

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

Sunday 26th of June

SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

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

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

Kontakion — 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, 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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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: 5 pm 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 25th of June
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 26th of June
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 2nd of July
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 3rd of July
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Friday 5th of August – Saturday 13th 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)

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

A message from your Pastor

Matushka Mihaela and I are now out of the 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 or call 973 271-0524. If there is a need to communicate with me directly, I will be available by email: pejovicveljko@gmail.com.

Mark your Calendar

We need your help with the two yearly major fundraisers for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church:

- NJ STATE FAIR – August 5th – 13th
- Applefest – October 2nd

Our Church will once again participate in these events. They are major fundraisers for our church. Plan to set this time aside and participate and enjoy the fellowship. No experience is necessary! On-the-job training. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda for more information and details.

Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday

Assembly of Bishops Blesses July 31st as “Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday.”_For more information’s, please follow the link: [Assembly of Bishops Blesses July 31 as “Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday” - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](http://www.oca.org)

Have an item for the bulletin?

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