

Commemorated on October 17

The Holy Prophet Hosea the first of the minor prophets, belonged to the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the ninth Century before Christ, in the kingdom of Israel. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. During this time, many of his fellow Israelites had forgotten the true God, and worshipped idols. The holy Prophet Hosea attempted to turn them again to the faith of their Fathers by his wise counsels. Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel (i.e. the northern kingdom Israel), the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria.

Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Savior, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the end of sacrificial offerings and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hos. 3:4-5), and that the knowledge of the True God would spread through all the earth (Hos. 2:20-23). Hosea spoke also about Christ, how He would return from out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; compare Mt. 2:15), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hos. 6 and especially Hos.6:2; compare with 1 Cor.15:4), and that He would conquer death (Hos.13-14. Compare 1 Cor.15:54-55).

The prophesies of St Hosea are included in the book that bears his name. The prophetic service of St Hosea continued for more than sixty years. The God-inspired prophet died in deep old age, having devoted all his life to fulfilling the Will of God.

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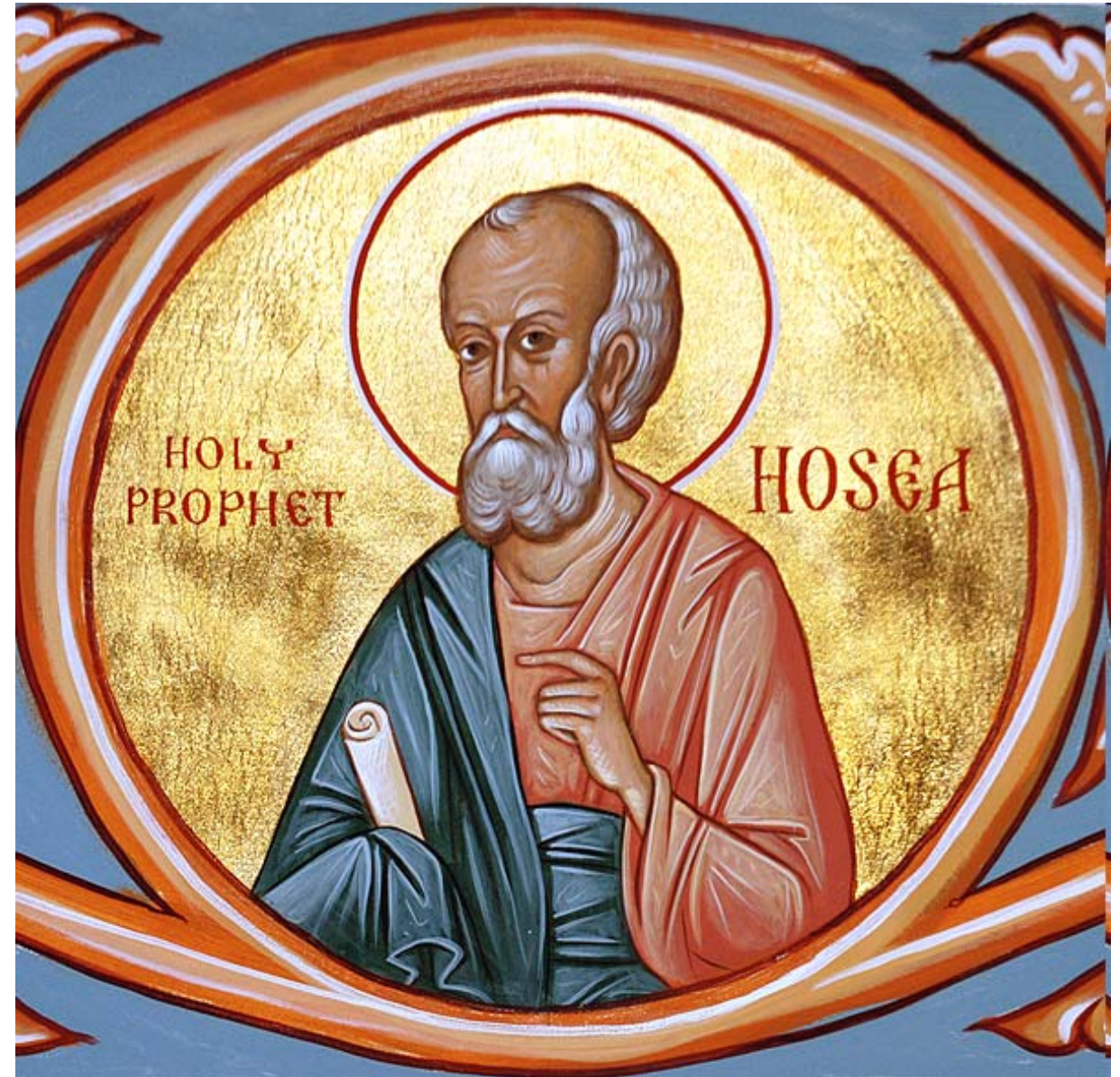
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Sunday, October 19, 2008

