

Sunday, 29th of September 2024

**VENERABLE THEOPHANES THE MERCIFUL
OF GAZA**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

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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!

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

VENERABLE THEOPHANES THE MERCIFUL OF GAZA -

Saint Theophanes the Merciful was an inhabitant of the Syrian city of Gaza. He was very kind and merciful. He took in vagrants, he helped the poor and the sick, and he spent all his substance on help for the needy, while he himself remained in want. Saint Theophanes did not grieve at all over the loss of his property, but he lost his health, and sickness caused him great suffering. His body began to swell up, to rot, and to give off a stench. This ordeal he also endured in good spirit, giving thanks to God for all things. A fierce storm raged while he was dying, and his wife grieved that she would not be able to give him proper burial. The saint comforted her: "Weep not, woman, for up to now the trial has lasted, but here comes help from the Merciful God, since in the hour of my death the storm will cease, by the will of God." So, it occurred: just as he gave up his soul to God, calmness prevailed. After death the body of Saint Theophanes became completely cleansed of wounds and decay and became fragrant, giving forth abundant healing myrrh.

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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 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.

Sunday School Barbeque

On Saturday, September 21st, following Vespers, there was a barbeque for the Sunday School children, their parents and others for a truly enjoyable celebration to welcome the beginning of another school year. This was a great time to simply get together and enjoy each other's company. Our sincere thanks to Matushka JoAnne Kedala for putting this event together and our thanks to all who contributed and participated in this event.

Religious Education

The HSOC Sunday program began on Sunday, September 8th, 2024. All youths are welcome and invited to participate. Speak with Beth Lamlamay 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.

A Message from Fr. Michael

The **Diocesan Assembly - 2024** will be held October 31-November 1 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 369 Green Avenue, East Meadow, NY. Subdeacon Mark Benda and I will attend this event. If anyone else from the parish would like to attend or more information, please let me know. For complete details about this Assembly, [Home | Diocese of New York and New Jersey - OCA \(nynjoca.org\)](http://Home | Diocese of New York and New Jersey - OCA (nynjoca.org))

Clothing Bin

Please continue to use the clothing bin located in the church parking lot. Each donation supports the church financially and your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Monthly Calendar

Included in last week's bulletin was a hard copy of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church (HSOC) schedule for the month of October. For your convenience, the bulletin and the schedule are also available online at www.holyspiritorthodox.org. Be sure to check it out for updates and upcoming events!

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.