

Your Support is needed

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, Protosyber 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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And remember to use:



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Learn to know the spirit of the age, study it, so whenever possible you will be able to avoid its influence.

Saint Ignatius Brianchaninov

MARTYR ARETHAS AND 4,299 MARTYRS WITH HIM - The Martyr Arethas and with him 4299 Martyrs suffered for the Lord Jesus Christ in the sixth century. Arethas was prefect of the Christian city of Negran in Arabia. The Arabian (or Omirite) king, Dunaan, who was Jewish, decided to eliminate Christianity from the land. He issued an edict that all followers of Christ were to be put to death. Because the inhabitants of Negran remained faithful to the Lord, Dunaan came with a large army to destroy the city. At the city walls of Negran the king's heralds announced that Dunaan would only spare those who renounced Christ and referred to His Cross as a "sign of malediction." Not daring to assault the Christian city by force, Dunaan resorted to a ruse. Dunaan swore an oath that he would not force the Christians into Judaism, but would merely collect a tribute from Negran. The inhabitants of the city would not heed the advice of Saint Arethas, and putting their trust in Dunaan, they opened the city gates. The very next day Dunaan gave orders to light an immense fire and throw all the clergy of the city into it in order to frighten the rest of the Christians. 427 men were burned. He also threw the prefect Arethas and the other chief men into prison. Then the oppressor sent his messengers through the city to convert the Christians to Judaism. Dunaan himself conversed with those inhabitants brought from the prisons, saying, "I do not demand that you should renounce the God of heaven and earth, nor do I want you to worship idols, I want merely that you do not believe in Jesus Christ, since the Crucified One was a man, and not God." The holy martyrs replied that Jesus is God the Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Who for the salvation of mankind was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Those suffering said, "We shall not abjure Christ, since He is Life for us. To die for Him is to find Life." More than four thousand Christians, men, women, both the aged and children, from the city of Negran and surrounding villages suffered martyrdom for Christ.

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5 pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:40am 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 23rd of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 24th of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 30th of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 31st of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Crowning of Lesley Johnson and Matthew Varley after the Divine Liturgy

Saturday 6th of November

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 7th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Monday 8th of November

SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND OTHER BODILESS POWERS

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Father Michael's Slava service after the Divine Liturgy

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.

Crowning Ceremony

You are invited to the Crowning Ceremony of Lesley Johnson and Matthew Varley and to share in the joy of their marriage at the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, on Sunday, October 31, 2021 following Divine Liturgy. Light reception follows in the Parish Hall.

Your help is needed

Consider becoming involved with the volunteer opportunities at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Your help and participation with the *Committee for Fundraising and Events*, yet to be formed, is needed. One of the best ways to feel good is to give back. Volunteer your time to a cause that's important to you – it's a free way to spend your time and benefits others as well. Speak with me and let's decide on a meeting date.

Memorial or Panikhida Service

If you would like to offer a Memorial or Panikhida service for a loved one, please speak with Father Michael.

Hurricane Ida victims need our help

You can make donations at the designated box in the rear of the Church. Please make your check payable to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church and mark it: "Hurricane Ida Relief." Thank you for your support and kindness.

November Retreat for St. Tikhon's Monastery Music Program

November Retreat Registration for St. Tikhon's Monastery Music Program is now open. Find out more here:

<https://www.oca.org/news/archived/november-retreat-registration-open-for-st-tikhons-monastery-music-program>

Have an item for the bulletin?

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