

## SAVE THE DATE

**The Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Special Parish Meeting will take place on February 6<sup>th</sup> of 2022. At this meeting, we will vote for acceptance of the Budget Proposal for 2022 and on Lay Delegate for All-American Council. The meeting will take place after the Divine Liturgy. Please 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, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, 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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## The WEEKLY BULLETIN HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**BLESSED MAXIMUS THE FOOL FOR CHRIST OF TOT'MA** - Blessed Maximus Makar'ev was a priest in the city of Tot'ma (Vologda Diocese) during the first half of the XVII century, and his father was a priest. Saint Maximus was also ordained to the priesthood, and for 45 years he voluntarily undertook the difficult spiritual exploit of foolishness for Christ's sake, spending his time in unceasing prayer, fasting, and nakedness, completely neglecting to take care of his body. Father Maximus was already distinguished by grace-filled gifts from God during his lifetime. He reposed at an advanced age on January 16, 1650 and was buried near the Resurrection church of Varnitsa in the city of Tot'ma. His laborious and holy life, and the miraculous cures which flowed from his tomb, served as an incentive to write his Life, but it was destroyed in 1676 during a fire in the church of the Resurrection. A new Life was composed in 1680, and it was lost as well. Meanwhile, the miracles continued at the righteous one's tomb. Local veneration of the Saint began in 1715, because of the numerous miracles which occurred at his grave. In that year, the Priest John Rokhletsov and the parishioners of Holy Resurrection church asked Archbishop Joseph of Great Ustyug to allow them to place a sepulcher over the relics of Saint Maximus in the church of Saint Paraskevė, which was built over his relics, and to put an Icon of the Saint on the tomb. Vladyka granted their petition and gave his blessing for Molebens to be served for him, as is done for other God-pleasers. At that time, everyone still remembered the miracles which took place at the tomb of Blessed Maximus, and these miracles were depicted on the borders of the icon which adorned the God-pleaser's tomb. In 1680, Boris Tarunin, a resident of Tot'ma, fell ill with a fever and was paralyzed for six months. When he prayed to the righteous Maximus for help, he has healed right away. In 1691, the peasant Arėthas Malevinsky was bedridden for nine weeks with a fever. When he began to call upon Saint Maximus for help, his illness completely disappeared. The peasant Theodore Mamoshov was paralyzed for nine years. On the night of November 5, 1703, he dreamt that an old man, clad in just a shirt, approached his bedside and said to him, "Theodore, cease your grieving." Taking him by the shoulder, he led him into the church and commanded him to venerate his grave. When he awakened, Theodore felt so well that he was able to walk to the church of the Resurrection in order to venerate the tomb of his healer. In 1705, Anna Tataurova had not been in her right mind for a month. One night, Saint Maximus appeared to her in a dream, telling her to have two Panikhidas served at his tomb, promising her that she would recover if she did this. When the sick girl woke up, she asked to be taken to the righteous one's tomb. After the two Panikhidas were served, she felt perfectly well. Blessed Maximus is also commemorated on the third Sunday of Pentecost, the Synaxis of the Vologda Saints.

## 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](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)**

Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

## Dates to Remember

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of January**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

## Announcements

### Message from Father Michael

As your pastor, Matushka Mihaela and I are thankful for being with Holy Spirit Orthodox Church during this past year and specially to share with you the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the New Year and the Theophany. We are most appreciative of the constant help and support of the parish council member, beautiful voices of our choir, parishioners, friends of our Church and are grateful and thankful for our newly chrismated and catechumens of our church. Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is loving and welcomes everyone to worship with us and join our Church. Our thanks and God bless.

### Blessing of the homes

After a year of restriction due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are again blessed with opportunity to bless the homes of all our parishioners. If you would like your home to be blessed, please contact Father Michael on [pejovicveljko@gmail.com](mailto:pejovicveljko@gmail.com) or via cell phone: 848-228-1563. Blessing of the homes is a wonderful opportunity to bring joy of the Holy Theophany into your home.

### Please keep us informed

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

### Parish Council Meeting

A Parish Council Meeting was held Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7 pm via ZOOM.

### 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.

### Sanctity of Life Sunday announced for 2022

The annual March for Life is planned for Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in Washington DC, with the theme of "Equality Begins in the Womb." For more information, please follow this link:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/sanctity-of-life-sunday-announced-for-2022>

### Have an item for the bulletin?

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