

PLAN TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

The Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Special Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, February 6th, 2022 following Divine Liturgy. Your attendance and participation are requested. There will be a vote to accept the Budget Proposal for 2022 and the selection of a delegate to attend the All-American Council.

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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SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS - The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation. Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12). The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions. We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature; therefore, we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth. Saint Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.

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 5th of February
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 6th of February
Divine Liturgy at 10 am
Parish Special Meeting will follow Coffee Social

Saturday 12th of February
Great Vespers at 5 pm

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

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.

Our Sincere Thanks

To Valentina Bobrowsky for sewing our new red covers for the altar and the icons. May God grant her and her family many blessed years.

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.

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.

Layperson representative on All American Council

During our Special Parish Meeting on February 6th, we will vote on a layperson who will accompany me to the All-American Council which will take place in Baltimore July 18th – July 22nd. If you are interested to be a candidate for this event, please let Father Michael know.

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.

Choir participation update

Everyone is invited to join and sing in the choir for the glory of God. However, due to the rising numbers of COVID-19, all choir members are requested to wear masks.

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