

RIGHTEOUS EUDOCIMUS OF CAPPADOCIA

Sunday 31st of July

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:1-7
Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:27-35

Troparion — Tone 4

He who called you from earth to heaven, / keeps your body unharmed after death, holy Eudocimus; / for you lived a sober and holy life / and did not defile your flesh; / so with boldness intercede with Christ that we may be saved.

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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RIGHTEOUS EUDOCIMUS OF CAPPADOCIA - Saint Eudocimus, a native of Cappadocia (Asia Minor), lived during the ninth century during the reign of Emperor Theophilus (829-842). He was the son of the pious Christians Basil and Eudokia, an illustrious family known to the emperor. They raised their son "in discipline and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6: 4), planting in his soul a sincere faith and holy virtues. The righteous life of Saint Eudocimus was devoted to pleasing God and serving his neighbor. Having given a vow to remain unmarried and chaste, he avoided conversation with women and did not look at them. He would speak only with his own mother, whom he greatly respected. The emperor valued his virtue and talents, so he appointed Saint Eudocimus as governor of Chorziene, Armenia. Fulfilling his duty as a servant of God, Saint Eudocimus governed the people justly and with kindness. He concerned himself with the unfortunate, and with orphans and widows, and he was a defender of the common people. His personal Christian exploits which he did in secret, were known only to God. Eudocimus pleased God by his blameless life, and the Lord called him at age 33. Lying on his deathbed, Saint Eudocimus gave final instructions to place him in the grave in those clothes in which he would meet death. Then he sent everyone out of the room and entreated the Lord that no one would see his end, just as no one saw his secret efforts during life. His attendants buried him as he had instructed them. Right after the death of Saint Eudocimus miracles took place at his grave. Many sick people were healed, and the news of the miraculous healings spread. After 18 months, the mother of Saint Eudocimus came from Constantinople to venerate his relics. She gave orders to remove the stone, dig up the ground, and open the grave. Everyone beheld the face of the saint, bright as if alive, altogether untouched by decay. A great fragrance came from him. They took up the coffin with the relics from the earth, and they dressed the saint in new clothes. His mother wanted to take the relics of her son to Constantinople, but the Kharsian people would not clear a path for their holy one. After a certain time the hieromonk Joseph, having lived and served at the grave of the saint, transported the relics of Saint Eudocimus to Constantinople. There they were placed in a silver reliquary in the church of the Most Holy Theotokos, built by the parents of the saint. Saint Eudocimus is considered by the Russian Church to be one of the special protectors and intercessors before God of the family hearth. He was, as his name implies, truly successful in every virtue.

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 30th of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 31st of July
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Tuesday 2nd of August
Food Booth Cleanup
New Jersey State Fair Grounds
8 am – Completion

Friday 5th of August
Great Vespers at 6 pm (Blessing of the Fruit)

Saturday 6th of August
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Divine Liturgy at 9 am (Blessing of the Fruit)
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 7th of August
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

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

Dormition of the Theotokos Fast

Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period peaks on August 15th when the Church gathers to celebrate the great feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. During this fast we are called to fast from all animal products, wine and oil.

Forthcoming Catechumen Class

It's time to start another Catechumen Class. If you, a family member or friend, would like to learn more about the Orthodox Christian faith, you are most welcome to join. This class is informative and helpful in learning about being an Orthodox Christian. Speak with me during coffee hour or email me at pejovicveljko@gmail.com or call me at (848)228-1563 for more information or your desire to register and participate in the class.

NJ State Fair Update

We are most grateful and thankful to the parishioners and friends of HSOC who volunteered their time in the preparation and clean up needed in the cabbage roll production at the Sussex Fire House on Wednesday, July 27th. On Tuesday, August 2nd, starting at 8 am-completion, volunteers are needed to clean up at the booth at the Fairgrounds. The NJ State Fair will be held from Friday, August 5th to Saturday, August 13th. This is an outreach and call to all HSOC parishioners and friends of the parish to please volunteer to make this fundraiser a success for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Our church needs your help! Speak with Nadine Olsen or Mark Benda to let them know when you will be available to volunteer or more information. Again, our thanks to our volunteers who give so willingly of their time.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, August 22nd, 7 pm via ZOOM.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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