

Sunday 22nd of October 2023

**SAINT AVERKIOS THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF
HIEROPOLIS, EQUAL OF THE APOSTLES**

Epistle Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Troparion – Tone 8

**You appeared to your flock as a rule of faith, / and Image of
humility and a teacher of abstinence. / Because of your
lowliness, Heaven was opened to you; / because of your
poverty, riches were granted to you. / O Holy Bishop Averkios,
entreat Christ God 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, Protospyter Christos, the priest Gregory, 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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EQUAL OF THE APOSTLES** –

The Holy Hierarch Averkios of Hieropolis lived in Phrygia during the second century. The city of Hieropolis was inhabited by many pagans and very few Christians. The Saint prayed to the Lord for the salvation of their souls, and that they might be numbered among God's chosen flock. An Angel appeared and bade Saint Averkios to destroy the idols in the pagan temple. He obeyed this command with zeal. Hearing that the idol-worshippers wanted to kill him, the Saint went to a place where people had gathered and openly denounced the failure of the pagans when they attempted to seize him. At that moment three demon-possessed youths in the crowd cried out. The people were dumbfounded as the Hierarch expelled demons from them by his prayers. Seeing the youths restored to normal, the people of Hieropolis asked Saint Averkios to instruct them in the Christian Faith, and then they received Holy Baptism. After this Saint Averkios went to the surrounding cities and villages, healing the sick and preaching the Kingdom of God. With his preaching he made the rounds of Syria, Cilicia, Mesopotamia, he also visited Rome. Everywhere he went he converted multitudes of people to Christ. For many years he guarded the Church against heretics, confirming Christians in the Faith, and setting the prodigal upon the path of righteousness. He also healed the sick and proclaimed the glory of Christ. Because of his great works, Saint Averkios is called an "Equal of the Apostles." Saint Averkios returned home to Hieropolis, where he soon rested from his labors. After his repose, many miracles took place at his tomb. He wrote his own epitaph, and it was carved on his tombstone, which is now in the Lateran Museum. The skull of Saint Averkios is located in the Monastery of Most Pure Theotokos on the island of Andros. Fragments from the Holy Relic of Saint Averkios are also found in the Monasteries of Karakalou on the Holy Mountain, at Proussos in Evritania, and Phaneromeni in Salamis.

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 28th of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 29th of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy, you are invited to join us for light refreshment in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation, and ask any questions you may have.

Sincere Appreciation

We wish to thank Travis Neisler for donating icon of the Protection of the Mother of God, to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. May God grant Travis and his family many blessed years. Our thanks!

Father Joseph Chupeck

Our dear Father Joseph Chupeck is currently residing in Rolling Hills Care Center, 16 Cratetown Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833, Room N13. Please consider visiting and/or sending him a card. Please keep Father Joseph Chupeck and Matushka Ellen and their family in your prayers.

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 am. At 5 pm on November 8th, Father Michael and Matushka Mihaela Pejovic will open the doors of Rectory for anyone who wants to join them in the celebration of their Slava (family Patron Saint) and Matushka Mihaela's birthday. Although food is planned to be served around 5 pm, you are welcome to join us in the rectory whenever you please.

Religious Education

Following Sunday Divine Liturgy and the coffee social, Father Michael meets with the catechumens to discuss religion and the church. You are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there.

Retreat for OCA Widows of Clergy, November 7th

On Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, at 1:30 pm Eastern Time, Mother Christophora of the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration, Elwood City, PA will present a ZOOM retreat for widows of clergy titled: "Illness and Aging." For more information, please follow the link: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/retreat-for-oca-widows-of-clergy-november-7-illness-aging>

Food Donation Cart

The need to continue to assist those in need continues and we ask that when you are shopping, please remember those who are less fortunate. Dan Taylor informed us that the current needs of Sussex Help Center are the following: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish cans, cereal boxes, and baby diapers (size newborn to 6-month-old).

Have an item for the bulletin?

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