

HIEROMARTYR BABYLAS, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH, AND THOSE WITH HIM

Sunday 4th of September

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:16-26

Kontakion – Tone 4

**You guarded the mighty works of faith in your heart, / therefore,
you did not fear the tyrant; / preserve us as well, Hieromartyr
Babylas, a good servant of Christ.**

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 Olsen, 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 and John. Amen!!!

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

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[HIEROMARTYR BABYLAS, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH, AND THOSE WITH HIM](#) - The Hieromartyr Babylas and with him the three youths Urban, Prilidian, Epolonius and their mother Christodoula died as martyrs under the emperor Decius (249-251). During his stay in their city of Antioch, the emperor arranged for a large festival in honor of the pagan gods. At the same time, Babylas, the holy and God-fearing Bishop of Antioch, was serving the Divine Liturgy in church. The idolater Decius, curious to witness the Divine Mysteries, decided to enter the church. News of this reached the bishop, so he went out to meet Decius and blocked the path to the church, for he was unwilling to permit impiety in the temple of God. When the emperor approached the church doors, Saint Babylas refused to let him enter, so the emperor had to abandon his intention. He wanted to take revenge on the saint right away, but when he saw the large throng of Christians, he feared they might riot. The next day the angry emperor ordered that the church be set on fire, and for Bishop Babylas to be brought before him. When asked why he had insulted the imperial dignity by not allowing the emperor to enter the church, the holy bishop answered, "Anyone who would rise up against God and want to desecrate His sanctuary, is not worthy of respect, but has become the enemy of the Lord." Decius declared that the holy bishop must worship the idols in order to make up for his lack of respect for the emperor, or else face execution. After convincing himself that the martyr would remain steadfast in his faith, he commanded the military commander Victorinus to put him in heavy chains and lead him through the city in disgrace. The holy martyr replied, "Emperor, these chains are as venerable for me as your imperial crown is for you. For me, suffering for Christ is as desirable as the imperial power is for you. Death for the Immortal King is as precious to me as your life is to you." At the trial with Bishop Babylas were three young brothers, who did not forsake him even in this most difficult moment. Seeing them, the emperor asked, "Who are these children?" "These are my spiritual children," the saint replied, "and I have raised them in piety, I have given them an education, cultivated them with guidance, and here before you in a small body are these great young men and perfect Christians. Test them and see." The emperor tried in all sorts of ways to entice the youths and their mother Christodoula to renounce Christ but in vain. Then, in a rage, he ordered each of them to be whipped with a number of blows corresponding to their age. Then he commanded all the martyrs to be tied to a tree and burned with fire. Seeing the stoic bravery of the saints, the emperor finally condemned them to be beheaded with the sword.

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 3rd of September
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 4th of September
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Wednesday 7th of September
Great Vespers at 6 pm

Thursday 8th of September
NATIVITY OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS
Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday 10th of September
Great Vespers with Archbishop Michael at 5 pm

Sunday 11th of September
Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Michael at 10 am
Memorial Service for the victims of 9/11 at 1 pm
followed by the blessing of the fire trucks and light refreshment at the Parish Hall

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

Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

This feast day is celebrated on September 8th each year and commemorates the birth of the Mother of our Lord. It is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Great Vespers will be Wednesday, September 7th at 6 pm. Divine Liturgy will be Thursday, September 8th at 9 am. Please plan to worship with us at Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

Archpriest Samuel Kedala Celebrates More Than 25 years in the Holy Priesthood

Archpriest Samuel Kedala (retired), Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage NJ, has reached more than 25 years in the Holy Priesthood. On Sunday afternoon, August 28th, 2022, the occasion was marked by a celebration at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Wayne NJ. His Eminence Archbishop Michael presided at the celebration.

9/11 MEMORIAL Service

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, on Saturday, September 10, 2022, His Eminence Archbishop Michael will be with us for Great Vespers at 5 pm. On Sunday, September 11, 2022, Archbishop Michael will serve the Hours at 9:45 am and Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Following Divine Liturgy, a brief coffee hour will follow. At 1 pm, a Memorial Service for the victims of 9/11, followed by the blessing of local fire equipment, with His Eminence Archbishop Michael presiding. Potluck light refreshment and fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall.

Banns of Marriage

Catherine X. Kedala and John Colovito are to be married at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage Nj on Saturday, September 17th, 2022, at 12:15 pm.

Supporting St. Tikhon's Monastery

As decided at the most recent Diocesan Assembly, His Eminence, Archbishop Michael has requested that all parishes help support the Monastery by setting aside three Sundays each year for a special collection. This year, the special collection dates at HSOC will be September 11, 18, and 26. Archbishop Michael thanks all for their generous support. God Bless You for your support and generosity to St. Tikhon's Monastery and the monastics who pray for us.

Applefest, Warwick, NY – Sunday, October 2nd, 2022

It's wonderful to announce that the Applefest is back for 2022. Holy Spirit Orthodox Church will again participate. This event is a big fundraiser for our Church. More than 30,000 visitors attend this event and HSOC will be there selling our delicious pierogies. We need your help! Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda to volunteer at this one-day fundraiser event. On this day, Divine Liturgy will be at 9:00 am. This will give everyone the opportunity to volunteer or participate at the Applefest.