

Sunday 28th of May 2023

**COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

Epistle Reading: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-14

Troparion – Tone 8

**You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have
established the Holy Fathers as light on the earth! Through
them you have guided us to the true faith! / O greatly
Compassionate One, glory to You!**

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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The WEEKLY BULLETIN
**HOLY SPIRIT
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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MARTYR HELICONIS OF THESSALONICA - The Holy Martyr Heliconis lived during the third century in the city of Thessalonica. Saint Heliconis arrived in the city of Corinth during a persecution of Christians, and urged the pagans to stop serving senseless idols and instead to worship the one true God, the Creator of the universe. She was arrested and brought before the governor Perinus, who vainly attempted to persuade the saint to offer sacrifice to idols, both by flattery and by threats. The holy martyr was subjected to tortures, but she bravely endured them. Then they threw her into a hot furnace, but she emerged from it unharmed, because an angel of the Lord had cooled the flames. Thinking the saint was a sorceress, the governor invented new torments for her. They tore the skin from her head, and burned her breasts and head with fire. After halting the torture, the judge again attempted to urge Saint Heliconis to offer sacrifice to the idols, promising her honors and the title of priestess. The saint seemed to consent, and the pagan priests and the people led her to the pagan temple with the sounds of trumpet and drum. At the saint's request, they left her there alone. Saint Heliconis, filled with heroic strength, cast down and smashed all the idols. When some time had passed, the pagan priests entered their temple. Seeing the destruction, they were even more enraged and cursed the holy virgin shouting, "Put the sorceress to death!" They beat the holy martyr, and then they threw her into prison, where she spent five days. Christ the Savior and the holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel appeared to the holy martyr in prison and healed her of her wounds. Finally, they sent the saint to be torn apart by wild beasts. They set loose three hungry lions upon her, but the beasts came up to the martyr meekly and lay down at her feet. The pagan mob shouted and cried, "Death to the sorceress." But at this point the lions jumped out of the arena and pounced on the people, who fled in terror. Not knowing what else to do, the governor ordered that Saint Heliconis be beheaded. The saint went to execution with joy and heard a Voice summoning her to the heavenly habitations. She contested in the year 244, and her body was reverently buried by Christians.

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 27th 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 28th of May

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 3rd of June

WANTAGE DAY AT WOODBOURNE PARK 12 pm – 4 pm

Panikhida for Luis Ramon at 5 pm

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Sunday 4th of June

HOLY PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Monday 5th of June

HOLY SPIRIT DAY

Divine Liturgy with His Eminence Archbishop Michael at 9 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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.

Memorial Service

On Sunday the 28th of May, following the Divine Liturgy there will be a brief Memorial Service to honor and remember the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Saint Tikhon's Pilgrimage

The monastic brotherhood of the Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk has announced the 119th annual Memorial Day pilgrimage. For more information please follow the link: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/schedule-now-available-for-2023-memorial-day-pilgrimage-to-st-tikhons-monastery>

Panikhida for +Luis Ramon

The 40th Day Panikhida, remembering forever Luis Ramon will take place in HSOC on Saturday 3rd of June at 5 pm. May his memory be eternal!

Mark your Calendar: Wantage Day 2023

Wantage Day will take place on June 3rd in Woodbourne Park from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. HSOC will have representation on this event. This is a wonderful opportunity to reintroduce our Church to community. If you are able, please join us.

Mark your Calendar: Holy Spirit Day, June 5th

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 5th at 9 am. His Eminence Archbishop Michael and Very Reverend Gary Joseph Breton will join us in service for this most blessed day. Potluck meal will follow.

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.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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