

Sunday 16th of July 2023

**HIEROMARTYR ANTHENOGENES, AND HIS TEN
DISCIPLES**

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 13:7-16; Romans 12:6-14

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13; Matthew 9:1-8

Troparion – Tone 2

**Most blessed and wise Bishop and Martyr Athenogenes, / you grew
as a palm tree in the Monastic life; / towering as a cedar in your
struggles, / through your teachings you brought a number of
martyrs to Christ. / We honor them together with 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 Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Matushka Svetlana, Karen, Edward, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, 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, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia and Adrian. Amen!!!

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

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DISCIPLES**

- Hieromartyr Athenogenes and his Ten Disciples suffered for Christ during the persecution of Christians in the city of Sebastea in Cappadocia. The governor Philomachos arranged a large festival in honor of the pagan gods and called upon the citizens of Sebastea to offer sacrifice to the idols. Most of the inhabitants of Sebastea were Christians, and refused to participate in the impious celebration. Soldiers were ordered to kill those who resisted, and so many Christians received a martyr's crown. It came to the governor's attention that Christianity was spreading because of the grace-filled preaching of Bishop Athenogenes. Soldiers were ordered to find the Elder and arrest him. Bishop Athenogenes and ten of his disciples lived in a small monastery not far from the city. The soldiers did not find the bishop there, so they arrested his disciples. The governor ordered that they be bound with chains and thrown into prison. Saint Athenogenes was arrested when he came to Sebastea to inform the judge that those who had been jailed were innocent. While in prison, Saint Athenogenes encouraged his spiritual children for their impending struggle. Led forth to trial, all the holy martyrs confessed themselves Christians and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. After undergoing fierce tortures, the disciples of the holy bishop were beheaded. After the execution of the disciples, the executioners were ordered to torture the bishop. Strengthened by the Lord, Saint Athenogenes underwent the tortures with dignity. His only request was that he be executed in the monastery. Taken to his own monastery, the saint gave thanks to God, and he rejoiced in the sufferings that he had undergone for Him. Saint Athenogenes asked that the Lord would forgive the sins of all those who would remember both him and his disciples. The Lord granted the saint to hear His Voice before death, announcing the promise given to the penitent thief: "Today you shall be with Me in Paradise." The Hieromartyr willingly bent his neck beneath the sword.

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 15th of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 16th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 22nd of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 23rd of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Tuesday 25th of July

Cabbage Roll Casserole Making 8am – 4 pm

Sussex Fire House, 25 Loomis Ave, Sussex, NJ 07461

Friday 4th of August – Saturday 12th of August

NJ STATE FAIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors 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.

Baptism

On Saturday, July 8th, 2023, Myles, son of Aaron and Michelle Nanjero, was baptized by the Very Rev. Samuel Kedala and Rev. Michael Pejovic at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage NJ. Many blessed years to the Nanjero family, his godparents, and grandparents.

Mark Your Calendar

Cabbage Roll Casserole Making

In preparation for the NJ State Fair, HSOC's largest fundraiser, we invite you and look forward to your volunteering to assist with the making of the cabbage roll casseroles. See date and location below:

Tuesday, July 25th, 2023, 8 am-4 pm

Sussex Fire House

25 Loomis Ave

Sussex, NJ 07461

There is a \$150 rental fee for the Sussex Fire House facility and any offering to offset this cost would be appreciated. Speak with Nadine and Mike Olsen or Mark Benda, Co-Chairpeople for this event, for more information and to sign up to assist on this day. You're welcome and invited to join us for a productive and fun day!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Saint Olympia Mission

On Monday and Tuesday, July 24-25, His Eminence Archbishop Michael invites all to join a Diocesan pilgrimage to Saint Olympia Mission, in Potsdam/Norwood, NY. For more information, please follow this link: [DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ST. OLYMPIA MISSION, POTSDAM, NY; JULY 24-25 | Diocese of New York and New Jersey - OCA \(nynjoca.org\)](https://www.dioocesannynj.org/missions/pilgrimage-to-saint-olympia-mission-potsdam-ny-july-24-25)

Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor's Appreciation Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend a New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner for the 2022 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, hosted with gratitude by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael. The event will take place on October 8, 2023, at 5 pm at Saint Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Manville NJ. For more information please see attached flyer.

Food Donation Cart

The need to continue to assist those in need continues and we ask that when you are shopping, please remember those who are less fortunate and purchase one or more items for the donation cart. If you would like to know the current needs of the Sussex Help Center, please talk with Dan Taylor. Our thanks to you and God Bless!