

SAINT DOMNA OF TOMSK

Sunday 16th of October

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15

Troparion — Tone 1

Hearing the voice of Thine Apostle Paul say: “We are fools for Christ;” / Thy handmaiden Mother Domna, O Christ God, was a fool on earth for Thy sake; / therefore, honoring her memory, / we entreat Thee: “O Lord, 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, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie. Amen!!!

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

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SAINT DOMNA OF TOMSK - The holy fool Saint Domna (Karpovna) was born into a noble family in the central Ukraine around the beginning of the nineteenth century. Orphaned at an early age, Saint Domna grew up in her aunt's house. She was a beautiful girl, and therefore she had many suitors who hoped to marry her. The righteous one, however, desired to preserve her virginity for the Lord's sake. When she discovered that her relatives wished to force her to be married, she left the house in secret, dressed in plain clothing, and she went on pilgrimage to the holy places. Since she had no documents to prove her identity, she was arrested and exiled to Siberia, where she settled in the city of Tomsk. There she undertook the exploit of foolishness for the sake of Christ. Saint Domna had no permanent home, and she often spent her days and nights in the open air. Bags of all sorts hung from her body, filled with bits of glass, incense, bread, sugar, shoes, ropes, stones, and other things. Saint Domna often counted them instead of the knots on a prayer rope, thereby concealing her unceasing prayer from human sight. When compassionate people gave her coats during the severe winters, she accepted them with gratitude, but a few hours later she would give them to some other beggar, while she continued to suffer from the cold. Knowing about the difficult stay of the prisoners in the Tomsk police station, Domna began to walk among them and sing spiritual songs, for which she herself was detained. Upon learning of this, the Tomsk merchants, who revered Domna, carried her loads of cakes, bliny, tea and sugar, which she meted out to the distressed prisoners. Remembering the words of Holy Scripture: "A righteous man pities the lives of his animals" (Proverbs 12:10, Septuagint), the saint also took care of stray animals and watchdogs. She often fed them, and she was fond of the dogs, about whom the owners did not care, turning them loose at will. Animals also loved the righteous one and by night a multitude of them surrounded her. But even among dumb animals Domna Karpovna did not forget about God. The residents of Tomsk, amid the howling of dogs, often heard her prayer in the darkness: "Most Holy Theotokos, save us!" The blessed one prayed intensely and fervently in the temple, but only when there were just a few people present. One eyewitness described her prayer: "Once I glanced into the side chapel of the church, and there I saw Domna Karpovna, kneeling, and praying. Oh, how she prayed! And the tears, the tears! They flowed from her eyes in two streams." But as soon as she noticed someone was looking at her, she began to behave like a fool again, moving from place to place, talking, and extinguishing candles. Through her exploit of foolishness Saint Domna preserved her virginity, voluntarily enduring poverty, suffering from the heat and cold, and putting the sinful passions to death. At the end of her life she received the gift of clairvoyance from the Lord, which served for the spiritual benefit of others. She surrendered her soul to God on October 16, 1872, and she was buried in the convent of Saint John the Baptist in Tomsk.

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 22st of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 23rd of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 29th of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 30th of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 5th of November

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 6th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Congratulations to All!

The Kedala family is happy to welcome Vada Rose to their family. Vada was born on Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, at 10:14 pm and weighed in at 9 pounds 2 ounces. Vada is the daughter of Mary and Cory Hardcastle. Mom, dad, and baby are doing well. Baba and Dido are so blessed! God Grant Them Many Healthy, Happy, and Blessed Years!

St. Tikhon's Monastery

A check, in the amount of \$300, from Holy Spirit Orthodox Church has been sent to St. Tikhon's. This will assist in the funding of the newly-built home for monks at St. Tikhon's Monastery. Again, many thanks to all for your generosity and support of St. Tikhon's.

A Message from Father Michael

Father Michael will be absent for the last two weeks in October. While he will be absent on the weekends you can still reach him on his cell and/or email. During his absence, Father Michael Hill, and Father Paul Kucynda will serve in his place.

A Message from HSOC's Treasurer

Michael Olsen reports that the Applefest, held on Sunday, October 2nd, was a very successful one-day fundraising event for our Church. There was a net profit of \$3,800! Thanks to all who participated in making this such a successful event. You are appreciated.

Diocesan Assembly

This year Diocesan Assembly is held Wednesday – Thursday, November 2nd and 3rd in Saint Peter and Paul Church, 210 Hill Avenue, Endicott, NY.

Diocesan Assembly is typically attended by a pastor and one lay delegate. If you are interested to accompany Father Michael as a representative to this event, please let him know via email: at pejovicveljko@gmail.com or speak with him at the coffee hour. All expenses will be compensated and this is a good opportunity to involve yourself in the life of the Diocese.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7 pm via ZOOM.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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