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As we approach the end of the year, your help and financial support of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is requested and needed. Please continue to contribute to our church and keep your financial support current. Your support is appreciated and we are thankful.

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Cor. 9:6-7

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, Nadine Olsen, Marianna, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic and Sunny Hunsicker. Amen!!!

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

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For the Christian, the cross gradually becomes lighter and more joyful, while for the nonbeliever it becomes heavier and more burdensome. Why is this so? Because where the one carries their cross with faith and devotion to God, the other carries it with grumbling and anger.

Saint Innocent of Alaska

THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE - The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God. When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple. There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence. The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Saint Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian." But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells God's blessing for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.

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

Saturday 20th of November

Great Vespers with Litya at 5 pm

Sunday 21st of November

The Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple

Divine Liturgy 10 am

Panikhida Service for Antonina Seniw after the Divine Liturgy

Saturday 27th of November

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 28th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Announcements

Visitors Welcome!

If you are a guest at today's Divine Liturgy, we invite you to join us following Divine Liturgy for the light refreshments and fellowship so we can get to know each other. You are always welcome to share in worship and fellowship at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and include your email.

NATIVITY FAST began Monday, November 15th

As the Nativity Fast begins, we are called to abstain from meat, eggs and dairy products. Refreshments following Divine Liturgy should reflect the Fast rules.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th

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

Advent Confessions

As we are entering Nativity Fast, we are called to attend sacrament of confession. If you would like to receive the sacrament of confession before Great Vespers or Divine Liturgy, please contact and inform Father Michael so he can plan accordingly. Thank you.

Memorial or Panikhida Service

If you would like to offer a Memorial or Panikhida service for a loved one, please speak with Father Michael.

New Laity Liturgical Books for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Your donations have made it possible for HSOC to purchase new and updated Liturgical Books from St. Tikhon's Monastery Bookstore for church use and for you to purchase for your personal prayers and use. The books should be in the church pews this Sunday. The books are available for purchase at \$20.00, per book. A perfect gift, especially at Christmas. See Douglas Dobrzynski or Michael Olsen to purchase one or more! Again, thanks for your donation to make this new addition to our church possible.

The Clothing Bin

The clothing bin is open. Please let your family and friends know they are welcome to drop off clothes and other items. This is a fundraiser for our church. We thank you for your donations!

Have an item for the bulletin?

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