

Sunday, 22nd of September 2024

PROPHET JONAH

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Kontakion – Tone 1

We celebrate the memory / of Your prophet Jonah, O Lord; / through him we entreat You, / save our souls.

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 Joseph, 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!

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PROPHET JONAH - The Holy Prophet Jonah lived in the eighth century before the birth of Christ and was a successor of the Prophet Elisha. The Book of the Prophet Jonah contains prophecies about the judgments on the Israelite nation, the sufferings of the Savior, the downfall of Jerusalem, and the end of the world. Besides the prophecies, the Book of Jonah relates how he was sent to the Ninevites to preach repentance (Jon. 3: 3-10). Our Lord Jesus Christ, addressing the Scribes and the Pharisees who demanded a sign from Him, said that no sign would be given except for the sign of the Prophet Jonah, “As Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so also shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights” (Mt. 12: 40). From these words the Lord shows clearly the symbolic meaning of the Book of the Prophet Jonah in relation to Christ’s death on the Cross, descent into Hell, and the Resurrection. Reproaching the lack of penitence and recalcitrance of the Jews, the Lord said, “The Ninevites shall rise in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and one greater than Jonah is here” (Mt. 12: 41).

Troparion – Tone 2

Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy; / for you saw things far off as if they were near. / Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophet Jonah.

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

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 21st of September

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 22nd of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 28th of September

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 29th of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 30th of September

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Tuesday 1st of October

PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 5th of October

Baptism of Lazar Pejovic at 11 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 6th of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

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.

Elevation of the Holy Cross

Our heartfelt thanks to Subdeacon Mark Benda and his daughter Lara for once again designing the beautiful cross with flowers for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross on September 14th, a great Feast in the Orthodox Church. May God bless them for their continued service!

Religious Education

The HSOC Sunday program began on Sunday, September 8th, 2024. All youths are welcome and invited to participate. Speak with Beth Lamalay to register your child or for more information.

Warwick Applefest 2024 is Coming! Sunday, October 6, 9am-5pm

This is one of the biggest events in the country with more than 30,000 people attending. HSOC will again participate in this one-day fundraising event in beautiful Warwick, NY. This is your opportunity to volunteer in this event and one of HSOC's biggest fundraisers. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. For more information, speak with Mike and Nadine Olsen or Mark Benda.

Join us for the Baptism

On Saturday, October 5th, 2024, we will witness the baptism of Lazar Pejovic, child of Matushka Mihaela Pejovic and Father Michael Pejovic. Following the service the family is inviting you to the Parish Hall for light meal. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Diocesan Assembly

His Eminence Archbishop Michael, in conjunction with the Diocesan Council, has scheduled the Annual Diocesan Assembly, to be convened on Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1, 2024, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 369 Green Avenue, East Meadow, NY. Every parish is expected to send their priest, one delegate from each parish and if possible, an observer. If you are interested to join this event as a delegate or an observer, please talk with Father Michael.

Sussex Help Center Announcement

This past week 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?

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