

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, 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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[HIEROMARTYR HIPPOLYTUS, AND THOSE WITH HIM](#) - The Hieromartyr Hippolytus, and the Martyrs Censorinus, Sabinus, Chryse the Virgin, and 20 others suffered during the third century. When Saint Hippolytus, Bishop of Rome, learned of the suffering of the martyrs, he appeared before the governor despite his advanced years and rebuked the torturers for their inhumanity. The enraged governor sentenced the holy bishop to be tortured. After long torments, they tied him hand and foot and threw him into the sea. Saint Censorinus was a high-ranking magistrate during the reign of the Roman emperor Claudius II (268-270). He was arrested and thrown into prison for his faith in Christ. By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, he raised up a dead man. As a result, twenty soldiers and prison guards were converted to Christ. They were beheaded with Saint Censorinus. Then the virgin Chryse was brought for interrogation. She bravely confessed herself a Christian and was subjected to torture. They lashed her sides and burned the wounds with candles. Then she was stretched out on the ground and beaten with heavy clubs. Not content with this, they broke her jaw with a rock and her back with leaden balls. Although she was covered with wounds, she confessed her faith as she was dying. So cruel was the brutality of her murderers that they tied a large stone around her neck and threw her into the sea. Saint Chryse was thrown into the deep, but the newly slain bride emerged from the ocean and entered the heavenly Bridal-Chamber. Although her body disappeared into the water, her memory remains eternal and immortal, even more, golden than her illustrious name. [Footnote: Chryse means "golden."] Saint Sabinus was the servant of Saint Chryse. The depraved idolaters beat him mercilessly with heavy leaden balls on his neck, then they hung him up on a tree and burned his entrails. After giving thanks to God, he surrendered his soul to Christ. With Saint, Chryse suffered the martyrs Ares, Felix, Maximus, Herculianus, Venerius, Stiracius, Mennas, Commodus, Hermes, Maurus, Eusebius, Rusticus, Monagrius, Amandinus, Olympius, Cyprus, Theodore the Tribune, Maximus the Presbyter, Archelaus the Deacon, and Cyriacus the Bishop. All these Roman martyrs suffered in the year 269. The relics of the Hieromartyr Hippolytus were put in the church of the holy Martyrs Laurence and Pope Damasus at Rome. Saint Hippolytus was a disciple of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop of Lugdunum (Lyons in France), and he is also renowned as a Christian theologian who wrote many treatises against the heretics. Saint Hippolytus compiled a Paschal Canon, the famous Apostolic Tradition, "On Christ", and a "Treatise on the Antichrist." Saint Hippolytus also wrote many commentaries on Holy Scripture, on the Biblical Books: Genesis, Exodus, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, and on the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John, and on the Prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, on the Psalms of David and on the Apocalypse. Part of his works is preserved only in fragments. His discourses, devoted to the Theophany and the Prophet Daniel, are preserved in full. His discourses demonstrate his masterful style of preaching. He was one of the last Western Fathers to write in Greek.

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 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
Blessing of the Candles will follow the Divine Liturgy

Saturday 5th of February
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 6th of February
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

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.

Feast of the Meeting of our Lord and candle blessing

On Wednesday 2nd of February, we will celebrate the Feast of Meeting of the Lord. After the Divine Liturgy, we will bless the candles to be used in the coming year, as well as the processional candles and the candles that you might use in your home.

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. 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!

Have an item for the bulletin?

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