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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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Don't criticize or judge other people – regard everyone else as an angel, justify their mistakes and weaknesses, and condemn only yourself as the worst sinner. This is step one in any kind of spiritual life.

Father Seraphim Rose

MARTYR ANNA - Saint Anna was a noblewoman who sold all her possessions and gave the money to the poor. She received the monastic tonsure from Saint Stephen the New while he was living on Mount Auxentius in Bithynia. He sent her to live in the women's monastery called Trichinarion (Community of hairshirt-wearers). When the iconoclasts tried to turn Saint Stephen from venerating the holy icons, they tried flattery, bribery, and threats, but all their efforts were in vain. Then they accused him of visiting the Trichinarion Monastery at night and falling into sin with the nun Anna. Although her own maidservant testified against her (she was promised her freedom and marriage to a nobleman if she did), Saint Anna denied any guilt. The emperor's soldiers came to the monastery and seized Saint Anna and brought her before him, but she refused to lie about Saint Stephen. Therefore Emperor Constantine threw her into a dungeon in Constantinople. The next morning the emperor sat in a public building with an assembled crowd, and had Saint Anna brought to his presence. Since she insisted that both she and Saint Stephen were innocent, the emperor had her stripped naked in the sight of all. During her interrogation, she remained silent. Meanwhile, her maidservant falsely swore that Saint Stephen had sinned with her mistress. Angered by her refusal to speak, the emperor had Saint Anna stretched out on the ground, where soldiers beat her with rods. During this torment, she said, "I have never sinned with Stephen. Lord, have mercy." The soldiers continued to beat her until she was almost dead. The emperor returned to his palace, leaving orders that Saint Anna be imprisoned in one of the city's abandoned monasteries. There she departed to the Lord, receiving from Him the twin crowns of virginity and martyrdom.

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 27th of November

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 28th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 4th of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 5th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 6th of December

Saint Nicholas Day

Divine Liturgy at 9 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

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

Welcome Catechumens

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, on Sunday of the Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple, following Divine Liturgy, Pamela Kachur, Asia Booker Sanchez, Kristen Steier and her child Hazel became Catechumens and are preparing for the Sacrament of Chrismation. God Bless our Catechumens!

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

A Panikhida Memorial Service was held for the departed +Antonina offered by her daughter Anna Seniw. Make her memory be eternal! 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

The new and updated books are now in the pews! You are encouraged to use the books for prayers and to follow the service. You are most welcome to join us for the Hours, prior to the Divine Liturgy, every Sunday at 9:45am. The books are available for purchase at \$20.00 per book. A perfect gift at any time and especially at Christmas! See Michael Olsen or Douglas Dobrzynski to purchase one or more!

Stewards of the OCA

Sincere thanks for your generosity and to all who made donations on Sunday, November 11th towards **the Stewards of the OCA**.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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