

## VENERABLE ANTHONY OF THE KIEV FAR CAVES

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of July

**Epistle Reading: Romans 6:18-23 and Galatians 5:22-6:2**  
**Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:5-13; 4:25-5:12**

**Troparion — Tone 4**

**Having departed from worldly tumults, / in leaving the world you followed Christ according to the Gospel. / You reached the quiet refuge of the Holy Mount Athos, / living there a life equal to the angels. / Therefore, with the blessing of the Fathers, / you came to the Kievan hills. / There having fulfilled a life loving of labors, / you illumined your homeland. / And having shown a multitude of monastics / the pathway leading to the heavenly kingdom, / you led them to Christ. / Beseech him, O Venerable Anthony, / that he may save our souls!**

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, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine Olsen, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine 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 and Michael. Amen!!!

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

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# The WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**July 10th of 2022**

### VENERABLE ANTHONY OF THE KIEV FAR CAVES, FOUNDER OF MONASTICISM IN RUSSIA

Saint Anthony of the Kyiv Caves was born in the year 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernigov, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life. The igumen saw in Saint Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, "Anthony, it is time for you to guide others in holiness. Return to your own Russian land and be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you." Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kiev by the banks of the River Dnieper. The forested area near the village of Berestovo reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kiev (October 21). Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, "Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here." He began to struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some decided to remain with the saint. For his holiness of life, God glorified Saint Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example of this occurred during the construction of the Great Caves church. The Most Holy Theotokos Herself stood before him and Saint Theodosius in the Blachernae church in Constantinople, where they had been miraculously transported without leaving their own monastery. Actually, two angels appeared in Constantinople in their forms (See May 3, the account of the Kiev Caves Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos). Having received gold from the Mother of God, the saints commissioned master architects, who came from Constantinople to the Russian land on the command of the Queen of Heaven to build the church at the Monastery of the Caves. During this appearance, the Mother of God foretold the impending death of Saint Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073.

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

Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 9th of July**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 10th of July**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**Parish Council Meeting at 7pm via ZOOM**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of August – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of August**  
**NJ STATE FAIR**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

#### 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.

#### A message of thanks from Father Michael Pejovic

On behalf of myself, the Parish Council, and parishioners of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, we are so very grateful to the V. Rev. Samuel Kedala, V. Rev. Paul Kucynda, Rev. Alexander Smida, and Rev. Michael Hill for serving Vespers and celebrating the Divine Liturgy during the past few weeks when I have been out of the country. This year, on the day of the Holy Spirit, the parishioners of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church were blessed to have His Eminence Archbishop Michael celebrate the Divine Liturgy, together with the V. Rev. Gary Breton, V. Rev. Samuel Kedala, and Protospesbyter Christos Telieos. My sincere thanks to the clergy, the parish council, and parishioners and I am grateful to God to be back with you.

#### 20th All-American Council

This event is fast approaching on July 18-22, 2022. As discussed, and agreed at the last Holy Spirit Orthodox Church yearly parish meeting, Adrian Pawelko, past Senior Warden, and I will attend and participate. If there is any input, please share it with Adrian or me.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Mark your calendar and plan to volunteer and participate in the preparation and cleanup for the forthcoming NJ State Fair. You are welcome to give as much or little time as you can. You will be a vital part of the success of this yearly event.

##### **Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 8am-4pm**

Cabbage Roll Production, Sussex Fire House, 25 Loomis Ave, Sussex, NJ 07461

##### **Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8am-Completion**

Cleanup at the Food Booth at the Fairgrounds

This is an opportunity for you to get to know people of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church and build relationships. Sign up sheet will be available. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda, Chairpersons of this event, for more information or if you have questions.

#### Have an item for the bulletin?

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