

Sunday 25th of June 2023

SAINT PETER AND FEVRONIA

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:22-33

Troparion – Tone 8

You were like a pious root from a precious branch, O blessed Peter, / you lived admirably in piety, and with your wife, the divinely-wise Febronia, / you have pleased God in the world, and were compared to the venerable monks. / With them, entreat the Lord to preserve your country unharmed, so that we may always 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, Protospyter 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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June 25th, 2023

SAINT PETER AND FEVRONIA - Holy Prince Peter (David in monasticism) and Holy Princess Febronia (Euphrosynē in monasticism), Wonderworkers of Murom. Prince Peter was the second son of the Murom prince Yuri Vladimirovich. He entered upon the throne of Murom in the year 1203. Several years before this Saint Peter had fallen ill with leprosy, from which no one was able to heal him. In a vision it was revealed to the prince that the daughter of a beekeeper would be able to heal him: the pious maiden Febronia, a peasant of Laskova village in Ryazan gubernia. Saint Peter sent his emissaries to this village. When the prince saw Saint Febronia, he fell in love with her because of her piety, wisdom and virtue, and vowed to marry her after being healed. Saint Febronia healed the prince and became his wife. The holy couple loved each other through all their ordeals. The haughty boyars did not wish to have a princess of common origin, and they urged that the prince leave her. Saint Peter refused, and so they banished the couple. They sailed off on a boat from their native city along the River Oka, and Saint Febronia continued to console Saint Peter. Soon the wrath of God fell upon the city of Murom, and the people begged the prince return together with Saint Febronia. The holy couple was famous for their piety and charity. They died on the same day and hour, June 25, 1228, having received the monastic tonsure with the names David and Evphrosyne. The bodies of the saints were put in the same grave. Sts Peter and Febronia showed themselves exemplary models of Christian marriage and are considered as the patron saints of newly-weds.

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 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.

Pray for our Catechumen

Please welcome and remember Joan Anne in your prayers as she is preparing for the sacrament of Holy Chrismation.

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!

Coffee Hour Sing-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.

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!