

Sunday 18th of June 2023

SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 and Romans 2:10-16

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

Troparion – 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 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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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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June 18th, 2023

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.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 17th of June

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 18th of June

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 24th of June

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 25th of June

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Wednesday 28th of June

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Thursday 29th of June – STS PETER AND PAUL

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 1st of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 2nd 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.

Sts. Peter and Paul Fast (Apostles Fast)

We are still in the fasting period until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul which is celebrated on Thursday 29th of June. During this time, we are called to fast from meat and dairy products.

Father's Day

This is a reminder that on Sunday 18th of June, we are commemorating all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and uncles. If you would like for your loved ones to be commemorated, please email me at: pejovicveljko@gmail.com or provide me with the name slip before the Divine Liturgy. Please indicate if your loved ones are living or deceased.

Zoe for Life – Baby Shower

Zoe for life is a Christian ministry which affirms the value of all life by helping, supporting, and educating young women during and after an unplanned pregnancy. On June 25th Orthodox Church of the Annunciation will hold a Zoe for Life baby shower event. If you feel moved to help this wonderful event, please consider baby equipment such as: baby bibs, teething rings, clothing etc. They **will not** accept diapers or baby formula at this time. Speak with Matushka Mihaela or myself for more information.

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!

Keep Offerings Current

Offerings can be made at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The collection basket is located on the table by the exit. You are also welcome to mail your donation to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461 or use the "Donate" button on our church's website: www.holyspiritorthodox.org.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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