

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. 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 toward 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 comes to this house” (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology and Trisagion at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is in Tone 1, 3, 5, or 7) we sing the Troparion of the Resurrection: “Today salvation comes to the world, let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He has given us victory and great mercy.” 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.

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

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 28th of January

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 29th of January

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Wednesday 1st of February

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Thursday 2nd of February

MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 4th of February

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 5th of February

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

THE MEETING OF OUR LORD

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, you are welcome to worship with us for the Feast of The Meeting of our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple at Vespers on Wednesday, February 1st at 6 pm and Divine Liturgy on Thursday, February 2nd at 10 am. After Divine Liturgy, we will have the traditional blessing of the candles.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On February 5th, 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 shortcomings that we hope to address during 2023. The Parish Annual Meeting is a congregational event and, as such, we all should 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 10:00 am. A commemorative buffet luncheon will be held at 1:00 pm at the Brownstone, Peterson NJ. Please find the advertisement and the reservation form attached.

Parish Council Meeting

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

March for life 2023

Metropolitan Tikhon participates in the 2023 March for Life along with bishops, clergy, and faithful from around the country. For more information please follow the link: [Metropolitan Tikhon participates in the 2023 March for Life along with bishops, clergy, and faithful from around the country - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](http://oca.org)

Food Donation Cart

Thanks to Dan Taylor we are blessed with the donated cart in the narthex. Whenever you are shopping remember those who are hungry and purchase one or more items for our donation cart.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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