

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2024**

**PROPHET EZEKIEL**

**Epistle: Romans 6:18-23**

**Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13**

**Kontakion – Tone 4**

**Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy; / for you saw things far off as if they were near. / Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophet Ezekiel.**

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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**THE FINDING OF THE HONORED RELICS OF THE VENERABLE GREAT PRINCESS AND NUN ANNA OF KASHIN**

- The Holy right-believing Princess Anna of Kashin (Euphrosynē in monasticism) reposed on October 2, 1368. On July 21, 1649, Archbishop Jonah of Kazan and some of the local clergy opened Saint Anna's tomb, and noticed that her relics were incorrupt. Several miracles of healing occurred at that time. The clergy and citizens of Kashin petitioned Tsar Alexei (reigned 1645-1676) to order an examination of Princess Anna's relics. In 1650, a Council of the Russian Church met and decided to number Princess Anna among the Saints, ordering a Church Service to be composed for her, and that she be venerated throughout Russia. The solemn transfer of her relics from the wooden Dormition Cathedral to the stone Resurrection Cathedral took place on June 12, 1650. In 1677 Patriarch Joachim proposed to the Moscow Council that Saint Anna's veneration throughout Russia should be discontinued because of the Old Believer Schism, which made use of her name for its own purposes. When she was buried, her hand was positioned to make the Sign of the Cross with two fingers, rather than three. Therefore, only her local veneration was permitted. However, the memory of Saint Anna, whom God had glorified, could not be erased by a decree. People continued to love and venerate her, and many miracles took place at her tomb. Finally, the Church-wide veneration of Saint Anna was restored on June 12, 1909. During the Soviet period, however, the relics of Saint Anna were taken from the Cathedral and moved several times. Finally on June 25, 1993, her relics were returned to Kashin's Resurrection Cathedral.

### 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.

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### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of July**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of July**

**Stuffed Cabbage Casserole making  
9 am – until finished**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>  
NJ STATE FAIR**

### 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.

#### Offerings to HSOC

Although it's summer and many of us are enjoying time away, the expenses of the church continue. Please remember to make regular offerings to the parish. Many blessings to all and have a happy and safe summer and see you at the Fair!

#### Stuffed Cabbage Casseroles

We will be making Stuffed Cabbage casseroles Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday

The Hierarchs of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops have blessed the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Silas to be Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday in all US parishes. In 2024, this occurs on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. In order to support this important ministry, special collection will be collected on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Parish Council Conference on Parish Management

Parish Council Conference on Parish Management will take place on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Gregory Palamas Church, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### NJ State Fair – August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

It's that time of the year! As in the past, HSOC is again participating in this event. Everyone is invited to participate by volunteering to work at the Fair and to invite family and friends to this major fundraiser for our church. Any additional financial assistance you can offer would be appreciated and helpful. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda to volunteer or for more information. See you at the Fair!

#### 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?

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