

SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Annual Parish Meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 2021 has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 19, 2021 Immediately following 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:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, the priest Gregory, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Nadine Olsen, Marianna, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner and Helen Schweizer. Amen!!!

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



[Grand Duchess Elizabeth](#)



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The WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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July 18th, 2021

All the time, no matter what you do, whether you are sitting, walking, or working, say with your heart, "Lord have mercy!"

St. Nikon of Optina

GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH - Saint Elizabeth was the older sister of Tsarina Alexandra, and was married to the Grand Duke Sergius, the governor of Moscow. She converted to Orthodoxy from Protestantism of her own free will, and organized women from all levels of society to help the soldiers at the front and in the hospitals. Grand Duke Sergius was killed by an assassin's bomb on February 4, 1905, just as Saint Elizabeth was leaving for her workshops. Remarkably, she visited her husband's killer in prison and urged him to repent. After this, she began to withdraw from her former social life. She devoted herself to the Convent of Saints Martha and Mary, a community of nuns which focused on worshiping God and also helping the poor. She moved out of the palace into a building she purchased on Ordinka. Women from the nobility, and also from the common people, were attracted to the convent. Saint Elizabeth nursed sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals and on the battle front. On Pascha of 1918, the Communists ordered her to leave Moscow, and join the royal family near Ekaterinburg. She left with a novice, Sister Barbara, and an escort of Latvian guards. After arriving in Ekaterinburg, Saint Elizabeth was denied access to the Tsar's family. She was placed in a convent, where she was warmly received by the sisters. At the end of May Saint Elizabeth was moved to nearby Alopaevsk with the Grand Dukes Sergius, John, and Constantine, and the young Count Vladimir Paley. They were all housed in a schoolhouse on the edge of town. Saint Elizabeth was under guard, but was permitted to go to church and work in the garden. On the night of July 5, they were all taken to a place twelve miles from Alopaevsk and executed. The Grand Duke Sergius was shot, but the others were thrown down a mineshaft, then grenades were tossed after them. Saint Elizabeth lived for several hours, and could be heard singing hymns. The bodies of Saint Elizabeth and Saint Barbara were taken to Jerusalem in 1920, and buried in the church of Saint Mary Magdalene.

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5 pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:40am 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 17th of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Panikhida for Very Rev. Archpriest Stephen Kachur after Vespers

Sunday 18th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 24th of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 25th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Parish Celebration – after Divine Liturgy

Monday 26th of July

Cooking Day at 8 am in the Sussex Firehouse

Saturday August 7th – Saturday August 14th

New Jersey State Fair

Announcements

Welcome!

Everyone is welcome and invited to visit and worship with us and experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5:00 pm and/or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10:00 am.

Memorial Service

On Saturday, July 17th, following Vespers, there will be a Panikhida for the Very Rev. Archpriest Stephen Kachur.

Parish Celebration – Sunday, July 25th – Everyone is invited!

This is our time to celebrate and give thanks for being mortgage FREE. We're all invited to celebrate this great accomplishment following Divine Liturgy with a summer potluck. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Thank you all and God bless you.

Cooking day July 26 – Cabbage Casseroles – Help Wanted!

On July 26th we are dedicating time for the preparation of the Cabbage Casserole which will be sold at the upcoming NJ State Fair August 7th – August 14th. We need all the help that we can get. We'll meet on July 26th in the Sussex Firehouse, 25 Loomis Ave., Sussex NJ 07461 at 8 am and we will stay there until we are finished. Any help is welcomed. For more information, please contact Mark Benda on (973)997-8801. Thank you and God Bless you.

Mark your Calendar – NJ STATE FAIR – August 7th – 14th

Our church will once again participate in this event as the major fundraiser for our church. As in the past, there is an initial expense to our church. Any financial assistance you can offer to offset the initial expense to the church would be helpful - and we are thankful. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda for more information and details. It's a fun event and your help at the fairgrounds is needed and appreciated. No experience necessary. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

A Message from Father Michael

Although Matushka Mihaela and I will be away for the month of August, the Mitred Archpriest George Hasenecz and Priest Alexander Smida, will be the covering priests during my absence. Please contact the Archpriest Samuel Kedala if you wish to participate in the sacrament of confession during this time. You may contact me via email or phone or speak with me at the coffee social if you have any questions or concerns. Please pray for me, my wife and family and know that you are all in my prayers as well.

Covid-19 Guidelines:

The church has abided by all the guidelines. The church plate, used for offerings, will resume being passed in church on Sunday, July 18th.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be **Monday, September 6th at 6 pm via ZOOM**. If you would like to receive minutes from the Parish Council Meetings please contact Mary Osinski.