

Sunday 24th of July

**MARTYRS AND PASSION-BEARERS
BORIS AND GLEB**

Epistle Reading: Matthew 9:1-8 and John 15:17-16:2

Gospel Reading: Romans 12:6-14; 8:28-39

Kontakion — Tone 3

Today your most glorious memory shines forth, / noble participants in the passion of Christ, holy Boris and Gleb, / for you call us together to sing praises to Christ our God! / Praying to Him before your sacred images, / we receive the gift of healing by your prayers, / for you are indeed divine healers.

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, Protopresbyter 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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MARTYRS AND PASSION-BEARERS BORIS AND GLEB - Saints Boris and Gleb were sons of Saint Vladimir (July 15). Saint Boris was named Romanus and Saint Gleb was named David at their Baptism. After their father's death the eldest son Sviatopolk planned to kill his brothers Boris, Gleb, and Yaroslav in order to seize power. He sent a message to Boris, pretending that he wished to live in peace with him, and to increase Boris's land holdings inherited from their father. Some of Vladimir's advisers told Boris that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kiev. Saint Boris, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Unfortunately, Sviatopolk was not so scrupulous. He came to the town of Vyshegorod to ask its leaders if they were loyal to him. They assured him that they were ready to die for him. Sviatopolk sent assassins to the Alta to kill Boris, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin. Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances, and also killed some of Boris's servants. Wrapping Boris in a cloth, they threw him onto a wagon and drove off with him. When Sviatopolk saw that he was still breathing, he sent some men to finish him off with swords. After Sviatopolk had killed Boris, he wondered, "Now how can I kill Gleb?" He sent him a message saying that their father was ill and wished to see him. As he was on his way, he received word from Yaroslav that their father had died and that Sviatopolk had murdered Boris. Saint Gleb wept for his father and brother, and was lamenting them when the assassins arrived. They seized his boat and drew their weapons, but it was Gleb's cook Torchin who stabbed him with a knife. The martyr's body was thrown onto the shore between two trees. Later, he was buried beside Saint Boris in the church of Saint Basil. Saints Boris and Gleb received the crown of martyrdom in 1015. They became known as Passion-Bearers, since they did not resist evil with violence. The holy martyrs Princes Boris and Gleb are also commemorated on May 2.

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 23rd of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 24th of July
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 30th of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 31th of July
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

August 1st – August 15th
DORMITION FAST

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.

Jacob's Well

Hard copies of the diocesan magazine, *Jacob's Well*, are available in the narthex. Please feel free to take one home for yourself and another for a family member or a friend.

From the 20th ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL

The 20th AAC of the Orthodox Church in America met on July 18-22, 2022, in Baltimore, MD. Adrian Pawelko, past Senior Warden at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, and I were blessed, thanks to the support of HSOC, to be able to attend this year's AAC. This AAC was special to me, being your parish priest, and to Adrian as it was our first time attending an AAC. At the AAC, there was the liturgical schedule, lots of meetings, reports and voting and a great time for fellowship and to meet new people and friends. Again, my thanks and I look forward to sharing with you highlights of the AAC.

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.

Youth Day at Treescape Aerial Adventure Park, Vernon NJ

Saturday, August 20th, 2022, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

The Department of Youth announced that Youth Day will be held at a very close proximity to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage. This event and adventure is open to everyone from age 4 and up. Everyone, including children, teens, recent graduates, and parents are invited to join in on the fun. There is no fee and lunch is included. Link for flyer and complete details: <https://www.nynjoca.org/files/2022/YD-Flyer.pdf>

Have an item for the bulletin?

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