

## 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\*\*\*



[Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria](#)



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And remember to use:



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# The Weekly Bulletin HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Actively strive for good and harbor an equal hatred for evil.

*Venerable Ephraim the Syrian*

**MARTYR AQUILINA OF BYBLOS IN SYRIA** - The Holy Martyr Aquilina, a native of the Phoenician city of Byblos, suffered under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Her parents raised her in Christian piety. When the girl was only twelve years old, she persuaded a pagan friend to convert to Christ. One of the servants of the imperial governor Volusian accused her of teaching others not to follow the religion of their fathers. The girl firmly confessed her faith in Christ before the governor and said that she would not renounce Him. Volusian tried to influence the young confessor through persuasion and by flattery, but seeing her confidence, he ordered her to be tortured. They struck her upon the face, then they stripped her and beat her with whips. The torturer asked, "Where then is your God? Let Him come and take you out of my hands". The saint answered, "The Lord is here with me invisibly, and the more I suffer, the more strength and endurance will He give me." They drilled through the martyr's ears with heated metal rods. The holy virgin fell down as if dead. The torturer thought that the girl had actually died, and he gave orders to throw her body outside the city to be eaten by dogs. By night a holy angel appeared to Saint Aquilina, roused her and said, "Arise and be healed. Go and denounce Volusian, so that he and his plans may come to nothing." The martyr went to the court of the governor and stood before Volusian. Seeing Saint Aquilina, he called for his servants and ordered them to keep watch over her until morning. In the morning he sentenced Saint Aquilina to death, saying that she was a sorceress who did not obey the imperial decrees. When they led the saint to execution, she prayed and gave thanks to God for allowing her to suffer for His Holy Name. A voice was heard in answer to her prayer, summoning her to the heavenly Kingdom. Before the executioner could carry out the sentence, the martyr gave up her spirit to God (+ 293). The executioner feared to disobey the governor's orders, so he cut off her head although she was already dead.

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### 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.

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Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2021**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2021**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2021**

**Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM at 6 pm**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 – Memorial Saturday**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2021**

**HOLY PENTECOST – FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2021**

**DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**New Jersey State Fair**

## Announcements

### Welcome!

Please plan to visit our loving and welcoming church in the northern part of New Jersey to worship with you brothers and sisters in Christ. If you would a one on one visit with me, please call, email or speak with me at the Coffee Social following the Divine Liturgy. 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.

### Thank you!

We are most thankful to the almighty GOD for his blessings and also to our parishioners, and friends of the parish, for their support and love of our church during the past difficult time. As we head towards summer and less threatened by *the virus*, you are welcome and needed to be back in church to worship with us at Vespers, Divine Liturgy or one of the feast days and share in the liturgical and fellowship life of the church. The parishioners of our church have projects and activities planned for this summer and you are welcome and ask that you plan to participate and volunteer in the available opportunities.

### Our Sincere thanks

To JoAnne Hosbach for the generous gift to assist with the installation of a new and more efficient furnace/water heater for our Church. God grant you Many Years!

### Worship with us on Pentecost and Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Please email or provide Father Michael with the name(s) of your loving fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles and friends, and indicate living or deceased and if they are Orthodox or not, to be commemorated and celebrated on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Let's celebrate our Graduates, June 27<sup>th</sup>

This year, on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Holy Spirit Orthodox Church will honor all graduates. Please provide Father Michael via email with the name of your graduates and the school.

### Mark your Calendar: Holy Spirit Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ – Please plan to worship with us at Divine Liturgy at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church to commemorate our name day on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. The Very Reverend Gary Joseph Breton, Dean of the Diocese of NY/NJ, will join us to celebrate our name day.

### Mark your Calendar – NJ STATE FAIR – August 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>:

Our church will once again participate in this event. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda for more information and details. Your help is needed! There will be sign-up sheet at the coffee social.