

Sunday 2nd of July 2023

**SAINT JOHN MAXIMOVITH, ARCHBISHOP OF
SHANGHAI AND SAN FRANCISCO**

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew: 8:5-13

Troparion – Tone 4

**Your heart went out to all who entreat you with love, O
hierarchy John, / and who remember the struggle of your life,
and thy painless and easy repose, / O faithful servant of the
all-pure Directress.**

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, Protospyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Matushka Svetlana, Karen, Edward, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance 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, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia and Adrian. Amen!!!

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

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The future Saint John was born on June 4, 1896, in the village of Adamovka in Kharkiv province to pious aristocrats, Boris and Glafira Maximovitch. He was given the baptismal name of Michael, after the Holy Archangel Michael. He and his family fled their country as the Bolshevik revolutionaries descended on the country, emigrating to Yugoslavia. There, he enrolled in the Department of Theology of the University of Belgrade. He was tonsured a monk in 1926 by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) of Kharkov (later the first primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia). Metropolitan Anthony later in 1926 ordained him hierodeacon. Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk ordained him hieromonk on November 21, 1926. Subsequent to his ordination he began an active life of teaching in a Serbian high school and serving, at the request of local Greeks and Macedonians, in the Greek language. With the growth of his popularity, the bishops of the Russian Church Abroad resolved to elevate him to the episcopate. Hieromonk John was consecrated bishop on May 28, 1934, with Metropolitan Anthony serving as principal consecrator, after which he was assigned to the Diocese of Shanghai. Twelve years later he was named Archbishop of China. He inspired many activities: building of churches, hospitals, and orphanages among the Orthodox and Russians of Shanghai. He was intensely active, constantly praying and serving the daily cycle of services, while also visiting the sick with the Holy Gifts. With the end of World War II and the coming to power of the communists in China, Bishop John led the exodus of his community from Shanghai in 1949. Initially, he helped some 5,000 refugees to a camp on the island of Tubabao in the Philippines, while he travelled successfully to Washington, D.C., to lobby to amend the law to allow these refugees to enter the United States. It was while on this trip that Bishop John took time to establish a parish in Washington dedicated to Saint John the Forerunner. In 1951, Archbishop John was assigned to the Archdiocese of Western Europe with his cathedra in Paris. In 1962, Archbishop John was assigned to the Diocese of San Francisco, succeeding his long-time friend Archbishop Tikhon. Archbishop John's days in San Francisco were to prove sorrowful as he attempted to heal the great disunity in his community. He was able to bring peace such that the new cathedral, dedicated to the Joy of all Who Sorrow Icon of the Mother of God, was completed. He reposed during a visit to Seattle on July 2, 1966, while accompanying a tour of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God. He was laid to rest in a crypt chapel under the main altar of the new 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.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 1st of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 2nd of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 8th of July

Baptism of Myles Nanjero at 1 pm

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 9th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 15th of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 16th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Friday 4th of August – Saturday 12th 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.

Baptism of Myles Nanjero

With joy I am informing you that Myles Nanjero, grandson of Nadine and Michael Olsen, will be baptized on July 8th at 1 pm. The churching of Michelle Nanjero will take place before Divine Liturgy on July 2nd. As community we are all called to come and witness the birth of another Orthodox Christian. Please try to attend these events.

Pray for our Catechumen

Please welcome and remember Joan Anne Santiago in your prayers as she is preparing for the sacrament of Holy Chrismation.

Volunteer Opportunities

NJ State Fair – August 4th-12th, 2023

Mark your calendar for this major fundraiser for our church. We need your help and look forward to your volunteering and participation in this event. 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 fundraiser. The preparation of the cabbage rolls will be a day in July at the Sussex Fire House. Date to be determined. This is also an opportunity for you to get to know people of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church and build relationships. Sign-up sheets will be available. Nadine and Michael Olsen and Mark Benda will again be Chairpersons. For more information or any questions, speak with Nadine, Mike, or Mark. Mark your calendar, invite family and friends, and plan to participate. See you at the fair!

Coffee Hour Sign-Up Sheet

For a long time, the same group of people worked hard to clean after the coffee hour. Please consider signing up for a clean up after the coffee hour. The work is not hard, and it is usually done in 20 minutes or so. Let us all pitch in and help keep our Church clean and relieve the group of people who clean after us for years.

Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops has blessed July 30, 2023, to be "Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday," the day for Orthodox parishes across the United States to learn more about the work of Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. For more information please follow the link: [Assembly of Bishops Blesses July 30th as "Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday" - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](https://oca.org)

Food Donation Cart

The need to continue to assist those in need continues and we ask that when you are shopping, please remember those who are less fortunate and purchase one or more items for the donation cart. If you would like to know the current needs of the Sussex Help Center, please talk with Dan Taylor. Our thanks to you and God Bless!