

## Commemorated on November 2

Saint Acindynus suffered martyrdom in Persia along with Sts Pegasias, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus, Anempodistus, and 7,000 and 7,000 other Christians at the time of King Sapor II (310-381). These saints were Sapor's courtiers, and were secret Christians. When the king began his persecution against Christians, envious pagans denounced them to him. Summoned to Sapor's presence for trial, the holy martyrs fearlessly confessed their faith in the Holy Trinity. The king ordered them to be beaten with whips.

Sapor told the people that Sts Acindynus, Pegasias, Anempodistus and Elpidephorus would have their heads cut off, and that he would not permit the Christians to bury their bodies.

A tremendous crowd accompanied these saints as they were led outside the city walls for execution, glorifying Christ. On Sapor's orders, soldiers massacred all the Christians in the procession (about 7,000), including St Elpidephorus.

Acindynus, Pegasias, and Anempodistus were burned on the following day with the mother of the emperor. Christians, came secretly by night to the place of execution, found the bodies of the holy martyrs unharmed by the fire, and they buried them with reverence.

### Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ

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**Sunday, November 2, 2008**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Tuesday Nov. 4... Election Day- Pray to our Lord that His will be done in our vote**  
**Wednesday .. 7:00 pm - Orthodox Education Class -a special DVD will be shown**  
**Saturday ..... 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... 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (6th of Luke)—Tone 3.** Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus and Anempodistus, of Persia (ca. 341-5). St. Marcian of Cyprus (381-391).

**Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle) Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel)**

### BULLETIN

**Thank you** and welcome to the **Archpriest Stephen Kopestansky**. Father Stephen is Father Samuel's absence this week. Many Years!

**The memorial service** this morning was offered by **Kwak Family** in blessed memory of the repose of Mary's father **+James** (Thornton) on the fiftieth anniversary of his repose. May his memory be eternal!

**Thank you** to **Wallace Pishtey** for his donation of a case of wine to be used for after Communion (zapivka).

**Thank you** to **Michael Chwan** for mowing and cleaning up around the Church last week. Many Years!

**Thank you** for your prayers for **Pighi Mardaloescu and Matushka JoAnne**. Both of their surgeries went well this week and they are both at home. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they recover. Thank you God.

**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.

**2008 CAREGIVER EXPO: Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 3p.m.-7p.m.** at the Farmstead Golf & Country Club, 88 Lawrence Road, Lafayette. This FREE event is designed to assist caregivers of elderly with daily challenges and planning for future eventualities. Visit with a variety of providers goods and services that support seniors and their caregivers. Gather information and resources. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Sussex County Division of Senior Services for additional information 973-579-0555 or seniorservices@sussex.nj.us

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

**Orthodox Study Group resumes:** Special DVD will be shown the first evening. Note Change In Time. We will begin at 7:00 pm sharp. The acclaimed film "The Island" will be shown. Try to attend to see this worthwhile film.

**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.

**WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS**

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 Seniw, Ana Tienken and His Beatitude Metropolitan HERMAN.

### Seven Day Vigil Candles

By the **Benda Family** for the health and salvation of **Pighi Mardaloescu**

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**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.