

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2023

MARCH 5th – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

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

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

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.

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, Michelle, 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 and David. Amen!!!

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

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HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 5th, 2023

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 Theophilos, 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.

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

Friday 3rd of March – Clean Week Friday

Funeral Service for Vasileios Kokosaris at 10:30 am
Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm

Saturday 4th of March – Clean Week Saturday

Panikhida for Carol Lynn Benda at 4:14 pm
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 5th of March – Sunday of Orthodoxy

Divine Liturgy at 10 am
Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at South River NJ at 4 pm

Friday 10th of March

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Saturday 11th of March

MEMORIAL SATURDAY
Divine Liturgy at 9 am
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 12th of March

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Memory Eternal!

With sadness I am informing you that Vasileios Kokosaris, father of our Julia Pawelko (Kokosaris) fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, March 1st, in the early morning hours. The funeral service will be held in Holy Spirit Orthodox Church on Friday 3rd of March at 10:30 am. The burial service will take place in Saint Tikhon's Monastery at 1:30 pm. If you can please attend the services and show your support to Julia and her family.

Panikhida for Carol Lynn Benda

Memorial Service for ever-to-be-remembered +Carol Lynn Benda will take place on Saturday 4th of March at 4:15 pm. May her memory be eternal!

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.

Potluck Meal

Throughout Great Lent we will aim to have agape potluck dinner after every presanctified divine liturgy. Please bring your favorite lenten dish to share. Thank you.

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Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers

You are invited to join us in the celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy on Sunday, March 5th, 2023. The Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy will be served at Saint Peter and Paul Church in South River NJ and will begin at 4pm. His Eminence Archbishop Michael will be main celebrant and the homily will be delivered by His Grace Bishop Thomas of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America.

Upcoming Visit of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

Please plan to worship at Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, March 15th, 7 pm, with His Eminence Archbishop Michael and many other priests from Greek Archdiocese. More information will follow.

Food Donation Cart

Whenever you are shopping remember those who are hungry and purchase one or more items for our donation cart. If you would like to know the current needs of the Sussex Help Center, please talk with Dan Taylor. Thank you and God bless you!

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com