

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Sunday 5th of June

Epistle Reading: Acts 20:16-18,28-36

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13

Kontakion — Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them you have guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, 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, Protospesbyter 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, Douglas and Michael. Amen!!!

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

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HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL - The Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council has been celebrated by the Church of Christ from ancient times. The Lord Jesus Christ left the Church a great promise, "I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18). Although the Church of Christ on earth will pass through difficult struggles with the Enemy of salvation, it will emerge victorious. The holy martyrs bore witness to the truth of the Savior's words, enduring suffering and death for confessing Christ, but the persecutor's sword is shattered by the Cross of Christ. Persecution of Christians ceased during the fourth century, but heresies arose within the Church itself. One of the most pernicious of these heresies was Arianism. Arius, a priest of Alexandria, was a man of immense pride and ambition. In denying the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His equality with God the Father, Arius falsely taught that the Savior is not consubstantial with the Father, but is only a created being. A local Council, convened with Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria presiding, condemned the false teachings of Arius. However, Arius would not submit to the authority of the Church. He wrote to many bishops, denouncing the decrees of the local Council. He spread his false teaching throughout the East, receiving support from certain Eastern bishops. Investigating these dissensions, the holy emperor Constantine (May 21) consulted Bishop Hosius of Cordova (Aug. 27), who assured him that the heresy of Arius was directed against the most fundamental dogma of Christ's Church, and so he decided to convene an Ecumenical Council. In the year 325, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicea. Arius, with seventeen bishops among his supporters, remained arrogant, but his teaching was repudiated and he was excommunicated from the Church. In his speech, the holy deacon Athanasius conclusively refuted the blasphemous opinions of Arius. The heresiarch Arius is depicted in iconography sitting on Satan's knees, or in the mouth of the Beast of the Deep (Rev. 13). In the Nicene Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated as an error of haughty reason.

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 4th of June
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 5th of June
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 11th of June
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 12th of June
HOLY PENTECOST
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

HOLY SPIRIT DAY – Monday, June 13th
Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Michael at 9 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Welcome to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Father Michael is away, and Father Paul Kucynda will be the priest at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, serving Vespers on Saturday, June 4th at 5 pm and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 5th at 10 am.

Thank You!

Many thanks to all who donated and those who contributed their time and effort to help with this year's Garage Sale. Special thanks to Matushka Joanna who organized and coordinated this event and Mark Benda for offering all the good food for all to enjoy. God grant you many years!

Our Best Wishes

On behalf of all the parishioners at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, we are pleased to announce the recent engagement of Adrian Pawelko and Julia Kokoshari. Adrian is a long-time parishioner and past Senior Warden at our church. Julia recently became a parishioner at our church. Their wedding is planned for the near future. God grant them many Blessings!

Keep Offerings Current

Remember as summer begins, to keep current on our stewardship to the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Although it is summer, the expenses of the church continue. We thank you for your generosity and God Bless! 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 welcome 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.

Mark your Calendar: Holy Spirit Day, June 13th

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 13th at 9 am. His Eminence Archbishop Michael and Very Reverend Gary Breton will join us in service for this most blessed day

Father's Day, June 19th

Father's Day is a holiday honoring fathers and is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. Please bring a list with the names of fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and Godfathers to be remembered on Father's Day. Please indicate if your loved ones are with us or departed!

We need your Help!

Mark your Calendar – NJ STATE FAIR – August 5th-13th

Our Church will once again participate in this event. This is a major fundraiser for our church. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda for more information and details.