

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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September 27th, 2020

Nothing is stronger than prayer in its action, nothing more effective in winning God's favor.

St. Mark the Ascetic



VENERABLE SABBATIOS OF SOLOVKI. Sabbatios was humble and gentle and led a rigorous monastic life. Burdened by the crowds, he traveled to the uninhabited island of Solovki and solitude. When people asked him how an elderly gray-haired ascetic could live on that island, he said, "My Master gives the fresh strength of youth to the frail, and nourishes the hungry to satiety." Sabbatios encountered the hermit St. Germanos, and the two set off in a rickety boat for a three-day journey to Solovki Island. They settled there and built cells in the severe weather conditions. When a fisherman and his envious wife settled near the ascetics, two brilliantly clad youths appeared with rods, and the frightened couple departed that place. The accounts of the saints' exploits on Solovki spread. Sabbatios sensed his impending end, and he prayed that he might partake of the Holy Mysteries. He sailed for two days to the mainland and encountered the abbot Nathanael, who had come from a distance to give him Holy Communion. In parting, the two agreed to meet at the church near the Vyg River. Entering the church, Sabbatios gave thanks to God and entered a cell near the church. At that time, a merchant named John arrived at the shore and visited the church, and he went to Sabbatios for a blessing. Sabbatios offered him a place to stay until morning, but John wanted to depart. Suddenly there was an earthquake, and a storm arose on the sea, which frightened John, so he stayed. In the morning, he went back to the cell for the elder's blessing and found St. Sabbatios dead. Joh and Abbot Nathanael buried him at the chapel.

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

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

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 14th

Parish Council Meeting

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 6pm

Sunday, November 1st

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Thursday, November 5th

Annual NY/NJ Diocesan Assembly

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

South River, NJ

Announcements

Please note

NO Vespers today, September 26th.

Special Thank You

Thank you all who participated in the Pierogi Sale last Saturday.

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. Monica Roman Catholic Church - Annual Fish & Chips Dinner

33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ

Friday, October 9, 2020, 5-7pm - Catered by Tastefully British

Curbside pick-up event! Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be sold in the Church Hall & at the Rectory Office. Tickets will NOT be sold at the event. Call 973-875-4521 for more info. (Adults \$15, Children \$10)

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 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.

Have an item for the bulletin? Please email Anna Seniw by noon on Wednesday at stampbear@yahoo.com

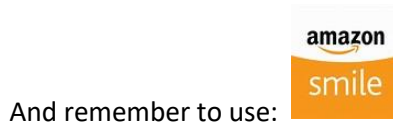
We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering:

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, and Helen Schweizer. Amen!!!

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



[Martyr Callistratus and 49 Companions](#)



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