

**Sunday, 27th of October 2024**

**MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA**

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

**Gospel: Luke 8:26-39**

**Troparion – Tone 5**

**As a friend and companion of Saint Demetrios, / you were an invincible athlete of godliness and contended bravely, O blessed Nestor. / By divine help, you defeated Lyaïos, / and by being slain you became a holy sacrifice to our God.**

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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Archpriest Paul, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, 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, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery, Halyna (Klima), Sergey, John, Francis, Anna and Birgit. 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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**October 27th, 2024**

**MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA** - The holy Martyr Nestor was very young in age, handsome in appearance, and he was known to the holy Great Martyr Demetrios (October 26), for he had instructed Nestor in the faith. The Emperor was visiting Thessaloniki, and he built a high platform in the midst of the city so that a gigantic barbarian named Lyaïos could wrestle there and be seen by everyone. Beneath the platform many spears and other sharp weapons were placed pointing upward. When Lyaïos defeated his opponents, he threw them down onto the spears and they died. Many Christians were forced to fight Lyaïos and were killed. When Nestor saw how Emperor Maximian rejoiced over the victories of his champion, he disdained his pride. Seeing the miracles of Saint Demetrios, however, he took courage and went to the prison where the holy Martyr was confined and fell at his feet. "Pray for me, O Servant of God Demetrios," he said, "that by your prayers, God may help me to beat Lyaïos and put an end to him who brings reproach upon the Christians." The Saint, after sealing Nestor with the Sign of the Cross, told him that he would prevail over Lyaïos, and then suffer for Christ. Nestor mounted the platform without fear and exclaimed: "Help me, O God of Demetrios." After he defeated Lyaïos, he hurled him down onto the spears, where he gave up his wretched soul. Maximian became enraged and ordered that both Nestor and Demetrios should be put to death. Saint Demetrios was stabbed with spears, and Saint Nestor was beheaded. Thus, by his example Saint Nestor teaches us that in every human challenge we must say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me." (Psalm 117/118:6, Hebrews 13:6).

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

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

## Dates to Remember

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of October**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of October**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November**

**Baptism of Alvar Lam at 11 am**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Wedding of Anna (Asia) Booker and Alvar Lam  
(after short coffee hour)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshment in the church hall.

### Warwick Applefest 2024

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mike and Nadine Olsen and Mark Benda for once again organizing our participation in the Warwick Applefest. We also want to express our gratitude to all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make this fundraiser a success. We raised 3000\$! Thank you all for your continued support.

### The Diocese of NY/NJ

#### Diocesan Assembly 2024 – October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>

Subdeacon Mark Benda and I will attend this Diocesan Assembly. For more information, here is the link: <https://nynjoca.org/2024diocesanassembly>

### Join us for Baptism and Wedding

On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 11 am, Alvar Lam will be baptized to the Holy Orthodox Faith. Next day on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, after brief coffee hour, Anna Booker will be joining Alvar Lam in the sacrament of Holy Marriage. After the ceremony, lunch will be served in the Parish Hall. Please join us for both blessed events. Everyone is invited.

### Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Daylight Saving Time Ends! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night. We look forward to worshipping with us.

### Clothing Bin

Please continue to use the clothing bin located in the church parking lot. Each donation supports the church financially and your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

### Sussex Help Center Announcement

Recently Dan Taylor had a meeting with the Sussex Help Center Food Pantry. Their requests are for soups or stews and items for school lunches for children. This is an ongoing HSOC outreach program and thank you for your support and contributions.

### Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com) or Mary Osinski at [mary.osinski@gmail.com](mailto:mary.osinski@gmail.com).