the newly departed +Olga Maio.

Please keep us informed

If a person is sick, homebound, or in the hospital, please let us know. Contact Fr. Michael Pejovic via email: pejoviceljko@gmail.com or call him to let him know if you would like a priest to visit and/or bring communion.

Pray for our Catechumens

Please remember in your prayers Asia Booker Sanchez, Kristen and Hazel Steiner in your prayers as they are entering their first Great Lent and preparing for the sacrament of the Holy Chrismation.

Fast Free Week

Please note that the upcoming week will be fast free. As such we are not called to fast on Wednesday and Friday.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, February 21st at 7 pm via ZOOM.

To our volunteers...

Sincere appreciation and many thanks to the parishioners and friends of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church for all you do willingly and with love for our Church and our community! We are especially grateful for all of those who found time and will to help with the renovation of the rectory.

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com