

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

Sunday 17th of July

FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX COUNCILS

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:1-10; Hebrews 13:7-16

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-9:1; John 17:1-13

Troparion — 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 Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine Olsen, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine 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 and Michael. Amen!!!

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

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[GREATMARTYR MARINA \(MARGARET\) OF ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA](#) - The Holy Great Martyr Marina was born in Asia Minor, in the city of Antioch of Pisidia (southern Asia Minor), into the family of a pagan priest. In infancy she lost her mother, and her father gave her into the care of a nursemaid, who raised Marina in the Orthodox Faith. Upon learning that his daughter had become a Christian, the father angrily disowned her. During the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), when she was fifteen years old, Saint Marina was arrested and locked up in prison. With firm trust in the will of God and His help, the young prisoner prepared for her impending fate. The governor Olymbrios, charmed with the beautiful girl, tried to persuade her to renounce the Christian Faith and become his wife. But the saint, unswayed, refused his offers. The vexed governor gave the holy martyr over to torture. Having beaten her fiercely, they fastened the saint with nails to a board and tore at her body with tridents. The governor himself, unable to bear the horror of these tortures, hid his face in his hands. But the holy martyr remained unyielding. Thrown for the night into prison, she was granted heavenly aid and healed of her wounds. They stripped her and tied her to a tree, then burned the martyr with fire. Barely alive, the martyr prayed: "Lord, You have granted me to go through fire for Your Name, grant me also to go through the water of holy Baptism." Hearing the word "water", the governor gave orders to drown the saint in a large cauldron. The martyr besought the Lord that this manner of execution should become for her holy Baptism. When they plunged her into the water, there suddenly shone a light, and a snow-white dove came down from Heaven, bearing in its beak a golden crown. The fetters put upon Saint Marina came apart by themselves. The martyr stood up in the fount of Baptism glorifying the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Saint Marina emerged from the fount completely healed, without any trace of burns. Amazed at this miracle, the people glorified the True God, and many came to believe. This brought the governor into a rage, and he gave orders to kill anyone who might confess the Name of Christ. 15,000 Christians perished there, and the holy Martyr Marina was beheaded. The sufferings of the Great Martyr Marina were described by an eyewitness of the event, named Theotimos. Up until the taking of Constantinople by Western crusaders in the year 1204, the relics of the Great Martyr Marina were in the Panteponteia monastery. According to other sources, they were located in Antioch until the year 908 and from there transferred to Italy. Now they are in Athens, in a church dedicated to the holy Virgin Martyr.

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 16th of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 17th of July
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 23rd of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 24th of July
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Friday 5th of August – Saturday 13th of August
NJ STATE FAIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Welcome!

Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us at Holy Spirit Church and to experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5 pm and/or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am. Fellowship and light refreshments follow Divine Liturgy.

Parish Council Meeting

Last Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday, July 11th and the next one is scheduled for Monday, August 22nd at 7pm via ZOOM.

20th All-American Council

Adrian Pawelko and I will represent our parish at the 20th All-American Council in Baltimore, MD this week, July 18-22, 2022. Please share with us your thoughts or any input you may have prior to our departing for Maryland. For more information please follow this link: [All-American Councils - The 20th All-American Council - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](http://All-American Councils - The 20th All-American Council - Orthodox Church in America (oca.org)). In the event of an emergency during this time, you may contact me via email: pejovicveljko@gmail.com or cell (848)228-1563.

Volunteer Opportunities

Mark your calendar and plan to volunteer and participate in the preparation and cleanup for the forthcoming NJ State Fair. You are welcome to give as much or little time as you can. You will be a vital part of the success of this yearly event.

Wednesday, July 27th, 8am-4pm

Cabbage Roll Production, Sussex Fire House, 25 Loomis Ave, Sussex, NJ 07461

Tuesday, August 2nd, 8am-Completion

Cleanup at the Food Booth at the Fairgrounds

This is an opportunity for you to get to know people of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church and build relationships. Sign up sheet will be available. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda, Chairpersons of this event, for more information or if you have questions.

Department of Evangelization update

The Department of Evangelization of the Orthodox Church in America has released the final series of free printable brochures available for download. For more information please follow this link: [Department of Evangelization Releases Final Free Brochures for Download - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](http://Department of Evangelization Releases Final Free Brochures for Download - Orthodox Church in America (oca.org))

Have an item for the bulletin?

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