

Sunday 5th of November 2023

**REPOSE OF SAINT JONAH, ARCHBISHOP OF
NOVGOROD**

Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:41-56

Troparion – Tone 4

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, / an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; / your humility exalted you; / your poverty enriches you. / Hierarch Father Jonah, / entreat Christ our God / that our souls may be saved.

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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REPOSE OF SAINT JONAH ARCHBISHOP OF NOVGOROD - Saint Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod, in the world named John, was left orphaned early in life and was adopted by a certain pious widow living in Novgorod. She raised the child and sent him to school. Blessed Michael of Klops Monastery (January 11), who chanced to meet John on the street, foretold that he would become Archbishop of Novgorod. John received tonsure at the Otnya wilderness monastery, 50 versts from the city, and he became an igumen of this monastery. It was from here that the people of Novgorod chose him as their archbishop in 1458, after the death of Saint Euthymius (March 11). Saint Jonah enjoyed great influence in Moscow, and during his time as a hierarch, the Moscow princes did not infringe upon the independence of Novgorod. Saint Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow (1449-1461), was a friend of the Novgorod Archbishop Saint Jonah, and wanted him to become his successor. In 1463, Archbishop Jonah built the first church dedicated to Saint Sergius of Radonezh in the Novgorod region. Concerning himself over reviving traditions of the old days in the Novgorod Church, he summoned to Novgorod the renowned compiler of Saints' Lives, Pachomius the Logothete, who wrote both the services and history of the best-known Novgorod Saints, based on local sources. And to this time period belongs also to the founding of the Solovki monastery. Saint Jonah rendered much help and assistance in the organizing of the monastery. To Saint Zosimas he gave a special land-grant (in conjunction with the secular authorities of Novgorod), by which the whole of Solovki Island was granted to the new monastery. The saint, after his many toils, and sensing the approach of his end, wrote a spiritual testament to bury his body at the Otnya monastery. On November 5, 1470, after he received the Holy Mysteries, the saint fell asleep in the Lord. There has survived to the present day a Letter of Saint Jonah to Metropolitan Theodosius, written in 1464. The Life of the saint was written in the form of a short account in the year 1472 (included in the work, Memorials of Old Russian Literature, and also in the Great Reading Menaion of Metropolitan Macarius, under November 5). In 1553, after the uncovering of the relics of Archbishop Jonah, an account of this event was written by Saint Zenobius of Otnya (October 30). A special work relating the miracles of the saint is found in manuscripts of the seventeenth century.

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 4th of November

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 5th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Tuesday 7th of November

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Wednesday 8th of November

Synaxis of Archangels Michael and All Heavenly Host

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Slava Service – After Divine Liturgy

Slava Dinner at Rectory at 5 pm

Saturday 11th of November

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 12th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Church School Harvest Festival

We had a fun time with all the Sunday School students on October 28th. Big thanks go to Matushka Joanne, Beth Anne, and everyone else who helped with this event.

Sincere Appreciation

We wish to thank Delia and Glen for donating the icon of St. Basil the Great to the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. May God grant them many blessed years.

Father Joseph Chupeck

By the grace of God Archpriest Joseph Chupeck is better and he is released back from the hospital. If you wish to write him a card, please do so at his home address: 112 Harding Dr, Washington, NJ 07882-1610. We continue to pray for Father Joseph and his family.

Fall Back: Daylight Saving Time Ends on Nov. 5, 2023!

Remember to turn your clocks back Saturday night and enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, you are welcome to worship with us for the Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and all the Heavenly Powers at Vespers on Tuesday, November 7th, at 6 pm and Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, November 8th, at 9 a.m. At 5 pm on November 8th, Father Michael and Matushka Mihaela Pejovic will open the doors of the Rectory for anyone who wants to join them in the celebration of their Slava (family Patron Saint) and Matushka Mihaela's birthday.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is observed in the United States and honors all military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. We're honoring Veterans Day at our Church, on November 12th. If you'd like, email, or call Father Michael with the names of military members among your family and friends.

New Catechumen

Finlay Johnson became a catechumen on Sunday 29th of October. Please keep the catechumens Joan, Olivia, Edgar, Travis, and Finlay in your prayers.

New Program in Prison Ministry

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry and St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary have partnered create the new Certificate Program in Prison Ministry. For more information please follow the link: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/ocpm-and-st-tikhons-orthodox-theological-seminary-now-offering-a-certificate-program-in-prison-ministry>

Have an item for the bulletin?

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