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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 and Helen Schweizer. Amen!!!

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

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# The Weekly Bulletin HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*Don't ever pay attention to anything earthly and unstable. Strive for the union of your soul with God.*

**Elder Amphilochios of Patmos**

**33 HOLY MARTYRS OF MELITENE** - The holy martyr Hieron was born in the city of Tiana in great Cappadocia. Raised by a pious mother, he was a kindly and good Christian. The co-ruling emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (284-305) sent a large military detachment headed by Lysias to Cappadocia to eradicate Christianity there, and also to conscript healthy and strong men into the imperial army. Among those pressed into service, Lysias also ordered his men to draft Hieron, who was distinguished by his great physical strength and dexterity. But Hieron refused to serve emperors who persecuted Christians. When they attempted to seize him by force and bring him to Lysias, he took a stick and started beating the soldiers who had been sent to bring him. The soldiers scattered, ashamed of being defeated by a single man. Hieron then hid himself in a cave with eighteen other Christians. Lysias would not risk losing his soldiers by storming the cave. Upon the advice of Cyriacus, one of Hieron's friends, Lysias lifted the siege of the cave and withdrew his detachment. Then Cyriacus persuaded Hieron not to offer resistance to the authorities. He and the other new conscripts and accompanying soldiers were sent to the nearby city of Melitene. Soon Hieron had a vision in his sleep, in which his impending martyrdom was foretold. Lysias told the soldiers gathered at Melitene to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Hieron and another thirty-two soldiers refused to do this, and openly confessed their faith in Christ. Then the persecutor gave orders to beat the martyrs, and to cut off Hieron's arm at the elbow. After cruel tortures they threw the martyrs into prison barely alive, and they beheaded them four days later. A certain rich and illustrious Christian by the name of Chrysanthus ransomed Hieron's head from Lysias. When the persecutions finally ceased, he built a church on the place where they executed the holy martyrs, and he placed the venerable head in it. The bodies of all the executed saints were secretly buried by Christians. In reign of the emperor Justinian, during the construction of the church of Hagia Eirene (Holy Peace), the venerable relics were uncovered and found incorrupt.

[33 Holy Martyrs of Melitene](#)

### 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](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)

Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of November**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of November**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of November**  
**SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND OTHER**  
**BODILESS POWERS**  
**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**  
**Father Michael's Slava service after the Divine**  
**Liturgy**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of November**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday at 2 am.

Turn your clock back one hour!

### Crowning Ceremony

Following Divine Liturgy last Sunday, the Crowning Ceremony united Lesley Johnson and Matthew Varley in marriage. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Michael Pejovic and V. Rev. Samuel Kedala. The couple hosted lunch for their family, friends and parishioners in the parish hall. May God Grant Lesley and Matthew good health and happiness.

### Panikhida Service

Following Vespers last Saturday, a Panikhida Memorial Service was held for the departed +Matushka Elizabeth Kachur offered by Timothy and Pamela Kachur. Make her memory to be eternal!

### Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 am

Please plan to worship together at the feast day Divine Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Archangel Michael. Following Liturgy will be Father Michael's Slava service, and light refreshments hosted by Father Michael and Matushka Mihaela.

### Veterans Day 2021 – Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Happy Veterans Day to our military and their families, who sacrifice so much to keep our country safe and strong. God Bless!

### Diocesan Council Meeting 2021

Representing the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Rev. Fr. Michael Pejovic and Michael Olsen participated in this yearly event via Zoom. A brief summary will be shared with parishioners following Divine Liturgy.

### Have an item for the bulletin?

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