

Hurricane Ida Relief

Until November 1st we will accept donations to help the victims of the Hurricane Ida. We are all called to help those in need. You can make cash donations at the special designated box in our Church. Furthermore if you would like to make a check please mark it as: "Hurricane Ida Relief." Thank you for your kindness.

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*****



[Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens](#)



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Love Christ; breathe Christ; make Jesus dwell within your soul.

Elder Ephraim

HIEROMARTYR DIONYSIUS THE AREOPAGITE, BISHOP OF ATHENS - Saint Dionysius lived originally in the city of Athens. He was raised there and received a classical Greek education. He then went to Egypt, where he studied astronomy at the city of Heliopolis. It was in Heliopolis, along with his friend Apollonios where he witnessed the solar eclipse that occurred at the moment of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ by Crucifixion. "Either the Creator of all the world now suffers, or this visible world is coming to an end," Dionysius said. Upon his return to Athens from Egypt, he was chosen to be a member of the Areopagus Council. When the holy Apostle Paul preached at the place on the Hill of Ares (Acts 17:16-34), Dionysius accepted his salvific proclamation and became a Christian. For three years Saint Dionysius remained a companion of the holy Apostle Paul in preaching the Word of God. Later on, the Apostle Paul selected him as bishop of the city of Athens. And in the year 57 Saint Dionysius was present at the repose of the Most Holy Theotokos. During the lifetime of the Mother of God, Saint Dionysius had journeyed from Athens to Jerusalem to meet Her. He wrote to his teacher the Apostle Paul: "I witness by God, that besides the very God Himself, there is nothing else filled with such divine power and grace. No one can fully comprehend what I saw. I confess before God: when I was with John, who shone among the Apostles like the sun in the sky, when I was brought before the countenance of the Most Holy Virgin, I experienced an inexpressible sensation. Before me gleamed a sort of divine radiance which transfixed my spirit. I perceived the fragrance of indescribable aromas and was filled with such delight that my very body became faint, and my spirit could hardly endure these signs and marks of eternal majesty and heavenly power. The grace from her overwhelmed my heart and shook my very spirit. If I did not have in mind your instruction, I should have mistaken Her for the very God. It is impossible to stand before greater blessedness than this which I beheld." After the death of the Apostle Paul, Saint Dionysius wanted to continue with his work, and therefore went off preaching in the West, accompanied by the Presbyter Rusticus and Deacon Eleutherius. They converted many to Christ at Rome, and then in Germany, and then in Spain. In Gaul, during a persecution against Christians by the pagan authorities, all three confessors were arrested and thrown into prison. By night Saint Dionysius celebrated the Divine Liturgy with angels of the Lord. In the morning the martyrs were beheaded. According to an old tradition, Saint Dionysius took up his head, proceeded with it to the church and fell down dead there. A pious woman named Catulla buried the relics of the saint.

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

Thursday 30th of September

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Friday 1st of October

PROTECTION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 2nd of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 3rd of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 9th of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 10th of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 11th of October

Parish Council Meeting at 6 pm via ZOOM

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.

Thank you

Our sincere thanks to Mary Osinski and Adrian Pawelko for their service as members of the Parish Council. God grant you many years!

Parish Council Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 11th of October, 2021 at 6 pm via ZOOM.

Annual Parish Meeting Agenda and Reports

Annual Parish Meeting Agenda and Reports are available upon request. For your copy please contact Father Michael.

Committee for Fundraising and Events

Due to the unforeseen events we still did not assemble the committee for fundraising and events. The purpose of this committee will be to create ideas for fundraising and events. If you are interested, speak with Father Michael at the Coffee Social for details or more information.

New Laity Liturgical Books for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Your donation is requested to purchase new and updated Liturgical Books that will be available for all to use in the church pews. We've been blessed to receive a donation already, but our work continues and we need additional financial support to purchase these new and updated books. We are grateful for any amount you may wish to donate. Your check would be most welcome and please mark in the memo: Books. Our thanks and many blessings!

Communique of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America meeting under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon via teleconference, on Tuesday, September 28th, 2021, issued the following message:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/communique-of-the-holy-synod-of-bishops-of-the-orthodox-church-in-america>

Have an item for the bulletin?

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