

The Fourth Week of the Great Lent

This week is celebrated as a sort of Afterfeast of the Veneration of the Cross, during which some of the hymns from the previous Sunday are repeated each day. On Monday and Wednesday of the Fourth Week, a Veneration of the Cross takes place at the First Hour (repeating a portion of the service from the All-Night Vigil of the previous Sunday). On Friday of that week, the veneration takes place after the Ninth Hour, after which the cross is solemnly returned to the sanctuary by the priest and deacon. The Sunday which ends the fourth week is dedicated to St. John Climacus, whose work, The Ladder of Divine Ascent has been read throughout the Great Lenten Fast.

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***



[Saint Isidore, Bishop of Seville](#)



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You must strive to have peace in your homes. Peace starts with each one of us. When we have peace in us, we spread it around to others. You can see for yourself that there are very few humble and meek souls and the earth – but also that they are truly blessed.

Elder Thaddeus Strabulovich

Saint Isidore, Bishop of Seville: Saint Isidore was born in the middle of the sixth century, and was related to the Visigoth royal family who converted to Orthodoxy from Arianism during his lifetime. Saint Isidore was the brother of three saints: Saint Leander (February 27), Saint Fulgentius, and Saint Florentina. Orphaned at an early age, he was educated by his older brother Leander. The range of his knowledge was extensive, and included the study of Hebrew and Greek. He also wrote biographies of biblical figures and other illustrious men. A prolific writer, Saint Isidore wrote on religious, historical and scientific topics. His ETYMOLOGIES (or ORIGINS) was a compendium of the knowledge of his time, and was used through the Middle Ages. Today, however, his history of the Goths and Vandals is of greater interest. He even composed a monastic Rule, although he was not a monk. The tireless bishop also composed treatises refuting the Arian and Monophysite heresies. He participated in a council at Toledo in 610, and presided at the second Council of Seville in 618 or 619. Saint Isidore fell asleep in the Lord in 636, and his holy relics were later transferred to Leon. Dante mentions him in his PARADISO (X, 130).

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

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 7th of April

Pan-Orthodox Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts in Poughkeepsie, NY at 7:00 pm

Friday 9th of April

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

Saturday 10th of April

Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday 11th of April

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

Monday 12th of April

Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM at 6:00 pm

Friday 28th of May – Saturday 29th of May

Holy Spirit Yard Sale

Announcements

Sincere thanks:

To His Eminence our Archbishop Michael and all the brother priests and servers who blessed us with their presence during Pan-Orthodox Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts that was held in Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Wantage on 31st of March. We are also very thankful for all parishioners who prepared wonderful food for the agape meal that followed the service.

Reward:

His Eminence Archbishop Michael will reward our Very Reverend Father Samuel Kedala with palitza and gramata. The awarding ceremony will take place after the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts on April 9th. Please try to attend and show your support to our Father Samuel.

Spring Clean-up day:

After Divine Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday, April 24 we will have our spring clean-up day. Please plan to participate.

Paschal Flowers

Your donation for flowers to adorn the grave is requested and very much appreciated. Please mark your check or note with cash "Paschal flowers." Our thanks and God Bless!

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

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.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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