

Thank you

Our sincere thanks to all those who attended Annual Parish Council Meeting on Sunday 19th of September. Your presence and input was very important. Furthermore we congratulate to all those chosen to guide our Church as a Members of the Parish Council. May God grant you Many Blessed Years!

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*****



[Venerable Ephraim, Abbot of Perekop, Wonderworker of Novgorod](#)



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Only those who have interior prayer and watch over their souls receive the gifts of grace

Saint Seraphim of Sarov

VENERABLE EPHRAIM, ABBOT OF PEREKOP, WONDERWORKER OF NOVGOROD - Saint Ephraim of Perekop, Novgorod, was born on September 20, 1412 in the city of Kashin. In Holy Baptism he was named Eustathius. His parents, Stephen and Anna, lived not far from the Kashin women's monastery named in honor of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos. Drawn to the solitary life, Eustathius left his parental home while still in his early years and settled in the Kalyazin monastery of the Most Holy Trinity. His parents wanted their son to return home, but he persuaded them to leave the world and accept monasticism. Later, they also finished their earthly paths living as hermits. After three years in the monastery, Eustathius, through a miraculous revelation, transferred to the monastery of Saint Savva of Vishersk (October 1). It was there in 1437 that he accepted tonsure with the name Ephraim. While in the monastery, Saint Ephraim received a revelation from the Lord, commanding him to withdraw to a desolate place. Having received the blessing of Saint Savva, in 1450 he went to Lake Ilmen, at the mouth of the River Verenda, and on the banks of the River Cherna he built a cell. After a certain while the Elder Thomas and two monks came to Saint Ephraim, and they settled not far from his cell. From that time, other hermits also began to gather to the new monastery. At their request Saint Ephraim was ordained a priest at Novgorod by Saint Euthymius (March 11). Returning from Novgorod, Saint Ephraim built a church in honor of the Theophany of the Lord on an island, at the mouth of the River Verenda. To secure a ready supply of water for the monastery, the monk dug a canal to Lake Ilmen, from which the monastery received its name "Perekop" (from "perekopat" meaning "to dig through"). Later on, Saint Ephraim built a stone church named for Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker. Unable to find sufficient skilled builders, he sent several monks to Great Prince Basil with a request for sending stone-workers. The construction of the temple was completed in 1466. Saint Ephraim reposed on September 26, 1492 and was buried at the church of Saint Nicholas. In 1509, because of frequent floodings that threatened the monastery with ruin, it was transferred to another location at the shore of Lake Ilmen. Saint Ephraim appeared to the igumen Romanus and pointed to the site of Klinkovo for relocating the monastery. Over the saint's tomb a chapel was built, since all the monastery churches were in ruins. On May 16, 1545 the relics of Saint Ephraim were transferred to the site of the new monastery. On this day there is an annual celebration of Saint Ephraim of Perekop at the monastery, confirmed after the glorification of the holy ascetic at the Council of 1549.

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 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

PROTECTION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 2nd of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 3rd of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Announcements

Visitors Welcome!

If you are a guest at today's Divine Liturgy, we invite you to join us following Divine Liturgy for the light refreshments and fellowship so we can get to know each other. You are always welcome to share in worship and fellowship at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and include your email.

Thank you

Our sincere thanks to Archpriest Father Gary Joseph Breton who celebrated Divine Liturgy with us and presided over our Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting Agenda and Reports

Annual Parish Meeting Agenda and Reports are available upon request. For your copy please contact Father Michael.

Committee for Fundraising and Events

Due to the unforeseen events we still did not assemble the committee for fundraising and events. The purpose of this committee will be to create ideas for fundraising and events. If you are interested, speak with Father Michael at the Coffee Social for details or more information.

Online Sight-Singing and Ear Training Course to Begin October 4th

The Department of Liturgical Music of the Orthodox Church in America will once again be offering an online course entitled "Basic Sight-Singing and Ear Training for Church Singers," beginning October 4th, 2021. For more information please follow this link:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/online-sight-singing-and-ear-training-course-to-begin-october-4>

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!

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