

GREATMARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN

SUNDAY 27th of NOVEMBER

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

Troparion — Tone 4

You astounded all, long-suffering James, by enduring horrible tortures with great patience. / As the evil assembly performed the slaughter, / you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. / Through your sufferings you received your crown, / and came to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God. / Entreat Him to save our souls!

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, Nadine, Michelle, 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, PamelaAnne, Betty James Elizabeth and David. Amen!!!

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

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HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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November 27th, 2022

GREATMARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN - The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor. Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness. His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, Saint James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death. They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture Saint James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

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 26th of November
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 27th of November
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 3rd of December
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 4th of December
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 5th of December
Great Vespers at 6 pm

Tuesday 6th of December
SAINT NICHOLAS DAY
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Welcome

If you are a guest at today's Divine Liturgy, we invite you to join us following Divine Liturgy for 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 address.

Many thanks for supporting HSOC!

The end of the year is fast approaching and there have been major improvements and accomplishments to our church and rectory which we can be proud of, thanks to our council members, parishioners, and friends of the parish. Many thanks for your generous contributions, whether it be time, talent, or financial. We pray you and your families are well and appreciate your support of HSOC and ask that you continue to contribute to our church, keeping your financial support current. Your support is appreciated, and we are thankful.

Nativity Fast

This year, the Nativity Fast began Tuesday, November 15th and is in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ on December 25th. As the fast continues, we are called to abstain from meat, eggs, and dairy products. There's fasting from foods, 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.

Confessions will be heard every Saturday evening before or after Vespers or by appointment. If you wish to make an appointment for confession, please contact Father Michael via email pejovicveljko@gmail.com or call him (848)228-1563.

Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting was held on November 21st at 7 pm via ZOOM. The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for December 19th at 7 pm via ZOOM.

Liturgical Calendar for December 2022

Liturgical Calendar for December 2022 is uploaded to our website. In order to view it please follow the link: [Monthly Calendar \(holyspiritorthodox.org\)](http://MonthlyCalendar(holyspiritorthodox.org))

Metropolitan Tikhon's Pastoral Message for Thanksgiving Day 2022

To read His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon's Message for Thanksgiving 2022 please follow the link: [Holy Synod - Encyclicals - Thanksgiving Day 2022 - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](http://HolySynod-Encyclicals-ThanksgivingDay2022-OrthodoxChurchinAmerica(oca.org))

Have an item for the bulletin?

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