

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2023  
SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

**Epistle Reading: Acts 16:16-34 and 26:1-5, 12-20  
Gospel Reading: John 9:1-38 and 10:1-9**

**Troparion – Tone 8**

**I come to You, O Christ, / blind from birth in my spiritual eyes /  
and I call to You in repentance: / You are the most radiant light  
of those in darkness!**

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, 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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**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**VENERABLE CONSTANTINE WITH HIS CHILDREN MICHAEL  
AND THEODORE, WONDERWORKERS OF MUROM** - The

Holy Princes Constantine and his sons Michael and Theodore of Murom lived during the eleventh-twelfth centuries. Prince Constantine, a descendant of Saint Vladimir, asked his father, Prince Svyatoslav of Chernigov, to give him the city of Murom, which was inhabited by pagans, so he might enlighten this land with the light of the Christian Faith. The prince sent his son Michael as emissary to the Murom people, but the pagans murdered him. When Prince Constantine arrived in the city with his retinue, the people quieted down and accepted him, but for a long time they would not give up paganism. Once, they went to the prince's home, intending to kill him, but the prince came out to the crowd holding the Murom Icon of the Mother of God (April 12). The mutinous people unexpectedly quieted down and agreed to accept holy Baptism at the River Oka. At the place of the murder of his son Michael, Saint Constantine built a church in honor of the Annunciation, and later on another church named for the holy Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb. Prince Constantine zealously assisted his son, Prince Theodore in spreading the Christian Faith among the people of Murom. Saint Constantine died in 1129, and was buried in the church of the Annunciation beside his sons, Saints Michael and Theodore.

## 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.

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Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

## Dates to Remember

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of May**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Great Vespers at 6pm**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May**

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of May**

**HSOC Annual Garage Sale from 9 am – 6 pm**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of May**

**HSOC Annual Garage Sale from 9 am – 3 pm**

**Panikhida for Reader Paul Kachur at 4 pm**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of June**

**HOLY SPIRIT DAY**

**Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Michael at 9 am**

## 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.

#### 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.

#### Panikhida for Reader +Paul Kachur

40<sup>th</sup> day Panikhida for ever to be remembered Reader Paul Kachur will take place in HSOC on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of May at 4 pm. Please join us in support of Kachur family. May his memory be eternal!

#### Mark your Calendar: Holy Spirit Day, June 5<sup>th</sup>

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 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. His Eminence Archbishop Michael and Very Reverend Gary Joseph Breton will join us in service for this most blessed day.

#### Two Events at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

I've attached two flyers for two separate events taking place at Saints Peter and Paul Church in South River. The first takes place this Sunday. It is a fundraiser event for St. Andrew's Camp, and it features BBQ food and lots of fundraising activities. The second is a F.O.C.A. event that takes place on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come if you can. For more information, please see the attached flyers.

#### Historical concelebration at St. Tikhon's Monastery on Memorial Day

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America will welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. For more information please follow the link:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/historic-concelebration-at-st-tikhons-monastery-on-memorial-day>.

#### 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](http://www.holyspiritorthodox.org).

#### Have an item for the bulletin?

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