

Sunday, 14th of July 2024

FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX COUNCILS

Epistle: Heb. 13:7-16; Rom. 5:1-10

Gospel: John 17:1-13; Matthew 6:22-33

Kontakion – Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God, / You have established the Fathers as lights upon the earth, / and through them, You have guided all of us to the true Faith! / O greatly compassionate one, glory to You.

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 Joseph, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospresbyter 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, 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, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery and Halyna (Klima). Amen!

***** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski*****

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APOSTLE AQUILA OF THE SEVENTY - Saint Aquila, Apostle of the 70: It is possible that he was a disciple of the Apostle Paul, a native of Pontus and a Jew, living in the city of Rome with his wife Priscilla (they are commemorated on February 13 on the Greek Calendar). During the reign of the emperor Claudius (41-54) all the Jews were banished from Rome, so Saint Aquila and his wife were compelled to leave. They settled in Corinth. A short while later, the holy Apostle Paul arrived there from Athens preaching the Gospel. Having made the acquaintance of Aquila, he began to live at his house and labored together with him, making tents. Having received Baptism from the Apostle Paul, Aquila and Priscilla became his devoted and zealous disciples. They accompanied the apostle to Ephesus. The Apostle Paul instructed them to continue the preaching of the Gospel at Ephesus, and he himself went to Jerusalem, in order to be present for the feast of Pentecost. At Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla heard the bold preaching of a newcomer from Alexandria, the Jew Apollos. He had been instructed in the fundamentals of the Faith, but knew only the baptism of John the Forerunner. They called him over and explained more precisely about the way of the Lord. After the death of the emperor Claudius, Jews were permitted to return to Italy, and Aquila and Priscilla then returned to Rome. The Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Romans recalls his faithful disciples, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, who put forth their heads for my soul, whom I do not alone thank, but also all the Church of the Gentiles and the church of their household" (Rom. 16: 3-4). Saint Aquila did not long dwell in Rome: the Apostle Paul made him a bishop in Asia. Saint Aquila zealously labored at preaching the Gospel in Asia, Achaia and Heraklia. He converted pagans to Christ, he confirmed newly-converted Christians in the faith, he established presbyters and destroyed idols. Saint Priscilla constantly assisted him in the apostolic work. Saint Aquila ended his life a martyr: pagans murdered him. According to the Tradition of the Church, Saint Priscilla was killed together with him.

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

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 13th of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 14th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 20th of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 21st of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Tuesday 23rd of July

Stuffed Cabbage Casserole making

9 am – until finished

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshments in the church hall.

Many Blessed Years!

On Saturday 6th of July, Gabriel (Thorin) and Cassia (Rhiannon) Neisler, children of Theophan (Travis) Neisler and Gabrielle Fiona Claire Raghoobar were received in Holy Orthodox Faith. Many Blessed years to the newly baptized children of God Gabriel and Cassia and their godparents Panteleimon (Edgar) and Xenia (Olivia).

Welcome and Pray for our newest Catechumen

Please remember in your prayers Alvar who was received as a catechumen on Pentecost Sunday. Please pray for him as he prepares for the Sacrament of Baptism and Chrismation.

Stuffed Cabbage Casseroles

We will be making Stuffed Cabbage casseroles Tuesday July 23rd at the Sussex Firehouse, 25 Loomis Ave, Sussex, NJ 07461, starting at 9:00 am until finished. We also need a few people to stay later and help clean up. Thank you.

Parish Council Conference on Parish Management

Parish Council Conference on Parish Management will take place on Saturday, August 10th, 2024, from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Gregory Palamas Church, 5th Church Street, Glen Gardner, NJ. This annual conference is intended for any and all parishioners, especially those who are serving on parish councils. If you are interested to attend, please speak with Father Michael.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Visits St. Tikhon's Camp

On Thursday, July 4th, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon traveled to St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary to visit St. Tikhon's Camp of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. For more information please follow the link: [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Visits St. Tikhon's Camp - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](http://HisBeatitudeMetropolitanTikhonVisitsSt.Tikhon'sCamp-OrthodoxChurchinAmerica(oca.org))

HSOC Cleaning Help Needed

Now with more families attending Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, we are in need of anyone and everyone who is willing to help clean the Church. Many hands make for light work. For a cleaning schedule and any questions, please call or text Maritsa Farren at (973)670-8728.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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