

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA

**Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 1:15-17**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28**

**Troparion — Tone 3**

**Today the New Martyrs of Russia stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, / and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: / "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, / and power, and strength be to our God / unto the ages of ages. Amen."**

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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Archpriest Paul, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Engelsman, 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, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery, Halyna (Klima), Sergey, John, Francis, Anna, Birgin, Richard Matthews, Tanya and John Francis and Pamela.

**\*\*\* 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA** - On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history. It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God. In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

## Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5pm 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 25<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Baptism of Harper May after Coffee Hour**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of February**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February**

**MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

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

**PARISH YEARLY MEETING**

**Following Divine Liturgy and brief Coffee Hour**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Visitor Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy you are invited to join us for light refreshment in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation and ask any questions you may have.

### Join us for the Baptism

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of January, Harper May Trevenen, daughter of Stephanie Trevenen-Holtz, will be baptized into the Holy Orthodox Faith. Please plan to attend this wonderful event. Furthermore, please keep Harper May in your prayers.

### Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

Please plan to worship with us for the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple. Great Vespers will be on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> of February at 5 pm and Divine Liturgy will be on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of February at 10 am.

### Blessing of the homes

We are again 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](mailto:pejovicveljko@gmail.com). Blessing of the homes is a wonderful opportunity to bring the joy of the Holy Theophany into your home.

### Contribution Letters

Yearly contribution letters are now available in the Narthex. Please take yours and thank you for your support. May God grant you many blessed years!

### ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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 2025. We will also reflect on Parish life throughout the year 2024. We will remember all the achievements of our Parish as well as point out all our shortcomings that hopefully, we will address during 2025. Parish Annual Meeting is the congregational event and as such we are all expected to be present.

### His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Announces Sanctity of Life Sunday

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has designated Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as Sanctity of Life Sunday to be observed in the parishes of the Orthodox Church in America. For more information, please follow the link:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon-announces-sanctity-of-life-sunday-january-26-2025>

### Have an item for the bulletin?

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