

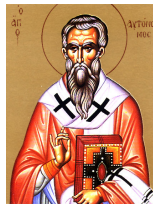
SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Annual Parish Meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 2021 has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 19, 2021 Immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please plan to attend.

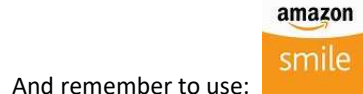
We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter 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 Autonomus, Bishop of Italy](#)



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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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September 12th 2021

Someone who faces every problem spiritually is not exhausted.

Saint Paisios of Mount Athos

HIEROMARTYR AUTONOMUS, BISHOP OF ITALY - The Hieromartyr Autonomus was a bishop in Italy. During the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), Saint Autonomus left his own country and resettled in Bithynia, in the locality of Soreus with a man named Cornelius. Saint Autonomus did his apostolic duty with zeal and converted to Christ so many pagans, that a large Church was formed, for which he consecrated a temple in the name of the Archangel Michael. For this church, the saint at first ordained Cornelius as deacon, and then presbyter. Preaching about Christ, Saint Autonomus visited also Lykaonia and Isauria. The emperor Diocletian gave orders to arrest Saint Autonomus, but the saint withdrew to Claudiopolis on the Black Sea. In returning to Soreus, he had the priest Cornelius ordained bishop. Saint Autonomus then went to Asia, and when he had returned from there, he began to preach in the vicinity of Limna, near Soreus. Once, the newly-converted destroyed a pagan temple. The pagans decided to take revenge on the Christians. Seizing their chance, the pagans rushed upon the church of the Archangel Michael when Saint Autonomus was serving Divine Liturgy there. After torturing Saint Autonomus they killed him, reddening the altar of the church with his martyr's blood. The deaconess Maria removed the body of the holy martyr from beneath a pile of stones and buried it. During the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, a church was built over the tomb of the saint. In the year 430, a certain priest had the old church pulled down. Not realizing that the martyr's body had been buried beneath the church, he rebuilt the church in a new spot. But after another 60 years the relics of the saint were found incorrupt, and a church was then built in the name of the Hieromartyr Autonomus.

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 11th of September

**Great Vespers with Archbishop Michael at 5 pm
20th Anniversary Commemoration of 9/11 with Archbishop
Michael after which we will bless fire engines.**

Sunday 12th of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 13th of September

**Great Vespers at 7 pm at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
in Middletown, NY**

Tuesday 14th of September

**THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-
GIVING CROSS**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 18th of September

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 19th of September

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING after Divine Liturgy**

Announcements

Message from Father Michael

On behalf of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church council members and parishioners as well as myself, our thanks to the clergy that served Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy during my recent time away from Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage.

9-11 Memorial Service, 20th Anniversary Remembrance

We are blessed to be together again for the 9-11 Memorial Service – 20th Anniversary Remembrance. We welcome to serve Great Vespers with us His Eminence, Archbishop Michael; Archbishop of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey; Protospesbyter Christos Talleos, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Middletown, NY; and Archpriest Samuel Kedala. Following Vespers, we will serve a Panahida service for all the victims of the 9/11 attack. There will also be a blessing of area fire engines, ambulances and police cars. A light dinner will then be hosted in the Parish Hall. If you can, please bring a dish to share.

Vespers for Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Archpriest Samuel Kedala and I will attend Vespers Service in the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church on September 13th at 7 pm. That being said we will not have Vespers service in our parish. Everyone is invited to come and worship with our neighbors in the eve of their parish names day.

2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Sunday, September 19, 2021, Holy Spirit Orthodox Church will hold its 2021 Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting will be in the Church following the Divine Liturgy. Your input and participation are valued and are important. Please plan to attend this meeting.

New Laity Liturgical Books for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Our goal is to purchase 40 books for our church. St. Tikhon's anticipates the books will be published and available during the month of September 2021. We have already received \$200 from Ed & Taisa Engelsman towards this fundraiser and any financial donations would be most welcome and appreciated. If you donate by check, in the memo section, indicate: **Books**.

The Beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year 2021

In order to read His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon's letter to all the faithful please follow the link:

<https://www.oca.org/holy-synod/statements/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon/the-beginning-of-the-ecclesiastical-new-year-2021>

Have an item for the bulletin?

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