

### The Third Week of the Great Lent

The Veneration of the Cross is celebrated on the third Sunday of the Great Lent. The veneration comes on this day because it is the midpoint of the forty days. The services for this day are similar to those on the Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. During the All-Night Vigil the priest brings the cross out into the center of the church, where it is venerated by the clergy and faithful. It remains in the center of the church through Friday of the week following. During this week Orthodox Christians should wear their cross to church and start a day by venerating their cross and making a prostration or a bow.

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 Mihaela, Nadine Olsen, Marianna, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Ellen, 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\*\*\*



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# The Weekly Bulletin

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### March 28th, 2021

*We know that prayer in and of itself cannot save us, but carrying it out before God can. For when the Lord's eyes are upon us He sanctifies us, as the sun warms everything upon which it shines.*

**St. Gregory Palamas**

**Venerable Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelekete:** Saint Hilarion the New, Igumen of Pelekete Monastery, from his youth devoted himself to the service of God and spent many years as a hermit. Because of his holy and blameless life he was ordained to the holy priesthood, and later he was made igumen of the Pelekete monastery (near the Dardanelles). Saint Hilarion was granted gifts of clairvoyance and wonderworking by the Lord. Through prayer he brought down rain during a drought, and like the Prophet Elisha he separated the waters of a river, he drove harmful beasts from the fields, he filled the nets of fishermen when they had no success in fishing, and he did many other miracles. In addition to these things, he was able to heal the sick and cast out demons. Saint Hilarion suffered on Great and Holy Thursday in the year 754, when the military commander Lakhanodrakon suddenly descended upon the Pelekete monastery in pursuit of icon-venerators, boldly forcing his way into the church, disrupting the service and throwing the Holy Gifts upon the ground. Forty-two monks were arrested, slapped into chains, sent to the Edessa district and murdered. The remaining monks were horribly mutilated: they beat them, they burned their beards with fire, they smeared their faces with tar and cut off the noses of some of the confessors. Saint Hilarion died for the veneration of icons during this persecution. Saint Hilarion left behind spiritual works containing moral directives for spiritual effort. Saint Joseph of Volokolamsk (September 9 and October 18) was well acquainted with the work of Saint Hilarion, and he also wrote about the significance of monastic struggles in his own theological works.

In order to attend services, you must let us know. Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)

### 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](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of March**

**Pan-Orthodox Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts with Archbishop Michael at 7:00 pm**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April**

**Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts at 6:00 pm**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April**

**Great Vespers with the procession of the Holy Cross at 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of April**

**Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 10:00 am**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of April**

**Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts with Archbishop Michael at 6:00 pm**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of May – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Holy Spirit Yard Sale**

### Announcements

#### **Sincere thanks:**

On Forgiveness Sunday, we were blessed to partake of a wonderful Blini Agape meal chaired by Michael and Nadine Olsen, as well as other volunteers from Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. All of our volunteers are essential and appreciated. Again, thanks!

Seth Fleishman does an outstanding job of keeping the Parish Facebook page, the website and calendar current. The Weekly Bulletin is always current and available on the Church website, [www.holyspiritorthodox.org](http://www.holyspiritorthodox.org)

#### **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. During Great Lent, a Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts is offered each Friday at 6:00 pm. Fellowship and a light Lenten meal follows Divine Liturgy and the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts.

#### **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](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)

#### **Remember to keep your offerings current...**

Offerings can be made at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The collection basket is located on the table by the exit. You are also welcome to send your donation via mail to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461. Your continued support of the church during these difficult times is very much appreciated and we are thankful.

#### **Amazon Smile: You shop. Amazon gives.**

Parishioners that purchase on Amazon are able, at no extra expense, to designate a portion of the sale to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church through the Amazon Smile program.

#### **Sussex Help Center needs hygiene items...**

Dear brothers and sisters, Sussex Help Center needs hygiene items. If you can please provide some of the following: toothpaste, toothbrush, bath soap, hand soap, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, and conditioner. Items should be new and unopened. Thank you!

#### **The Clothing Bin**

The clothing bin is open. Please let your family and friends know they are welcome to drop off clothes and other items. This is a fundraiser for our church. We thank you for your donations!