

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*****



[Dormition of the Righteous Anna, the Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos](#)

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HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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July 25th, 2021

Have confidence in the compassion of our Creator. Reflect well on what you are now doing, and keep before you the things you have done. Lift up your eyes to the overflowing compassion of heaven, and while He waits for you, draw near in tears to our merciful Judge. Having before your mind that He is a Just Judge, do not take your sins lightly; and having also in mind that He is compassionate, do not despair. The God-Man gives man confidence before God.

Saint Gregory the Great

DORMITION OF THE RIGHTEOUS ANNA, THE MOTHER OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS - Saint Anna was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos. During the reign of Saint Justinian the Emperor (527-565), a church was built in her honor at Deutera. Emperor Justinian II (685-695; 705-711) restored her church, since Saint Anna had appeared to his pregnant wife. It was at this time that her body and maphorion (veil) were transferred to Constantinople. Portions of Saint Anna's holy relics may be found on Mount Athos: Stavronikita Monastery (part of her left hand), Saint Anna's Skete (part of her incorrupt left foot), and Koutloumousiou Monastery (part of her incorrupt right foot). Fragments of her relics may also be found in her Monastery at Lygaria, Lamia, and in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian at Sourota. Part of the saint's incorrupt flesh is in the collection of Saints' relics of the International Catholic Crusaders. The church of Saint Paul outside the Walls in Rome has one of the saint's wrists. Saint Anna is also commemorated on September 9.

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 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 31st of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 1st of August

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday August 7th – Saturday August 14th

New Jersey State Fair

Sunday 19th of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING after Divine Liturgy

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.

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

Following Divine Liturgy today, there will be a Parish Celebration, with a summer BBQ, to give thanks for being mortgage FREE. The BBQ event will be right here on the beautiful grounds of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage. Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate this great event and accomplishment and be thankful to the Lord for his many blessings bestowed upon us.

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 Hasencz 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:

Covid-19 Guidelines: The church has abided by all CDC guidelines. The church plate, used for offerings, will now resume being passed in church.

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.

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com