

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*****



[Synaxis of all Saints](#)



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Give up your own will, for it is one's spiritual death.

Elder Joseph the Hesychast

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. 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. The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous..." The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world. The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church. Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example. The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise and his wife, the Holy Empress Theophanos. 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: 9:40am 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

Monday 28th of June – FAST DAY

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Tuesday 29th of June

THE HOLY, GLORIOUS, AND ALL-PRAISED APOSTLES

PETER AND PAUL

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 3rd of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 4th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday August 7th – Saturday August 14th

New Jersey State Fair

Announcements

Welcome!

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.

A Message of thanks from Father Michael

We were honored and blessed to have with us at the Divine Liturgy on *Holy Spirit Day*, our patronal feast day, His Eminence, Archbishop Michael; Very Reverend Gary Joseph Breton, Dean of the Diocese of NY/NJ; Very Reverend Samuel Kedala, and the Very Reverend Chirstos Talleos, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Middletown, NY.

Feast of Pentecost and Holy Spirit Day

Many thanks to Mark Benda and his daughter, Lara, for hosting the Coffee Social on the *Feast of Pentecost* and *Holy Spirit Day* in memory of Mark's wife, the departed Carol Lynn, on her birthday. Our appreciation and sincere thanks to all who participated with offerings of food, setting up and cleaning up following the social hours.

Congratulations

We did it! The parishioners and friends of our much loved Holy Spirit Orthodox Church are to be congratulated and thanked for all of the recent major accomplishments and supporting our church, especially during the difficult past year and COVID-19. The church and rectory are both mortgage free!!! The goal of \$7,400 for the church furnace has been met. The furnace will be installed sometime during the month of September 2021. God Bless and God Grant You Many Years!

Best Wishes

Logan Lamlamay is to be commended and congratulated on his graduation from Butler High School. We're all so proud of you. Have a great summer.

Committee on FundRaising

At the last Parish Council Meeting, it was agreed to form a Committee on FundRaising. The purpose of the committee is to create ideas for fundraising events. If interested, speak with Father Michael at the Coffee Social for details or more information.

In the Narthex

The Diocesan magazine, *Jacob's Well*, is in the narthex. Take one for yourself and one for a friend.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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