

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

“Without a counsel, the plan fails, but with many advisers, they succeed.” Proverbs 15:22

The Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Annual Parish Meeting will take place on February 5th of 2023 after a brief Coffee Social. At this meeting, we will vote for acceptance of the Budget Proposal for 2023. Furthermore, we will reflect on the life of the Parish for the year 2022. Annual Meeting is the congregational event, so please save the date and plan to attend.

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, Michelle, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, 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, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie and JoAnne. Amin!!!

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

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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

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 13:17-21 and 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:7-23 and Luke 18:10-14

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 February

Archbishop Michael 50th anniversary celebration at Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus at 9:30 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 5th of February

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – after Divine Liturgy

Saturday 11th of February

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 12th of February

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On February 5th of 2023, after a brief coffee hour, we will have our Annual Parish Meeting. At this meeting, we will vote for acceptance of the Budget Proposal for 2023. We will also reflect on Parish life throughout the year 2022. We will remember all the achievements of our Parish as well as point out all our shortcomings that hopefully, we will address during 2023. Parish Annual Meeting is the congregational event and as such we are all expected to be present.

Blessing of the homes

We are again blessed with the opportunity to bless the homes of all our parishioners. If you would like your home to be blessed, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact Father Michael at pejovicveljko@gmail.com or via cell phone: at 848-228-1563. Blessing of the homes is a wonderful opportunity to bring the joy of the Holy Theophany into your home.

Archbishop Michael's Anniversary of Ordination

The clergy and faithful of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey are called to honor the fiftieth anniversary of His Eminence Archbishop Michael. The Divine Liturgy will be held at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Paramus on February 4th, 2023, at 9:30 am.

Parish Council Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 2023, at 7 pm via ZOOM

Lenten retreat in Wappingers Falls

Saint Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church in Wappinger Falls will host Lenten Retreat on the topic: "The Loving God of the Old Testament: Encounter the Loving God During Great Lent." The retreat will be held by Dr. Michael Legaspi, professor of Old Testament in the Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. For more information, please follow the link: [Home | St. Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church \(stgregoryny.org\)](http://Home.St.GregorytheTheologianOrthodoxChurch(stgregoryny.org)).

Soup for Sussex

Join us in supporting those in need this Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th. Please bring cans of soup to church to donate to the Sussex Center, our chosen charity, for those less fortunate. Together, we can make a difference!

Have an item for the bulletin?

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