

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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August 23rd, 2020

Confess, and receive Holy Communion so long as you practice love towards your fellow men and do for them all the good that lies within your power. This is therapeutic for both the soul and the body.

St. Raphael of Lesbos



HIEROMARTYR IRENAEUS, BISHOP OF LYONS. Irenaeus became known as one of the foremost Fathers of the Church in the third century, both articulating and defending Orthodoxy. He was born in the city of Smyrna of Asia Minor, and was a student of St. Polycarp, who was a disciple of St. John the Theologian. Polycarp ordained Irenaeus to the priesthood and sent him to preach in Gaul. He became Bishop of Lyons and converted many pagans to Christianity. His major battles were with the heretics in the Church. A deluded priest named Montanos declared himself a prophet, replete with visions and two assistants that would verify anything he said. Montanos claimed that Jesus Christ would return within a few days to prove his statements. The next heretical battle came from the Gnostics, who claimed that angels, nor God, created the world. Then there was the dispute over what day Pascha should be celebrated. One faction argued for the old Asia Minor tradition of celebrating on the fourteenth of the month of Nisan, regardless of the week it fell on. Bishop Victor of Rome summoned Irenaeus to help clarify this, and the best solution was to narrow it down to two alternatives. According to St. Gregory of Tours, St. Irenaeus was beheaded for confessing his faith during the reign of Severus.

In order to attend services, you must let us know by either text or email that you plan to attend:

Send text to 973-970-4205 or email sinney41@gmail.com

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 4pm on 1st and 3rd Saturdays

Hours: 9:10 am Sundays (for July and August)

Divine Liturgy: 9:30am Sundays (for July and August)

(Additional services for feast days and special observances)

Confessions: By appointment

Contact Father George to schedule confession

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Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 8th

Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Wednesday, September 9th

Parish Council Meeting

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 6pm

Friday, September 11th

9/11 Memorial Service

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Prayers for Protection from COVID-19

Exterior at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 6pm

Sunday, September 13th

Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy

Announcements

Volunteer(s) Opportunity

The handicap ramp needs to be stained. Please speak with Adrian Pawelko to volunteer and he will provide you with details.

St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary

Sincere thanks to all who contributed and participated in the fund raising effort for the seminary. On behalf of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, the financial contribution to the seminary was \$660. Your generosity is very much appreciated, especially during these difficult times. Archbishop Michael also expressed his thanks.

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 following Divine Liturgy. The Very Rev. Gary J. Breton, Dean of the Diocese of New Jersey, will preside. In view of the current COVID-19 situation, please advise Father George via text 973-970-4205 or email sinney41@gmail.com if you plan to attend this meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Contact Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com if you wish to receive via email any of the approved Parish Council Meeting Minutes, including the recent ZOOM minutes. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 7PM.

Church Attendance: If you have not attended church since the reopening, you must notify Fr. George before attending. Please text Father George at 973-970-4205 or email him: sinney41@gmail.com

Confessions by Appointment

Please contact Father George to make an appointment for the Sacrament of Confession. This can be offered either by phone or in person (with social distancing). Contact Father George: **Text 973-970-4205 (new #), email sinney41@gmail.com**

Offerings at end of Divine Liturgy

Offerings can be made at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The collection basket will be located on the table by the exit. Thank you.

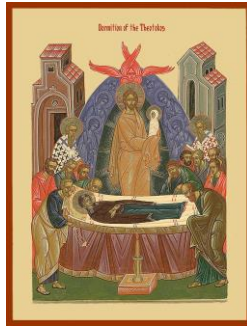
Food Donations at ramp entrance

A food donation bin is now be located at the ramp entrance under the candle table. The Sussex Help Center is always in need of breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables, fruit juice, and other non-perishable food items. Thank you.

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, Joseph & John, the priest Gregory, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Nadine Olsen, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Ellen, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Bonnie Shaffner.
Amen!!!

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



[Leavetaking of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos](#)

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