

SAINT EUMENIUS AND MARTYR ARIADNE

Sunday 25th of September

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 and Galatians 5:22-6:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11 and Luke 6:17-23

Troparion — Tone 4

You concealed your womanliness in asceticism, / and at your repose everyone was amazed, O Euphrosynē. / As a young girl you toiled like a man, / and by your intercessions you deliver those who honor you from dangers.

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, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine, Michelle, 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 and PamelaAnne, Amen!!!

*** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski***



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VENERABLE EUPHROSYNE OF ALEXANDRIA - Our venerable Mother Euphrosynē was born at the beginning of the fifth century in the city of Alexandria. She was the only child of illustrious and wealthy parents. When she was twelve years old, her mother reposed, and so the girl was raised by her Father, Paphnutios, who was a very devout Christian. He was in the habit of visiting a certain monastery, where the Igoumen was his Spiritual Father. When Euphrosynē turned eighteen, her father wanted her to marry. He went to the monastery to obtain the Igoumen's blessing for his daughter's wedding. The Igoumen talked with her and gave her his blessing, but Saint Euphrosynē longed for the monastic life. One day, she gave away her possessions to the poor, and then she snuck out of the house. The Saint had decided to enter a monastery in order to spend her life in solitude and prayer, but she was afraid that her father was apt to find her in a women's monastery. Therefore, she disguised herself as a man and entered the same men's monastery that she had visited with her father in her childhood, calling herself Smaragdos. The monks did not recognize Euphrosynē dressed in men's clothes, and so they received her into the monastery. The monks were impressed by her spiritual struggles and by her willingness to serve everyone. There in a solitary cell, Saint Euphrosynē spent 38 years in spiritual endeavors, fasting and prayer, thereby attaining a high level of spiritual accomplishment. Paphnutios was deeply saddened by the loss of his beloved daughter; more than once, on the advice of his Spiritual Father, he spoke to the "monk" Smaragdos, disclosing his grief and receiving spiritual comfort. Before her death, Saint Euphrosynē revealed her secret to her grieving parent and insisted that no one but he should prepare her body for burial. After he buried his daughter, Paphnutios distributed all his wealth to the poor and to the monastery, and then he was tonsured. For ten years, until the time of his own repose, he labored in his daughter's cell. By her life, Saint Euphrosynē reminds us that we must renounce "worldly passions and live soberly, uprightly, and devoutly" (Titus 2:12). That is, after rejecting the desires of this vain and sinful world, we ought to live abstemiously, with justice toward our fellow human beings, and with piety toward God. Saint Paphnutios and his daughter Saint Euphrosynē are both commemorated today, and once again on February 15.

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

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 24th of September

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 25th of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Friday 30th of September

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Saturday 1st of October

THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 2nd of October

Applefest, from 9 am – 5 pm

Divine Liturgy at 9 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

The Protection of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven. In the HSOC Great Vespers will be served on Friday 30th of September at 6 pm. Divine Liturgy will be served on Saturday, October 1st at 9 am.

A Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, NJ, Catherine Xenia Kedala and John Michael Colavito were united in marriage on Saturday, September 17th, 2022. Archpriest Samuel Kedala presided at the marriage. Concelebrating with Archpriest Samuel Kedala were Archpriest Paul Kucynda, Archpriest Stephen Evanina and Priest Michael Pejovic. The responses were sung by the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Choir, under the direction of Timothy Kachur. A reception followed in Glen Spey, NY.

Applefest, Sunday, October 2nd

It's fall and that means it's time for the Applefest in beautiful Warwick, NY! HSOC will again participate in this one-day fundraising event. This is your opportunity to volunteer. Sign-up sheets will be available during the coffee social. For more information, speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda. **On this day, Divine Liturgy will be served at 9 am.**

Supporting St. Tikhon's Monastery

There will be one additional Sunday for anyone who has not yet contributed and wishes to do so. God Bless you for your support and generosity to St. Tikhon's Monastery.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7 pm via ZOOM.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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