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today **Welcome Archpriest Michael Dahulich**
Saturday **Dimetrios Saturday, Memorial Saturday**
7:35 Hours 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy
6:00 P.M. Vespers Our Church
Sunday **9:15 am Church School- 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy**

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (4th of Luke)—Tone 1. Prophet Joel (800 B.C.). Martyr Varus, and with him six Monk Martyrs (ca. 307). Translation of the Relics of Ven. John, Abbot of Rila in Bulgaria (1238). Bl. Cleopatra and her son John, in Egypt (327). Hieromartyr Sadoc (Sadoth), Bishop of Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him (342).

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle) Luke 8:5-15 (Gospel)

BULLETIN

The memorial service this morning was offered by **Despena Eptamenitis and her family** in blessed memory of the repose of her father **+Thomas** (Kaliaris). May his memory be eternal!

Thank you and welcome to the **Archpriest Michael Dahulich**, Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary. Fr. Michael has graciously accepted our invitation for him to serve in Father Samuel's absence this week. Many Years!

The Sussex Help Center has begun its **annual Thanksgiving food drive** to feed the needy in our area. There is a dire need for food this year due to the economic conditions. Please donate food items such as: cranberry sauce, canned yams, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, canned vegetables, cake mixes etc. The food basket is located downstairs in the church entrance. If anyone would like to donate a frozen turkey please see Despena Eptamenitis so that she can make arrangements for refrigeration. The deadline for Thanksgiving food donations is Sunday, November 23. The food will be distributed to the needy on Nov. 24.

If there is an emergency and you need to contact a priest, please call **Fr. George Hasenecz at 973-366-9110** or **Fr. Chris Talleos at 845-695-1976**. Father Samuel will be

returning this coming Saturday, October 25.

Thank you to **Persida Sfartz** for her generous donation of a **case of wine** to be used for the (zapivka) or wine after Holy Communion. May God Repay.

HEALTHY LIVING FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9a.m.-2 p.m., at the Hardyston Middle School, 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg. FREE Health screenings, massages, informational and life enrichment exhibits, entertainment and more. Contact Sussex County Division of Senior Services for additional information 973-579-0555 or seniorservices@sussex.nj.us

Thank you to the **Taylor Family** who hosted the **Coffee Social** last week. **The Eptamenitis Family** will host today. Next week the coffee social will be hosted by **Maria Tsitsiragos**. Check the Coffee Social Assignment Sheet for your assigned Sunday.

BACK FROM VACATION!! Reminder, the Divine Liturgy **BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 O'CLOCK AM**. A dangerous precedent is being set by arriving late for the Divine Liturgy. Please try to observe the Liturgical times of the services. **There is no part of the Divine Liturgy that is unimportant.**

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

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Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Please **keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, Corinne Matthews, child Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, the infant Logan Eugene, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Jean Holowach, Frank Brincka, Despena Eptamenitis, Matushka JoAnne, Louis Vagias, Mike Flood, child Ella Jane, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, Anna Seniow, Ana Tienken and His Beatitude Metropolitan HERMAN.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **Despena Eptamenitis and her family** in blessed memory of her father **+Thomas** (Kaliaris)

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.