

**JOYOUS FEAST!**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of June**

**SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINTS**

**Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 and Jude 1-10**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 and John 14:21-24**

**Kontakion — Tone 8**

**The universe offers You the God-bearing martyrs, / as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. / Through the Theotokos, and their prayers establish Your Church in peace!**

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, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine Olsen, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine 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 and Michael. 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 19<sup>th</sup> of 2022**

**SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINTS** - The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit. The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost. This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him. The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16) lived in the world but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful. Even before the death of Saint Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.

### Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5 pm 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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Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of June**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of June**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of June**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of June**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of August – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Holy Spirit Day

On the day of the Holy Spirit, and the name day of our Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, we were blessed to have the Divine Liturgy served by His Eminence Archbishop Michael; V. Rev. Gary Joseph Breton, V. Rev. Samuel Kedala, and Protospesbyter Christos Telleos from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Middletown, NY as well as deacons and altar servers. An exceptional brunch and fellowship followed Divine Liturgy.

#### Many Thanks!

A special thank you to all who participated in making the Holy Spirit Day brunch another outstanding event at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church! God Bless you and Grant you Many Years!

#### Sts. Peter and Paul Fast (Apostles Fast)

The fast of the Apostles starts on the second Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, after Pentecost, and ends on June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

#### Today is Father's Day

This is a day when we honor our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and Godfathers. Please bring a list with the names to church on Sunday and indicate if your loved ones are living or departed.

#### A message from your Pastor

Matushka Mihaela and I are now out of country, and I will be in Serbia until July 7. During this time, if you are in need of a priest or pastoral care, please contact the V. Rev. Samuel Kedala via email [priest004@gmail.com](mailto:priest004@gmail.com) or call 973 271-0524. If there is a need to communicate with me directly, I will be available by email: [pejovicveljko@gmail.com](mailto:pejovicveljko@gmail.com).

#### Have an item for the bulletin?

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