

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

The Prodigal Son returns!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32

Kontakion – Tone 3

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; / and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me. / Therefore, I cry to You like the Prodigal: / “I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; / receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants.”

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, Protopresbyter 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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[SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON](#) - The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24). After the Polyeleos at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel. Starting tomorrow, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.

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 19th of February

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 20th of February

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 26th of February

Divine Liturgy – Soul Saturday at 9 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 27th of February

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Rectory Open House after the Divine Liturgy

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.

Congratulations!

Our best wishes to Archpriest Joseph Chupeck celebrating 49th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood. May God Grant Him Many Blessed Years!

Rectory Open House!

Matushka Mihaela and I would very much like to invite and welcome you to join us for a Potluck Lunch in the rectory on Meatfare Sunday, February 27th following Divine Liturgy. This will be a great opportunity to spend some good time together on the last meat day. Feel free to invite a family member or a friend to join us. Please speak with Matushka Mihaela or myself to let us know that you'll be there and free to bring your favorite dish to share.

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.

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.

Online Donation at holyspiritorthodox.org

We now have an active "Donate" button at our website. If you would like to make a donation online, rather than by cash or check, you may now do so by going to www.holyspiritorthodox.org/donate or go to our website and click the "Donate" link.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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