

SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Annual Parish Meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 2021 has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 19, 2021 Immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please plan to attend.

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, 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!!!

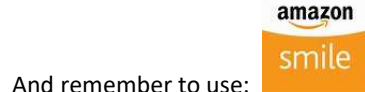
***** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski*****



[Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of Saint John the Baptist](#)



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A humble man who lives a spiritual life, when he reads the Holy Scriptures, will relate all things to himself and not to others.

St. Mark the Ascetic

HOLY PROPHET ZACHARIAH AND RIGHTEOUS ELIZABETH, PARENTS OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST - The Holy Prophet Zachariah and the Righteous Elizabeth were the parents of the holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John. They were descended from the lineage of Aaron: Saint Zachariah, son of Barach, was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Saint Elizabeth was the sister of Saint Anna, the mother of the Most Holy Theotokos. The righteous spouses, suffered barrenness, which in those times was considered a punishment from God. Once, during his turn of priestly service in the Temple, Saint Zachariah was told by an angel that his aged wife would bear him a son. Zachariah doubted that this prediction would come true, and for his weakness of faith he was punished by becoming mute. When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit she announced that his name was John, although no one in their family had this name. They asked Zachariah and he also wrote the name John down on a tablet. Immediately the gift of speech returned to him, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, he began to prophesy about his son as the Forerunner of the Lord. When King Herod heard from the Magi about the birth of the Messiah, he decided to kill all the infants up to two years old at Bethlehem and the surrounding area, hoping that the new-born Messiah would be among them. Herod knew about John's unusual birth and he wanted to kill him, fearing that he was the foretold King of the Jews. But Elizabeth hid herself and the infant in the hills. Elizabeth, when she saw her pursuers, began to implore God for their safety, and immediately the hill opened up and concealed her and the infant from their pursuers. In these tragic days Saint Zachariah was taking his turn at the services in the Temple. Soldiers sent by Herod tried in vain to learn from him the whereabouts of his son. Then, by command of Herod, they murdered this holy prophet. Elizabeth died forty days after her husband, and Saint John, preserved by the Lord, dwelt in the wilderness until the day of his appearance to the nation of Israel.

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 4th of September

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 5th of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 6th of September

Parish Council Meeting at 6 pm via ZOOM

Tuesday 7th of September

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Wednesday 8th of September

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE MOTHER OF GOD AND
EVER-VIRGIN MARY
Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

Saturday 11th of September

**Great Vespers with Archbishop Michael at 5 pm
20th Anniversary Commemoration of 9/11 with Archbishop Michael after
which we will bless fire engines.**

Sunday 12th of September

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Sunday 19th of September

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING after Divine Liturgy**

Announcements

Many Thanks

The council and parishioners of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Wantage, express their sincere appreciation and are thankful to the Archpriest Samuel Kedala for serving Vespers last Saturday, and to the Mitred Archpriest George Hasenecz for serving Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist last Sunday. God Bless and Grant You Many Years!

Thank you!

Our sincere thanks go to all those who dedicated their time and effort at the NJ State Fair. Even during these troubling times, through your unrelenting dedication, we managed to raise money for our Parish. God grant you many years!

Our thanks to His Eminence, Archbishop Michael for his support of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church and generous contribution toward this fundraiser.

Parish Council Meeting

The members of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Council will meet on Monday, September 6th, 2021, 6 pm via Zoom.

2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Sunday, September 19, 2021, Holy Spirit Orthodox Church will hold its 2021 Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting will be in the Church following the Divine Liturgy. Your input and participation are valued and are important. Please plan to attend this meeting.

20th Anniversary Commemoration

On Saturday September 11, 2021 His Eminence, Archbishop Michael will serve Great Vespers with us. Following Vespers we will serve Panahida service for all the victims of the 9/11 attack and bless the fire engines. After the services and the blessing we will have a light dinner in the Parish Hall.

New Laity Liturgical Books for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Our goal is to purchase 40 books for our church. St. Tikhon's anticipates the books will be published and available during the month of September 2021. We have already received \$200 from Ed & Taisa Engelsman towards this fundraiser and any financial donations would be most welcome and appreciated. If you donate by check, in the memo section, indicate: **Books**.

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