

Sunday 9th of July 2023

**HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS, BISHOP OF TAORMINA
IN SICILY**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 10:1-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-9:1**

Troparion – Tone 8

**You were brilliant star in Taormina, O blessed Pancratius, /
and You became a Hieromartyr for Christ. / Standing before
Him now, pray for those who honor you.**

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, Protospesbyter 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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HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS, BISHOP OF TAORMINA IN SICILY - The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth. The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself. The miracles astonished him, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, especially with the holy Apostle Peter. It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter. After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Saint Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily. Saint Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people. In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith. Saint Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr. The saint's relics are in the church named for him in Rome. He is also commemorated on February 9.

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 15th of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 16th of July
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 22nd of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 23rd of July
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 29th of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 30th 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. As community we are all called to come and witness the birth of another Orthodox Christian. Please try to attend these events. Please pray for Myles, his mother Michelle, father Aaron, and grandparents Nadine and Michele.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Saint Olymphia Mission

On Monday and Tuesday, July 24-25, His Eminence Archbishop Michael invites all to join a Diocesan pilgrimage to Saint Olymphia Mission, in Potsdam/Norwood, NY. For more information, please follow this link: [DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ST. OLYMPIA MISSION, POTSDAM, NY; JULY 24-25 | Diocese of New York and New Jersey - OCA \(nynjoca.org\)](http://DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ST. OLYMPIA MISSION, POTSDAM, NY; JULY 24-25 | Diocese of New York and New Jersey - OCA (nynjoca.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!