

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022
SUNDAY, March 13th – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2

Gospel Readings: John 1:43-51

“To this disoriented world, the icon brings a testimony of the authenticity of the reality of another way of life, of other norms of existential relationships brought about in the Incarnation of God and unknown to a man enslaved by biological laws.”

Leonid Ouspensky

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, Protopresbyter 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, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, William Hosbach, Ioana and Carmen. Amen!!!

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



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1st SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY - The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm. The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilus, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the Icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes. In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people. Since that time this event has been commemorated every year, because it was definitively determined that we do not worship the Icons, but we honor and glorify all the Saints who are depicted on them. We worship only the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and no one else, neither a Saint, nor an Angel. Originally, the Holy Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage.

Troparion – Tone 2

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. / Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy. / Therefore, with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: / You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, / by coming to save the world.

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.

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Dates to Remember

Saturday 12th of March – Clean Week Saturday
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 13th of March – Sunday of Orthodoxy
Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great at 10 am
Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church in Wayne NJ at 5 pm

Wednesday 16th of March
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 7 pm

Saturday 19th of March
Memorial Service with reading of the names of all
departed at 4 pm
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 20th of March
Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great at 10 am

Wednesday 23rd of March
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with His Eminence
Archbishop Michael at 7pm

Announcements

Welcome!

Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us, and especially during Great Lent, to experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5:00 pm and/or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10:00 am. During Great Lent, a liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts is offered each Friday at 7:00 pm. Fellowship and light Lenten meal follows Divine Liturgy and the Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts.

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Today is the Feast of Orthodoxy (or Sunday of Orthodoxy) and is celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent in the Orthodox Church. The New Jersey Deanery will hold a Vespers service today at Holy Resurrection Church, 285 French Hill Rd, Wayne, NJ at 5:00 pm. His Grace, Bishop Alexis of Bethesda is the homilist. Father Samuel Kedala and I will be attending the service, and you are invited and welcome to join us. Speak with me or Father Sam if you have any questions or would like to attend.

Spring Ahead

We want you to be in church on time so you may want to set your clock ahead on Saturday night! Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday, March 13th, 2022.

Paschal Flowers

Donation for flowers to adorn the grave are requested and very much appreciated. This is an opportunity to remember a departed loved one or to remember and honor a family member, relative or friend. Please mark your check or note with cash, "Paschal Flowers." God Bless and many thanks.

Second Year Memorial Service

A Memorial Service remembering our beloved departed +Carol Lynn Benda was held following Vespers on Saturday, March 5th, 2022. May her memory be eternal!

Ukrainian Refugee Relief

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon makes urgent Financial Appeal for Ukrainian Refugee Relief. His Beatitude's letter as well as link for the donation can be found by following this link: [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Makes Urgent Financial Appeal for Ukrainian Refugee Relief - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](https://oca.org)

Upcoming Visit of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

Please plan to worship at Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, March 23rd, 7 pm, with His Eminence Archbishop Michael and many other priests from Greek Archdiocese. More information will follow.

Pray for our Catechumens

Please remember in your prayers Asia Booker Sanchez, Kristen and Hazel Steiner in your prayers as they are entering their first Great Lent and preparing for the sacrament of the Holy Chrismation.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, March 28th at 7pm via ZOOM