

**Sunday 19th of November 2023**

**PROPHET OBADIAH (ABDIA)**

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:14-22**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21**

**Troparion – Tone 1**

**The great Obadiah, acquiring a mind luminous with divine splendor, / speaks through the Holy Spirit, proclaiming things to come. / Today we honor him with faithful minds, / celebrating his holy memory which enlightens the hearts of men.**

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, Protodeacon John, 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, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Irene, Dorothy, Pauline and Irene. Amen!!!

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

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**PROPHET OBADIAH (ABDIA)** - The holy Prophet Obadiah [or Abdia] is the fourth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, and he lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sichem, and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. In those days the whole of Israel had turned away from the true God and had begun to offer sacrifice to Baal, but Obadiah faithfully served the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in secret. When Ahab's wife, the impious and dissolute Jezebel, hunted down all the prophets of the Lord (because of her quarrel with the Prophet Elias), Obadiah gave them shelter and food (3/1 Kgs 18:3 ff). Ahab's successor King Okhoziah [Ahaziah] sent three detachments of soldiers to arrest the holy Prophet Elias (July 20). One of these detachments was headed by the holy Prophet Obadiah. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elias, two of the detachments were consumed by heavenly fire, but Obadiah and his detachment were spared by the Lord (4/2 Kgs 1). From that moment Obadiah resigned from military service and became a follower of the Prophet Elias. Afterward, he himself received the gift of prophecy. The God-inspired work of the Prophet Obadiah is the fourth of the Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and contains predictions about the future salvation of the Gentiles (Vs. 15) and that the Savior would come forth from Sion (Vs. 17). The holy Prophet Obadiah, whose name means servant (or worshipper) of the Lord, was buried in Samaria. In iconography, the Prophet Obadiah is depicted as a grey-haired old man with a rounded beard. His scroll reads: "In that day, saith the Lord, I shall destroy the wise men out of Idumea." (Obadiah 8).

### 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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### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Great Vespers at 6 pm**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of November**

**ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

#### Visitors Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy, you are invited to join us for light refreshments in the parish hall. Please join us for fellowship.

#### Nativity Fast

This year, the Nativity Fast began on November 15<sup>th</sup> and is in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ on December 25<sup>th</sup>. As the fast continues, we are called to abstain from meat, eggs, and dairy products. We are called to fast from food, and also called to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from these other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us.

#### Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, you are welcome to worship with us for Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9 am.

#### Thank you

Sincere thanks to Matushka JoAnne Kedala, Beth Lamlamay, Mark Benda, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, and all the students of HSOC Sunday School for organizing, preparing, and serving wonderful gyro lunch last week. May God protect them and preserve them for many blessed years!

#### Take them a Meal

As you all know, Edgar and Anna Urilov were blessed with beautiful baby Sophia on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to help new parents and provide them with nutritious meal, there will be a sign-up sheet at the parish. Since Edgar and Anna live close by, all the meals can be left in the Church.

#### Religious Education

Following Sunday's Divine Liturgy and the coffee social, Father Michael meets with the catechumens to discuss religion and the church. You are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there.

#### Axios, Axios, Axios!

Holy Synod elects Hieromonk Benedict as Bishop of Hartford and the Diocese of New England. For more information please follow the link:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/holy-synod-elects-hieromonk-benedict-bishop-hartford-diocese-new-england>

#### Happy Thanksgiving – Thursday November 2023

This is time of year to remember and give thanks for our many blessings. Sincere best wishes to our parishioners and friends of our parish for a happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving! Let us remember to give thanks to the Lord for the wonderful life He has given to us.