

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Sunday 15th of May

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Epistle Reading: Acts 9:32-42

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-15

Kontakion — Tone 3

By Your divine intercession, O Lord, / as You raised up the paralytic of old, / so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; / so that being saved I may sing to You: / "Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!"

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 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 Douglas. 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. When they were safely across, the waters came together, and their Egyptian pursuers were drowned. On their forty-year journey to the Promised Land, the Hebrews camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for them to drink. The people murmured against Moses, asking him why he had led them out of Egypt. God told Moses to strike the rock at Horeb. Then water came out of it so that everyone could drink (Exodus 17:6). In Judges 6:36-40 we read about Gideon and the dew on the fleece. When Gideon squeezed the fleece, there was enough to fill a bowl with water. 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.

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 14th of May
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 15th of May
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 21st of May
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 22nd of May
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

SAVE THE DATE – HSOC ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
May 27th – May 28th

HOLY SPIRIT DAY - Monday June 13th
Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Michael at 9 am

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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.

Church Offerings

Thank you for your Pascha and weekly contributions and for serving and supporting our church, especially during the past difficult pandemic. God bless your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE – HSOC ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Mark Benda, Chairman of the HSOC Fundraising Committee announced the first church fundraising event this year will be the HSOC ANNUAL GARAGE SALE at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ on May 27-28, 2022. For more information regarding donations or volunteer opportunities, contact Matushka JoAnne Kedala kedalaj@gmail.com or speak with her at church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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 welcomed 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.

2022 Graduates

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is setting aside a day to celebrate and commemorate our graduates this year. Email or call me to let me know when you will graduate and the details. Date to be announced.

Mark your Calendar: Holy Spirit Day, June 13th

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ – Please plan to worship with us at Divine Liturgy at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church to commemorate our name day on Monday, June 13th at 9 am. His Eminence Archbishop Michael and Very Reverend Gary Breton will join us in service for this most blessed day.

Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday 9th of May in the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Next meeting is scheduled for 6th of June at 7 pm.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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