

SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Special Parish Meeting will take place on February 6th 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, Protospesbyter 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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January 23rd, 2022

HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ANCYRA, AND MARTYR AGATHANGELUS - The Hieromartyr Clement was born in the Galatian city of Ancyra in the year 258, of a pagan father and a Christian mother. He lost his father when he was an infant, and his mother when he was twelve. She predicted a martyr's death for him because of his belief in Christ. A woman named Sophia adopted him and raised him in the fear of God. During a terrible famine in Galatia, several pagans turned out their own children, not having the means to feed them. Sophia took in these unfortunates and fed and clothed them. Saint Clement assisted her in this. He taught the children and prepared them for Baptism. Saint Clement was made a reader, and later a deacon. When he was eighteen, he was ordained to the holy priesthood, and at age twenty he was consecrated Bishop of Ancyra. Soon afterward the persecution against Christians under Diocletian (284-305) broke out. The governor of Galatia tried to make the saint worship the pagan gods, but Saint Clement firmly confessed his faith and valiantly withstood all the tortures. They suspended him on a tree and raked his body with sharp iron instruments so that his entrails could be seen. They smashed his mouth with stones, and they turned him on a wheel and burned him over a low fire. The Lord preserved His sufferer and healed his lacerated body. Then Domitian sent the saint to Rome to the emperor Diocletian himself. Diocletian, seeing the martyr completely healthy, did not believe the report and subjected him to even crueller tortures, and then had him locked up in prison. Many of the pagans, seeing the bravery of the saint and the miraculous healing of his wounds, believed in Christ. People flocked to Saint Clement in prison for guidance, healing, and Baptism, so that the prison was literally transformed into a church. When word of this reached the emperor, many of these new Christians were executed. Diocletian, struck by the amazing endurance of Saint Clement, sent him to Nicomedia to his co-emperor Maximian. On the ship, the saint was joined by his disciple Agathangelus, who had avoided being executed with the other confessors, and who now wanted to suffer and die for Christ with Bishop Clement. The emperor Maximian, in turn, sent Saints Clement and Agathangelus to the governor Agrippina, who subjected them to such inhuman torments, that even the pagan on-lookers felt pity for the martyrs, and they began to pelt the torturers with stones. Having been set free, the saints healed an inhabitant of the city through the laying on of hands and they baptized and instructed people, thronging to them in multitudes. Arrested again on orders of Maximian, they were sent home to Ancyra, where the ruler Cyrenius had them tortured. Then they were sent to the city of Amasea to the proconsul Dometius, known for his great cruelty. In Amasea, the martyrs were thrown into hot lime. They spent a whole day in it and remained unharmed. They flayed them, beat them with iron rods, set them on red-hot beds, and poured sulfur on their bodies. All this failed to harm the saints, and they were sent to Tarsus for new tortures. In the wilderness along the way, Saint Clement had a revelation that he would suffer a total of twenty-eight years for Christ. Then having endured a multitude of tortures, the saints were locked up in prison. Saint Agathangelus was beheaded with the sword on November 5. The Christians of Ancyra freed Saint Clement from prison and took him to a cave church. There, after celebrating Liturgy, the saint announced to the faithful the impending end of the persecution and his own martyrdom. On January 23, the holy hierarch was killed by soldiers from the city, who stormed the church. The saint was beheaded as he stood before the altar and offered the Bloodless Sacrifice. Two deacons, Christopher and Chariton, were beheaded with him, but no one else was harmed.

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 22nd of January
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 23rd of January
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 29th of January
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 30th of January
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Tuesday 1st of February
Great Vespers at 6 pm

Wednesday 2nd of February
THE MEETING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, IN THE TEMPLE
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 5th of February
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 6th of February
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 especially 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, the 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.

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.

Blessing of the homes

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

2021 Financial Statements

Douglas Dobrzynski, Senior Warden, will soon have financial statements for last year to all who made donations to our Church. If you have questions or would like your statement emailed or sent via mail, let Douglas 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: pejovicveljko@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.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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