



Archpriest Joseph T. Chupeck

April 26, 1948 - October 2, 2024

The Very Rev. Archpriest Joseph T. Chupeck fell asleep in the Lord, on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, after a long illness. Born in Simpson, Pennsylvania, on April 26, 1948, Father Joseph was raised in a devout Orthodox Christian home, the son of John and Mary Chupeck. Both he and his brother John were called to serve the Church as priests. He graduated from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary in May of 1969, and later attended Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He married Ellen Holowatch on September 3, 1972. Father was the first priest ordained to the Holy Priesthood by the newly consecrated Bishop Herman on February 10, 1973. Father Joseph then served the Orthodox Church in America faithfully for fifty-one years, serving parishes in Wilmington (Delaware), Elmira (New York), and Alpha (New Jersey). During his ministry, he also served as a VA Chaplain in New York. In retirement, he was attached to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Wantage (New Jersey).

Father Joseph is remembered for his loving, but direct manner, and his ability to teach the faith that had a deep impact on the people he served. He is credited for helping churches that were in decline to change direction towards vitality and health, and even building new church buildings in Wilmington and Elmira.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mat. Ellen Chupeck (nee Holowatch); son, Gabriel; granddaughters, Zoe and Emily; and his sisters, Pauline Somple, Dorothy Kantor and Matushka Irene Govrusik. He was preceded in death by

his daughter, Rachel in 2011.

Father Joseph loved woodworking, fishing, gardening, and especially serving at the Holy Altar.

Services for Fr. Joseph will be offered at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ on Wednesday, October 9 with a viewing from 5:00-7:00pm and the Funeral of a Priest at 7:00 p.m.. On Thursday, October 10, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at Holy Spirit at 9:00 a.m. with His Eminence, Archbishop Michael presiding. Burial will follow at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461.

May the Lord receive the soul of His faithful servant, the Archpriest Joseph, and grant him rest with the saints where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting. May his memory be eternal!

Funeral services have been entrusted to Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Tikhon's Cemetery

St. Tikhons Road
South Canaan, NJ 18459

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church
102 Route 284
Wantage, NJ 07461

Funeral of a Priest

OCT **9**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Divine Liturgy

OCT **10**. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences Matushka Ellen, to you and your family on the passing away of beloved Fr. Joseph. He had such a great Spiritual impact on our lives, while serving at Holy Trinity in Elmira Heights. We are thankful for his devoted Priestly Ministry. May Fr. Joseph's Memory be Eternal.*

Toula Patros - October 14, 2024 at 09:52 AM

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“ *Memory eternal, Fr. Joseph!*

-Alex & Elizabeth Fedec

Alex Fedec - October 06, 2024 at 09:09 AM

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“ *Ellen, sending our deepest sympathy to you and your family. It's been a long time since we've connected but memories will live on. Your Joe and my Joe grew up together as did you along with me. Both of you were a beautiful part of our Wedding. Sending our Love, Joe and Nancy* ❤️

Nancy Gallick - October 04, 2024 at 07:50 PM