

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2023**

**APOSTLE SILAS OF THE SEVENTY**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:14-22**

**Troparion – Tone 4**

**You were revealed to be branches of the vine of Christ, O wise ones, / bearing clusters of virtues that pour out on us the wine of salvation. / Receiving it, we are filled with gladness, / and we celebrate your most honored memory, apostles of the Lord, Silas and Silvanus. / Therefore, intercede that great mercy and remission of sins may be granted to us.**

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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**APOSTLE SILAS OF THE SEVENTY** - The Holy Apostle of the Seventy Silas was a disciple of the Savior. Saint Silas was a respected figure in the original Church at Jerusalem, one of the “chief men among the brethren” (Acts 15:22). The Council of the Apostles was convened at Jerusalem in the year 51 to deal with the question of whether Gentile Christian converts should be required to observe the Mosaic Law. The Apostles sent a message with Paul and Barnabas to the Christians of Antioch, giving the decision of the Council that Christians of Gentile origin did not have to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. Nonetheless, they were told that they must refrain from partaking of foods offered to idols, from things strangled and from blood, to fornication (Acts 15:20-29). Together with Saints Paul and Barnabas, the Council of the Apostles sent Saints Silas and Jude to explain the message in greater detail, since they both were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Saint Jude was later sent back to Jerusalem, but Saint Silas remained at Antioch and zealously assisted Saint Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, on his missionary journeys preaching the Gospel. They visited Syria, Cilicia, and Macedonia. In the city of Philippi they were accused of inciting unrest among the people, and for this they were arrested, beaten with rods, and then thrown into prison. At midnight, when the saints were at prayer, suddenly there was a strong earthquake, their chains fell off from them and the doors of the prison opened. The prison guard, supposing that the prisoners had fled, wanted to kill himself, but was stopped by the Apostle Paul. Then, he fell down trembling at the feet of the saints, and with faith accepted their preaching about Christ. He then led them out of the prison and took them to his own home, where he washed their wounds, and was baptized together with all his household. From Philippi Saints Paul and Silas proceeded on to the cities of Amphipolis, Apollonia and Thessalonica. In each city they made new converts to Christ and built up the Church. At Corinth the holy Apostle Silas was consecrated as bishop, and worked many miracles and signs, and there he finished his life.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of August**

**Great Vespers with blessing of fruit at 5 pm**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of August**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**Divine Liturgy with blessing of fruit at 10 am**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of August – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of August**

**NJ STATE FAIR**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

#### Visitors Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy, you are invited to join us for light refreshment in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation and ask any questions you may have.

#### Thank You!

Our sincere thanks to Michael and Nadine Olsen, Mark Benda, V.Rev. Father Samuel Kedala, Lara Stigler, Mary Osinski, Joanne Hosbach, Matushka Mihaela and Maritsa Farren for all their work in preparing cabbage casserole. We had a wonderful time preparing delicious food and enjoying fellowship. Please consider joining this event in the future.

#### Panikhida

Following Vespers on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, there was a Panikhida for the Very Rev. John, former pastor to Julia Pawelko.

#### Funeral of +Jerome "Jerry" A Vandermark

The viewing of our dear ever to be remembered Jerry was held in Gray-Parker Funeral Home in Port Jarvis on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of July. Following the viewing and the prayers the burial service was held at Rural Valley Cemetery. Please keep Jerry's wife Louise, son Michael, daughter Stephanie and their families in your prayers. May his memory be eternal!

#### 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). You are welcome to make an offering to support this mission, if you wish. Many thanks.

#### Dormition Fast

Dormition fast takes place on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Please refrain from meat products, dairy products, fish, and oil. This fast ends on the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos which is celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor's Appreciation Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend a New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner for the 2022 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, hosted with gratitude by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael. The event will take place on October 8, 2023, at 5 pm at Saint Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Manville NJ. For more information, please see attached flyer.

#### 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!