

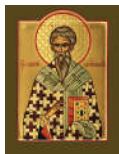
New Guidelines

We, at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, are following the new Guidelines for Parish Life now that updated recommendations have been issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and many of the Covid-19 restrictions have been either relaxed or removed. Please read the attached ***Guidelines for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, On the Continuing Re-Opening of Our Churches, Missions, and Chapels (For Churches in the State of New Jersey)***, issued by Archbishop Michael.

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*****



[Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete](#)



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And remember to use:



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Learn to know the spirit of the age, study it, so whenever possible you will be able to avoid its influence.

St. Ignatius (Brianchaninov)

SAINT ANDREW, ARCHBISHOP OF CRETE - Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete, was born in the city of Damascus into a pious Christian family. Up until seven years of age the boy was mute and did not talk. However, after communing the Holy Mysteries of Christ he found the gift of speech and began to speak. At fourteen years of age he went off to Jerusalem and there he accepted monastic tonsure at the monastery of Saint Savva the Sanctified. Saint Andrew led a strict and chaste life, he was meek and abstinent, such that all were amazed at his virtue and reasoning of mind. In the year 680 the locum tenens of the Jerusalem Patriarchate, Theodore, included archdeacon Andrew among the representatives of the Holy City sent to the Sixth Ecumenical Council, and here the saint contended against heretical teachings, relying upon his profound knowledge of Orthodox doctrine. Shortly after the Council he was summoned back to Constantinople from Jerusalem and he was appointed archdeacon at the church of Hagia Sophia, the Wisdom of God. During the reign of the emperor Justinian II (685-695) Saint Andrew was ordained bishop of the city of Gortineia on the island of Crete. Saint Andrew wrote many liturgical hymns. He was the originator of a new liturgical form -- the canon. Of the canons composed by him the best known is the Great Penitential Canon, including within its 9 odes the 250 Troparion recited during the Great Lent. Saint Andrew of Crete gained renown with his many praises of the All-Pure Virgin Mary. To him are likewise ascribed: the Canon for the feast of the Nativity of Christ, three odes for the Compline of Palm Sunday and also in the first four days of Holy Passion Week, as well as verses for the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and many other church hymns. He died on the island of Mytilene, while returning to Crete from Constantinople, where he had been on churchly business. His relics were transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1350 the pious Russian pilgrim Stephen Novgorodets saw the relics at the Constantinople monastery named for Saint Andrew of Crete.

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 3rd of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 4th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 10th of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 11th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 12th of July

Parish Council Meeting at 6 pm via ZOOM

Saturday August 7th – Saturday August 14th

New Jersey State Fair

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.

Happy 4th of July from HSOC!

Wishing you and your family and friends a happy and safe Independence Day!

Congratulations

We did it! The parishioners and friends of our much loved Holy Spirit Orthodox Church are to be congratulated and thanked for all of the recent major accomplishments and supporting our church, especially during the difficult past year and COVID-19. The church and rectory are both mortgage free!!! The goal of \$7,400 for the church furnace has been met. The furnace will be installed sometime during the month of September 2021. God Bless and God Grant You Many Years!

Committee on FundRaising

At the last Parish Council Meeting, it was agreed to form a Committee on FundRaising. The purpose of the committee is to create ideas for fundraising events. If interested, speak with Father Michael at the Coffee Social for details or more information.

In the Narthex

The Diocesan magazine, *Jacob's Well*, is in the narthex. Take one for yourself and one for a friend.

Father Michael's and Matushka Mihaela's Trip to Europe

Due to my father's health issues and emigrational responsibilities, I will have to go back to Serbia at the beginning of August. Right now I plan to travel to Serbian on August 3rd and come back on September 3rd. While I am gone you will have services with Archpriest George and Priest Alexander. Please treat them with the same kindness and love that you are treating me. I am blessing anyone who needs holy confession to confess to Father Samuel Kedala. If you would like to confess to some of the visiting priests please let me know. While I am abroad I will be available on my email: pejovicveljko@gmail.com. Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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