

Sunday, 30th of June 2024

SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINTS

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:9-16 and Heb. 11:33-12:2

**Gospel: Mark 3:13-19 and Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38,
19:27-30**

Kontakion – Tone 8

**Adorned in the blood of Your Martyrs throughout all the world, / as if
clothed in purple and linen, / through them Your Church cries out to You, O
Christ God: / “Bestow Your bounties upon Your people, / grant peace to
Your habitation, and great mercy to our souls.”**

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, Protospesbyter 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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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. Saint Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (*Philokalia* [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the *Octoechos*, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology. 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: 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

Friday 28th of June

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Saturday 29th of June

ALL-PRAISED HOLY APOSTLES

PETER AND PAUL

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 30th of June

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 6th of July

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 7th of July

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshments in the church hall.

Wonderful services for the Holy Spirit Day!

On June 2024 we celebrated the Day of the Holy Spirit, our Parish Feast Day. His Eminence Archbishop Michael was the main celebrant, and the following priests were served: V. Rev. Archpriest Gary Breton, V. Rev. Archpriest Samuel Kedala, V. Rev. Archpriest Chris Talleos, V. Rev. Archpriest Steven Evanina, Rev. Father Michael Palamara, Rev. Father Michael and Deacon Stephan Karlgut. Following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy wonderful meal was served in the Parish Hall. We thank our choir, altar servers, all those who have prepared food, and all those who have attended this blessed service.

AXIOS, AXIOS, AXIOS!

He is worthy! Many blessed years to our dear Mark Benda who was ordained into the rank of sub-deacon. God give you many blessed years!

Welcome and Pray for our newest Catechumen

Please remember in your prayers Alvar who was received as a catechumen on Pentecost Sunday. Please pray for him as he prepares for the Sacrament of Baptism and Chrismation.

Congratulations Graduate

Daniel Perez graduated from high school this year. Dan will be attending college this fall and we wish him continued success in his studies. God Bless!

Parish Council Conference on Parish Management

Parish Council Conference on Parish Management will take place on Saturday, August 10th, 2024, from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Gregory Palamas Church, 5th Church Street, Glen Gardner, NJ. This annual conference is intended for any and all parishioners, especially those who are serving on parish councils. If you are interested to attend, please speak with Father Michael.

HSOC Cleaning Help Needed

Now with more families attending Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, we are in need of anyone and everyone who is willing to help clean the Church. Many hands make for light work. For a cleaning schedule and any questions, please call or text Maritsa Farren at (973)670-8728.

Thursday, July 4th

Happy Independence Day! Enjoy the day and cherish our freedoms.