

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!!!

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Epistle Reading: Acts 11:19-26; 29-30

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Troparion – Tone 8

**The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw
You, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly / she
inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified!**

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, Protospyter 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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VENERABLE ISIDORE THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST AND WONDERWORKER OF

ROSTOV - Saint Isidore Tverdislov ("Constant of Word"), Fool-for-Christ, Wonderworker of Rostov. He was born in Germany of rich parents. From his youth, he led "an unsullied life and had a compassionate understanding." Leaving his parental home and "desiring the Kingdom of God," Saint Isidore distributed his wealth to the poor. Taking up the staff of a wanderer, he visited many lands and cities. He was raised in Catholicism, and it is not known where he accepted the holy Orthodox Faith. Finally, he arrived in Russia and decided to live in Rostov. Here Saint Isidore, "in filth and snow and rain and cold" and "enduring every outrage," settled in a rickety wooden hut that he himself had made. He chose a foolish manner of life for the sake of Christ, which Saint Paul describes in his Epistle (1 Cor.4:10-13). Saint Isidore spent all his time at unceasing prayer, not allowing himself much sleep or rest. "He stood at all night vigil and praise" to dedicate his body "everlastingly to God." By day the blessed one made the rounds of the city, acting like a fool. "Like Job of old in his patience," Blessed Isidore, while still alive, was "an earthly angel and a heavenly man," "a compassionate soul, and pure of thought, and vigilant heart and faith unassailed, and true love without pretense." During his life he received the grace to work miracles. Saint Isidore reposed in the year 1474. They learned of his death only when, passing by his hut, they noticed a special fragrance. At the place of his burial in the city of Rostov the church of the Ascension of the Lord was built, in which his relics rest in a crypt as a source of miracles to the present day. Blessed Isidore is termed "Tverdislov" ["Constant of Word"] since he spoke constantly. [The title "Tverdislov" seems unique to Saint Isidore. This supplemental account of him is from Bulgakov's *Nastolnaya Kniga* (1900).]

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.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 13th of May

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 14th of May

Mother's Day

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 20th of May

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 21st of May

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Friday 26th of May

HSOC Annual Garage Sale from 9 am – 6 pm

Saturday 27th of May

HSOC Annual Garage Sale from 9 am – 3 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

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.

Happy Mother's Day

Best wishes, and Many Years to all our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, and Friends. Our prayers and loving thoughts are with you and wish you a beautiful Mother's Day. God Grant you Many Blessed Years! Memory Eternal to those who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Brotherhood of Priests Meeting

This meeting was held in HSOC on Thursday, May 11th. Attending were the Very Rev. Father Samuel Kedala, Rev. Michael Pejovic and four additional members. Following the meeting, there was lunch and fellowship at the George Inn, Vernon.

Save the Date – HSOC Annual Garage Sale

HSOC Annual Garage Sale will take place at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ on May 26-27, 2023. For more information regarding donations or volunteer opportunities, contact Matushka JoAnne Kedala or speak with her at church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

DCE Release New Material for Spring and Summer Learning

The Department of Christian Education has released new materials to assist parishes and Church School teachers in the formation of Orthodox Christians students. For more information please follow the link:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/dce-releases-new-materials-for-spring-and-summer-learning>

Have an item for the bulletin?

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