

## MARTYR SUSANNA, QUEEN OF GEORGIA

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of September

Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18; 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17; Matthew 21:33-42

Troparion — Tone 4

**You lived in great humility, / in labors of asceticism and in purity of soul, / O righteous Euphrosynus. / By a mystical vision you demonstrated most wonderfully the heavenly joy which you had found. / Therefore, make us worthy to be partakers of it also, by your intercessions.**

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, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine Olsen, 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 and Anne.

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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September 11<sup>th</sup> of 2022

**SAINT EUPHROSYNUS THE COOK, OF ALEXANDRIA** - Saint Euphrosynus the Cook was from one of the Palestinian monasteries, and his obedience was to work in the kitchen as a cook. Toiling away for the brethren, Saint Euphrosynus did not absent himself from thought about God, but rather dwelt in prayer and fasting. He remembered always that obedience is the first duty of a monk, and therefore he was obedient to the elder brethren. The patience of the saint was amazing: they often reproached him, but he made no complaint and endured every unpleasantness. Saint Euphrosynus pleased the Lord by his inner virtue which he concealed from people, and the Lord Himself revealed to the monastic brethren the spiritual heights of their unassuming fellow-monk. One of the priests of the monastery prayed and asked the Lord to show him the blessings prepared for the righteous in the age to come. The priest saw in a dream what Paradise is like, and he contemplated its inexplicable beauty with fear and with joy. He also saw there a monk of his monastery, the cook Euphrosynus. Amazed at this encounter, the presbyter asked Euphrosynus, how he came to be there. The saint answered that he was in Paradise through the great mercy of God. The priest again asked whether Euphrosynus would be able to give him something from the surrounding beauty. Saint Euphrosynus suggested to the priest to take whatever he wished, and so the priest pointed to three luscious apples growing in the garden of Paradise. The monk picked the three apples, wrapped them in a cloth, and gave them to his companion. When he awoke in the early morning, the priest thought the vision a dream, but suddenly he noticed next to him the cloth with the fruit of Paradise wrapped in it and emitting a wondrous fragrance. The priest found Saint Euphrosynus in church and asked him under oath where he was the night before. The saint answered that he was where the priest also was. Then the monk said that the Lord, in fulfilling the prayer of the priest, had shown him Paradise and had bestowed the fruit of Paradise through him, "the lowly and unworthy servant of God, Euphrosynus." The priest related everything to the monastery brethren, pointing out the spiritual loftiness of Euphrosynus in pleasing God, and he pointed to the fragrant paradisaical fruit. Deeply affected by what they heard, the monks went to the kitchen, in order to pay respect to Saint Euphrosynus, but they did not find him there. Fleeing human glory, the monk had left the monastery. The place where he concealed himself remained unknown, but the monks always remembered that their monastic brother Saint Euphrosynus had come upon Paradise, and that they in being saved, through the mercy of God would meet him there. They reverently kept and distributed pieces of the apples from Paradise for blessing and for healing.

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

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

## Dates to Remember

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of September**

**Great Vespers with Archbishop Michael at 5 pm**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of September**

**Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Michael at 10 am  
Memorial Service for the victims of 9/11 at 1 pm  
followed by the blessing of the fire trucks and light refreshment at the Parish Hall**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of September**

**Great Vespers at 6 pm for the Feast of Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of September**

**Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross  
Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of September**

**Great Vespers – time will be announced**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of September**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Welcome!

Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us at Holy Spirit Church and to experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5 pm and/or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am. Fellowship and light refreshments follow Divine Liturgy

### Elevation of the Cross

The Elevation of the Cross is one of the great feasts of the Orthodox Church and is a holy day of fasting. It is celebrated on September 14<sup>th</sup> and to honor the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, on the eve of the feast, Vespers will be Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. On the day of the feast, Divine Liturgy will be Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am. Plan to worship with us for Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the parishioners of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church offered greetings and celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of the V. Rev. Joseph and Matushka Ellen Chupeck. God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

### Banns of Marriage

Catherine X. Kedala and John Colovito are to be married at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage NJ on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 12:15 pm.

### Supporting St. Tikhon's Monastery

As decided at the most recent Diocesan Assembly, His Eminence, Archbishop Michael has requested that all parishes help support the Monastery by setting aside three Sundays each year for a special collection. This year, the special collection dates at HSOC will be September 11, 18, and 26. Archbishop Michael thanks all for their generous support. God Bless You for your support and generosity to St. Tikhon's Monastery and the monastics who pray for us.

### Memory Eternal

On September 6, 2022, His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 90. May Metropolitan Herman's memory be eternal! For more information please follow the link; [In Memoriam: His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman - Orthodox Church in America \(oca.org\)](http://InMemoriam:HisBeatitudeMetropolitanHerman-OrthodoxChurchinAmerica(oca.org))

### Newly Departed +Elaine Evelyn Engelsman

The newly departed +Elaine Evelyn Engelsman, age 77, sister of Edward Engelsman, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday morning, August 30, 2022. Our deepest sympathies to Edward and Taisa Engelsman and their family. May her memory be eternal.

### Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, September 19, 2022, 7 pm via ZOOM.

### Have an item for the bulletin?

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