

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!!!

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Epistle: Act 11:19-26, 29-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Troparion – Tone 8

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw You, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly / she inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified!

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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Joseph, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, 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, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery and Halyna (Klima). Amen!

*** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski***

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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN - The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskevė, Kyriake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42). During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints, and to beat their naked bodies with straps. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants fell blind. An angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized. In an impotent rage Nero gave orders to flay the skin from Saint Photina and to throw the martyr down a well. Sebastian, Photinus and Joses had their legs cut off, and they were thrown to dogs, and then had their skin flayed off. The sisters of Saint Photina also suffered terrible torments. Nero gave orders to cut off their breasts and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the emperor readied the fiercest execution for Saint Photis: they tied her by the feet to the tops of two bent-over trees. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang upright and tore the martyr apart. The emperor ordered the others beheaded. Saint Photina was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days. After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. Saint Photina spit in the face of the emperor, and laughing at him, said, "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?" "Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to again throw the martyr down the well, where she surrendered her soul to God (ca. 66).

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
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Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 1st of June

Baptism of Alma Sidney Naron at 12 pm (Noon)
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 2nd of June

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 8th of June

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 9th of June

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Wednesday 12th of June

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Thursday 13th of June

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Thank you

We would like to extend our gratitude to Matushka JoAnne Kedala, Chairperson, and the many helpers for organizing the recent garage/yard sale and Mark Benda for providing the delicious food at this event. We are delighted to announce this fundraiser was a success raising a total of \$1,000! Your support and hard work made this possible.

Welcome Newly Received Catechumens and Catechism Class

On Sunday, May 19th, Stephanie Trevenen became a catechumen at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Please pray for her. Catechism class will take place every Saturday from 3 pm until the beginning of Great Vespers. Everyone is welcome.

Lawnmowing possibilities

Starting this Sunday we will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please consider signing your name and dedicating some time to keep our property beautiful. If you need training, you will be trained how to operate the lawnmower.

High School/College Graduates

We would love to recognize the accomplishment of any of our young member who are graduating from high school or college. You may email Father Michael at pejovicveljko@gmail.com so that we can celebrate this important occasion.

Holy Spirit Day

Dear brothers and sisters this year we will celebrate Holy Spirit Day on June 24th, 2024. As always Archbishop Michael will be serving the Divine Liturgy. Furthermore, on this day our Mark Benda will be ordained to the rank of sub deacon. This is very joyous occasion. If possible, please plan to attend and support Mark and celebrate Feast of our Parish. More information will be available soon.

DO NOT walk over a ramp

Dear brothers and sisters our Church ramp is going through major repairs. Currently the ramp is not safe so please do not walk over ramp and do not use the back doors. Thank you.

Sussex Help Center

Dan Taylor informed us that we should change our donation back to food items. Please remember those who are less fortunate when you are shopping and bring a food item, such a cereal, peanut butter and jelly or any other non-perishable food item to church for the food cart. Speak with Dan Taylor for other items that are needed. Thank you for being a part of this outreach program.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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