

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2024**

**SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA**

**Epistle: Heb. 11:33-12:2 and Romans 2:10-16**

**Gospel: Matthew 4:25-5:12 and 4:18-23**

**Kontakion – Tone 8**

**As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace / through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.**

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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Joseph, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, 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, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery and Halyna (Klima). Amen!

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

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**July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA** - On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day. Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians. Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ. The first All American Council took place March 5-7, 1907, at Mayfield, PA, and the main topic was "How to expand the mission." Guidelines and directions for missionary activity, and statutes for the administrative structure of parishes were also set forth. In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. In addition to the saints known to us, we also honor those saints who are known only to God and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

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

**Baptism of Thorin and Rhiannon Neisler at 11 am**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

#### Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshments in the church hall.

#### Happy 4<sup>th</sup> July

HSOC hopes that you had a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July and that you had wonderful celebration of our independency.

#### Baptism of Thorin and Rhiannon Neisler

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of July at 11 am, we will witness the baptism of Thorin and Rhiannon Neisler, children of Theophan (Travis) Neisler and Gabrielle Fiona Claire Raghoobar. Following the service the family is inviting you to the Parish Hall for light meal. Everyone is welcome.

#### AXIOS, AXIOS, AXIOS!

He is worthy! Many blessed years to our dear Mark Benda who was ordained into the rank of sub-deacon. God give you many blessed years!

#### Welcome and Pray for our newest Catechumen

Please remember in your prayers Alvar who was received as a catechumen on Pentecost Sunday. Please pray for him as he prepares for the Sacrament of Baptism and Chrismation.

#### Congratulations Graduate

Daniel Perez graduated from high school this year. Dan will be attending college this fall and we wish him continued success in his studies. God Bless!

#### Parish Council Conference on Parish Management

Parish Council Conference on Parish Management will take place on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Gregory Palamas Church, 5<sup>th</sup> Church Street, Glen Gardner, NJ. This annual conference is intended for any and all parishioners, especially those who are serving on parish councils. If you are interested to attend, please speak with Father Michael.

#### HSOC Cleaning Help Needed

Now with more families attending Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, we are in need of anyone and everyone who is willing to help clean the Church. Many hands make for light work. For a cleaning schedule and any questions, please call or text Maritsa Farren at (973)670-8728.

#### Have an item for the bulletin?

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