

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!!!

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Epistle Reading: Acts 9:32-42 and Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-15 and John 1:11-19

Troparion – Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice, / let the earth be glad, / for the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the firstborn of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depth of hell, / and has granted to the world / great mercy.

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, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia and Adrian. Amen!!!

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

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SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC - Many miracles in the Old Testament involve water. To name but a few, the water of the Nile turned to blood after Moses lifted his rod and struck the water before Pharaoh and His servants (Exodus 7:20). Not only was the Nile turned to blood, but also "their rivers, their canals, their ponds, and all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone" (Exodus 7:19). In chapter 14 of Exodus, Moses divided the waters of the Red Sea, and the Hebrews passed over as if on dry land. On the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, the Church remembers the man who lay paralyzed at the Sheep Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first person to enter the pool after an Angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him. The Lord healed the paralytic during the days of the Passover when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and He remained there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Theologian, this miracle took place on the Sabbath. Like some Old Testament miracles, many of Christ's miracles also involved water, and they prefigure the Church's Baptism, which cleanses us of every sin. In the Sheep Pool, once a year, only one person was healed, but Christ saves endless multitudes by divine Baptism. Sometimes, as in the case of Saint Vladimir (July 15), Baptism can also heal our bodily infirmities. In the Canon for the Paralytic, the Angel who stirred the water in the Sheep Pool is identified as the Archangel Michael. Some of the Troparia call him "Leader of the Angels," and "Supreme Commander" (Ode 1). In Ode 3 we ask him to "protect us from falling into the passions of life." In Ode 6, we ask Saint Michael to guide us on the paths of life." In Ode 8, we ask him to pray with all the Bodiless Hosts, that we may be granted deliverance from our offenses, correction of our life, and the enjoyment of eternal blessings. As we remember the paralytic, let us ask Christ to "raise up our souls, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts" (Kontakion of the paralytic).

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5 pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:45am 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 6th of May

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 7th of May

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 13th of May

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 14th of May

Mother's Day

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Friday 26th of May

HSOC Annual Garage Sale from 9 am – 6 pm

Saturday 27th of May

HSOC Annual Garage Sale from 9 am – 3 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Welcome

Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us at Holy Spirit Church and to experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5 pm and/or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am. Fellowship and light refreshments follow Divine Liturgy.

2023 Parish Council Conference

The second 2023 Parish Council Conference for New Jersey Deanery will take place on Saturday, May 13th at Holy Trinity Church, 120 Dover Chester Road, Randolph NJ. The topic of this conference will be: "Stewardship – Money and Salvation," and the presenter will be Jan Van Duyn, treasurer of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

Axios! Axios! Axios!

On Tuesday, April 25, 2023, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, canonically elected the Very Reverend Archimandrite Nikodhim the Bishop of Boston and the Albanian Archdiocese. May God grant Archimandrite Nikodhim many years.

Mother's Day, May 14th

This is a special day set aside to honor our mothers. Please text or email me at (848)228-1563 or pejovicveljko@gmail.com the names of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and Godmothers to be remembered next Sunday on Mother's Day. Please indicate if your loved ones are with us or departed.

Save the Date – HSOC Annual Garage Sale – May 26-27, 2023

HSOC Annual Garage Sale will take place at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ on May 26-27, 2023. For more information regarding donations or volunteer opportunities, contact Matushka JoAnne Kedala or speak with her at church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Save the Date – Wantage Day 2023

Wantage Day will be held on Saturday, June 3 this year and HSOC will attend and participate in this event. The goal is to spread awareness of our presence in the area. The event will be 4 hours long. If you would like to volunteer and help, give flyers away or just be with us to promote our Church, we would be very grateful. For more information, please speak with Father Michael or Matushka JoAnne.

Keep 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 or using the "Donate" button on the website of our church www.holyspiritorthodox.org.