

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2023**

**HOLY PENTECOST**

**Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

**Gospel Reading: John 7:37-52, 8:12**

**Troparion – Tone 8**

**Blessed are You O Christ Our God / You have revealed the fisherman as most wise / by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit / through them You drew the world into Your net / O Lover of Man, Glory to 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, Protosynergos 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 4th, 2023**

**HOLY PENTECOST** - Pentecost is “the last and great day.” It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the “birthday” of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness. This double meaning and double joy are revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of times. And it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the “day without evening” of God’s eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ’s disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to “appropriate” these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom. The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, and humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory.

### 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.

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### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June**

**WANTAGE DAY AT WOODBOURNE PARK 12 pm – 4 pm**

**Panikhida for Luis Ramon at 5 pm**

**Great Vespers at 6 pm**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of June**

**HOLY PENTECOST**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Great Vespers following Divine Liturgy**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of June**

**HOLY SPIRIT DAY**

**Divine Liturgy with His Eminence Archbishop Michael at 9 am**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

### 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.

#### Thank you

The HSOC Annual Garage Sale, held May 26-27 was a success. Our thanks to Matushka JoAnne Kedala, Mark Benda, members of the council, parishioners and all who participated in any way to make this a successful event.

#### Memory Eternal!

Please keep the newly departed servant of God Richard J. Kruzelnick. Before moving to nursing home, Richard was a parishioner of HSOC. His funeral took place on 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2023. May his memory be eternal!

#### Mark your Calendar: Wantage Day 2023

Wantage Day will take place on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Woodbourne Park from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. HSOC will have representation on this event. This is a wonderful opportunity to reintroduce our Church to community.

#### Panikhida for +Luis Ramon

The 40<sup>th</sup> Day Panikhida, remembering forever Luis Ramon will take place in HSOC on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June at 5 pm. May his memory be eternal!

#### Mark your Calendar: Holy Spirit Day, June 5<sup>th</sup>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ – please plan to worship with us at Divine Liturgy at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church to commemorate our name day on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. His Eminence Archbishop Michael and Very Reverend Gary Joseph Breton will join us in service for this most blessed day. Potluck meal will follow.

#### Keep Offerings Current

Offerings can be made at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The collection basket is located on the table by the exit. You are also welcomed to send your donation via mail to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage NJ 07461 or using the “Donate” button on the website of our church: [www.holyspiritorthodox.org](http://www.holyspiritorthodox.org).

#### Have an item for the bulletin?

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