

Good News

The last and final rectory mortgage payment has been submitted. The mortgage was paid off in less time than anticipated and the bank will now process and advise us of any funds due to us! God Bless all parishioners and friends of the parish to make this happen! Although this is a great achievement we still have to be diligent in our stewardship. Saint Paul reminds us that: "The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart - not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

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:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, the priest Gregory, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Nadine Olsen, Marianna, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, 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***



[Saint Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada](#)



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Don't criticize or judge other people – regard everyone else as an angel, justify their mistakes and weaknesses, and condemn only yourself as the worst sinner. This is step one in any kind of spiritual life.

Father Seraphim Rose

SAINT MICHAEL THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF SYNNADE: Saint Michael the Confessor From his youth he longed for the monastic life and was sent by Patriarch Tarasius (784-806) to a monastery on the coast of the Black Sea. Saint Theophylactus (March 8), the future Bishop of Nicomedia also entered the monastery together with him. At the monastery both monks engaged in spiritual struggles and were soon glorified by gifts from the Lord. Once, during a harvest, when the people were weakened by thirst, an empty metal vessel was filled with water by the prayer of the monks. Patriarch Tarasius consecrated Saint Michael as bishop of the city of Synnada. Through his holy life and wisdom, Saint Michael won the love of believers, and the notice of the emperors Nicephorus I (802-811) and Michael I Rangabe (811-813). Saint Michael was present at the Seventh Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 787. When the Iconoclast heretic Leo the Armenian (813-820) assumed the throne, he began to expel Orthodox hierarchs from their Sees, appointing heretics in their place. Saint Michael defended Orthodoxy, bravely opposing the heretics and denouncing their error. Leo the Armenian brought Saint Michael to trial, but not fearing torture he answered resolutely, "I venerate the holy icons of my Savior Jesus Christ and the All-Pure Virgin, His Mother, and all the saints, and it is to them I bow down. I shall not obey your decrees to remove icons from churches." Leo then banished Saint Michael to the city of Eudokiada, where the confessor died about the year 821. The head of Saint Michael is preserved in the Great Lavra of Saint Athanasius on Mount Athos, and part of the relics are at the Iveron monastery.

In order to attend services, you must let us know. Call, text or email
Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or
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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.

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Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Friday 28th of May

Holy Spirit Yard Sale: 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday 29th of May

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Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 30th of May

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Announcements

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Welcome!

Everyone is welcome and invited to visit and worship with us and experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5:00 pm or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10:00 am. We try our best to provide safe environment for worship by fully following CDC Covid-19 safety regulations.

Church Attendance:

If you have not attended church since the reopening, you must notify Fr. Michael before attending. Please email, text or call Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Update:

Archpriest Joseph has been moved back to the rehab facility. Our thoughts and prayers go to him, Matushka Ellen and their family. If you would like to send him card, here is his address: **Morristown Post-Acute Rehab and Nursing Center, Room 507, 77 Madison Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960.**

Thank you!

Sincere thanks to Matthew Varley for his generous donation toward the Church furnace.

HSOC – Furnace/water heater meeting:

Thank you all who participated in the informative meeting regarding the purchase of a new furnace and water heater last Sunday. We are making good progress with donations and so far we have raised more than half of the funds for the new furnace. If you would like to donate toward this goal please mark your checks or add a note with the cash donation that you are offering toward the church furnace. Thank you and God bless you.

HSOC Yard Sale:

Our annual yard sale will take place on Friday 28th of May from 9 am until 5 pm and on the Saturday 29th of May from 9 am until 3 pm. This joyous event requires a lot of work, so if you would like to help please speak with Matushka Joanne.

Parish Council Meeting:

On Monday 17th of May we had our Parish Council Meeting which went well. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Monday, June 14th, 2021, 6 PM via ZOOM.

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com