

**2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH
Wantage, New Jersey
Sunday, September 19, 2021
Following Divine Liturgy in Church**

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*****



[Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada](#)



Follow us on

And remember to use:



Holy Spirit Orthodox Church
102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461

Father Michael - Priest-in-charge
(848)228-1563

holyspiritwantagej@gmail.com
www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org
<https://www.holyspiritorthodox.org/>
<https://www.holyspiritorthodox.org/weeklybulletins>

The WEEKLY BULLETIN
**HOLY SPIRIT
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

September 19th 2021

You cannot be too gentle, too kind. Shun even to appear harsh in your treatment of each other. Joy, radiant joy, streams from the face of one who gives and kindles joy in the heart of one who receives.

Saint Seraphim of Sarov

MARTYRS TROPHIMUS, SABBATIUS, AND DORYMEDON OF SYNNA DA - The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedon suffered for Christ during the reign of the Roman emperor Probus (276-282). A pagan festival was being celebrated in the city of Antioch. Sacrificial offerings were brought, the wine was poured, and vile acts were performed. The Christians Trophimus and Sabbatius arrived in the city just as the festival was taking place, and were saddened by this loud and indecent spectacle. They prayed that the Lord would guide the errant on the way of salvation. As they said this, the idolaters noticed their presence. Seeing that the strangers did not worship the idols, they arrested them and took them to the governor. At their interrogation, the saints firmly confessed their faith. When they were told to renounce Christ, they resolutely refused to do so. Saint Sabbatius died under the fierce torment. Saint Trophimus was sent to the city of Synnada in Phrygia for even more terrible tortures. For three days Saint Trophimus walked shod in iron sandals with sharp nails, driven on by a cavalry guard. The governor of Frigius, Dionysius, infamous as a torturer and executioner, used all manner of tortures to break the will of the brave Christian. Saint Trophimus merely repeated the words of Scripture: "many afflictions has the righteous one, but from them all will the Lord deliver him" (Ps 33/34:20). The senator Dorymedon, a secret Christian, visited Saint Trophimus in prison, washing and binding his wounds. When the pagans learned that the senator would not participate in the festival of Castor and Pollux, they asked the reason for his refusal. He said that he was a Christian, and would not attend a festival in honor of the demons. He and Saint Trophimus were thrown to the wild beasts to be eaten by them, but the martyrs remained unharmed. Then they were beheaded with the sword.

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 18th of September
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 19th of September
Divine Liturgy at 10 am
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING after Divine Liturgy

Saturday 25th of September
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 26th of September
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Thursday 30th of September
Great Vespers at 6 pm

Friday 1st of October
Divine Liturgy at 9 am
PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

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.

Archpastoral Visit

We were blessed to have His Eminence, Archbishop Michael serve Vespers at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church on Saturday, September 11. Following Vespers, Archbishop Michael served a Memorial Service for the 9-11 Memorial and 20th Anniversary Remembrance. Serving Great Vespers and the Memorial Service with His Eminence, Archbishop Michael were Protopresbyter Christos Talleos, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Middletown, NY; V. Rev. George Kevorkian, St. Ignatius Antiochian Orthodox Church, Florida, NY; and Archpriest Samuel Kedala. The Memorial Service was in honor and remembrance of the firefighters, police, first responders, and all who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001 at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. His Eminence, Archbishop Michael also offered prayers for the victims and fallen. Parishioners of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church welcomed members of the Uniondale, NY Volunteer Fire Department to worship with us. Following the Memorial Service was a blessing of fire engines and other fire equipment. A light dinner followed the service.

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

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!

Youth Report Published

The Office of the Chancellor of the Orthodox Church issued 2020 Youth Report. For more information follow the link: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/youth-report-published>

Remembering 9/11: Twenty Years Later

<https://www.oca.org/holy-synod/statements/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon/remembering-9-11-twenty-years-later>

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com