

## 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\*\*\*



[Venerable Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople](#)

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And remember to use:



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# The Weekly Bulletin HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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As health comes from the bitter medicine, so too does the salvation of souls come from bitter experience.

*St. Paisios of Mountain Athos*

**VENERABLE ISAAC, FOUNDER OF THE DALMATIAN MONASTERY AT CONSTANTINOPLE:** Saint Isaac lived during the fourth century, received monastic tonsure and pursued ascetic labors in the desert. Orthodox Christians were persecuted and churches were destroyed. Hearing of the persecution, Saint Isaac left the wilderness and went to Constantinople to console and encourage the Orthodox, and to fight against the heretics. At that time, barbarian Goths along the River Danube were making war against the Empire. When the emperor Valens was leaving the capital with his soldiers, Saint Isaac cried out, "Emperor, unlock the churches of the Orthodox, and then the Lord will aid you!" The angry emperor ordered Saint Isaac to be thrown into a deep ravine, filled with thorns and mud, from which it was impossible to escape. Saint Isaac remained alive by God's help, and he emerged, overtook the emperor and said, "You wanted to destroy me, but three angels pulled me from the mire. The emperor was astonished at the saint's boldness and ordered his attendants Saturninus and Victor to take the monk and hold him in prison until his return. Saint Isaac's prophecy was soon fulfilled. The Goths defeated and pursued the Greek army. After news of the emperor's death was received in Constantinople, Saint Isaac was released and honored as a prophet. Then the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395) came to the throne. On the advice of Saturninus and Victor, he summoned the Elder, treating him with great respect. Saturninus built a monastery for the saint in Constantinople, where monks gathered around him. Saint Isaac was the monastery's igumen and spiritual guide. He also nourished laypeople, and helped many of the poor and suffering. When he had reached an advanced age, Saint Isaac made Saint Dalmatus (August 3) igumen. The monastery was later named for Dalmatus. Saint Isaac died in the year 383.

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

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2021**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2021**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2021**

**Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM at 6 pm**

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

### Spring Yard Sale:

Bring your family and friends and plan to participate in this fundraiser for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Lots of hard working people have put this event together and there are many treasures. There's even food -- try our pierories...and more! See attached flyer.

### Remember Memorial Day – Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Americans across the country will remember the brave men and woman who gave their lives for our country.

### Parish Council Meeting and Minutes:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6 pm, via ZOOM. If you would like to receive the final and approved council minutes via email, contact Mary Osinski at [mary.osinski@gmail.com](mailto:mary.osinski@gmail.com)

### Let's celebrate our Graduates:

This year, on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Holy Spirit Orthodox Church will honor all graduates. Please provide Father Michael via email with the name of your graduates and the school.

### Mark your Calendar – NJ STATE FAIR – August 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>:

Our church will once again participate in this event. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda for more information and details. Your help is needed! There will be sign-up sheet at the coffee social.

### Lawn-cutting opportunity:

It's spring and summer is fast approaching. Lots of grass to be cut. Plant to volunteer. There's sign up sheet in the narthex.

### Have an item for the bulletin?

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