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Today

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Outdoor Fellowship Hour

Saturday, August 1

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, August 2

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Outdoor Fellowship Hour

### FROM THE STATEMENT OF HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL, ON THE GREAT CHURCH OF HAGIA SOPHIA

The Diocese of New York and New Jersey joins our fellow brothers and sisters in the Faith in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and 300 million Orthodox Christians throughout the world, in mourning the recent decision to convert the Great Church of Holy Wisdom, Hagia Sophia, for nearly a millennium the cathedral of the Patriarch of Constantinople, into a mosque for a second time.

It was this magnificent basilica that drew the envoys of Saint Vladimir to bring Kievan Rus, the ancestral home of so many of our forebears, to Holy Orthodoxy. This is their testimony:

“We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth, for surely there is no such splendor or beauty anywhere upon earth. We cannot describe it to you: only this we know, that God dwells there among humans, and that their service surpasses that of all other places. For we cannot forget that beauty.”

In this time of grief and mourning, let us appeal to the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

She is the “only Hope of the Hopeless”; she is

“the Repository of the Wisdom of God,” as the Akathist proclaims. Through her intercession, may this violation of religious toleration be overturned – lest we must ask, What houses of Christian worship will be next?

AN ONLINE ANCIENT FAITH WOMEN'S RETREAT

SEVEN  
HOLY  
WOMEN  
AND YOU



*Walking  
with the  
Saints*

SATURDAY Nov. 14  
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

SUNDAY Nov. 15  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

ALL TIMES EASTERN

### ANCIENT FAITH WOMEN'S RETREAT

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- Vulnerability in Faith and Friendship
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- Trusting God in the Face of Disappointment
- St. Nino of Georgia: Following God's Calling
- The Dragon Of Depression
- Finding Joy, Navigating Pivotal Life Moments
- Settling Down With God in Troubling Times

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**EPISTLES: Romans 15: 1-7** Brethren: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please Himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. **Philippians 3:7-14** Brethren: Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, like Him in His death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPELS: Matthew 9:27-35** At that time, when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. **Mark 10:29-31, 42-45** The Lord said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions – and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first." But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Child Maxim, John, Vladimir, Irina, Elba, Kenneth, Matushka Linda Dudash, Tatiana, Paul, Domingo, Fr. John, all those taken from us by the Coronavirus.

**For Health:** Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Daniel Kovalak, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Rdr. Thomas, Rdr. William, Mat. Cynthia, Mat. Anastasia, Mat. Anastasia; altar server Andrew, child Sophia, Antonina (Toni), recovering from surgery; Carrie, Deborah, James, John, Florence, Thomas, Nancy, expecting mothers Larissa, Elena, Juliana, Ashley & Lauren; Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Sherri, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristen, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Lorraine, Abigail. **In the Diocese:** Metropolitan Theodosius, Fr. Andreja, Fr. Patrick, Fr. Antonio, Fr. Leonid, Fr. Joseph & Mat Ellen, Gabriel, Zoe & Emily; George, John, Mary, Helen, Alexander, June, Alexandra, Susan, Michael, Anne, Rebecca, Rosemary, Drew, Helen, John, Yuri, Marion, Iliia, Ludmilla, Sheila, Heather. Drs. Carol & Steven, Adam, Anna, Sdn. Shawn, Officers Max, Luke & Boris, and all of the healthcare professionals and first responders in our parish and our communities; all those afflicted with the Coronavirus and those caring for them. **Birthday:** Emilia Karney (7/29), Brianna Lyon (7/30), Jeremiah (7/31).

#### **Parish Children:**

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Anthony	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Nathan	Justus	Gabriel	

#### **College Students:**

Anna McKane – Duke University                      Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College  
Please give prayer requests to Fr. David or to a Subdeacon or Reader.  
Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health  
remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

#### PRAYER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible: In thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace; that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### PRAYER IN A TIME OF CIVIL UNREST

Our Father, great and glorious God Who art in Heaven, yet Who dost look upon the earth with compassion, meting out Thy justice and Thy mercy upon nations: look down upon our earthly and temporal homeland, the United States of America, which is now divided by strife, and send Thy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, upon us like a heavenly Breeze, to restore peace to our cities, our countrysides, and our hearts. May He, the Spirit of truth Who leads the saints into all truth, teach us the truth, that we may abide in it, repenting of our error and ignorance. May He, the Spirit of righteousness, lead us in the way of righteousness, that we might cast aside and forever reject all hatred and bigotry. May He, the Spirit of Justice, strengthen us to restore justice to our land, that we may root out all corruption. O Father Almighty, adorn our rulers with a spirit of wisdom; adorn our civil authorities and the police and all who enforce the law with a spirit of mercy and restraint; and adorn all who dwell in our land with a spirit of love for one another, regardless of race or class. O Father without beginning, Who at the breathing of Thy Spirit didst cause dry land to appear out of the churning waters of chaos when the world was founded: deliver our earthly homeland from disorder, and grant us all to stand firmly on the ground of Thy justice and Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom is due all worship, together with thee, the God and Father, and the All-holy Spirit, the Comforter, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### **SUBDEACON SHAWN MICHAEL TO BE ORDAINED A DEACON – SEPTEMBER 12**

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 12**, when His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, will visit us and ordain Subdeacon Shawn Michael Karney to the Holy Diaconate. More details to come!