

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022
SUNDAY, March 27th – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saint Gregory Palamas

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Gospel Readings: Mark 8:34-9:1

“For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both: the power of God and the wisdom of God, for those being saved.”

1 Cor: 1:24

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, 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 and Carmen. Amen!!!

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

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[MARTYR MATRONA OF THESSALONICA](#) - The Holy Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica suffered in the third or fourth century. She was a slave of the Jewish woman Pautila (or Pantilla), wife of one of the military commanders of Thessalonica. Pautila constantly mocked her slave for her faith in Christ and tried to convert her to Judaism. Saint Matrona, who believed in Christ from her youth, still prayed to the Savior Christ, and secretly went to church unbeknownst to her vengeful mistress. Pautila, learning that Saint Matrona had been to church, asked, “Why won’t you come to our synagogue, instead of attending the Christian church?” Saint Matrona boldly answered, “Because God is present in the Christian church, but He has departed from the Jewish synagogue.” Pautila went into a rage and mercilessly beat Saint Matrona, tied her up, and shut her in a dark closet. In the morning, Pautila discovered that Saint Matrona had been freed of her bonds by an unknown Power. In a rage Pautila beat the martyr almost to death, then bound her even more tightly and locked her in the closet. The door was sealed so that no one could help the sufferer. The holy martyr remained there for four days without food or water, and when Pautila opened the door, she again found Saint Matrona free of her bonds, and standing at prayer. Pautila flogged the holy martyr and left the skin hanging in strips from her body. The fierce woman locked her in the closet again, where Saint Matrona gave up her spirit to God. Pautila had the holy martyr’s body thrown from the roof of her house. Christians took up the much-suffered body of the holy martyr and buried it. Later, Bishop Alexander of Thessalonica built a church dedicated to the holy martyr. Her holy relics, glorified by many miracles, were placed in this church. The judgment of God soon overtook the evil Pautila. Standing on the roof at that very place where the body of Saint Matrona had been thrown, she stumbled and fell to the pavement. Her body was smashed, and so she received her just reward for her sin.

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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Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Friday 25th of March

**The Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos
and
Ever-Virgin Mary
Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

Saturday 26th of March

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 27th of March

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great at 10 am

Friday 1st of April

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 7 pm

Saturday 2nd of April

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 3rd of April

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great at 10 am

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.

Veneration of the Holy Cross

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and is also commemorated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great. This is also half way to Pascha!

Together for Presanctified Liturgy

On Wednesday, March 23rd, the Presanctified Liturgy at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, was presided by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael with Very Reverend Father Joseph Chupek, Very Reverend Father Samuel Kedala, Priest Michael Pejovic, OCA Diocese NY/NJ; Hieromonk Jeremiah Berbec, Romanian Archdiocese; Very Reverend Father John Angel, Very Reverend Father Chris Telleos, Very Reverend Father Iakovos Fitzpatrick, Greek Archdiocese. The parishioners of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church provided a delicious Lenten meal and fellowship following the service.

Our Sympathies

Recently Charles Hosbach's brother William fell asleep in the Lord. On behalf of the parishioners of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, our deepest sympathies to Charles, Joanne and their family. Please keep newly departed William in your prayers. May his 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 find by following this link: [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Makes Urgent Financial Appeal for Ukrainian Refugee Relief - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](#)

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.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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