

Sunday, 15th of December 2024

On behalf of myself and the Parish Council, during this Advent season and as we approach the Nativity of the Lord and the end of 2024, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your support. Your generous financial contributions and the countless other ways you give of your time, talents and prayers are a true blessing to our Church community. It is through your dedication and faith that we continue to grow and serve in God's love. Many blessings for your kindness and commitment.

With love and prayers Parish Council and Father Michael

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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Archpriest Paul, Protospyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Engelsman, 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, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery, Halyna (Klima), Sergey, John, Francis, Anna and Birgit. Amen!

***** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski*****

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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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December 15th, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS - The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

Troparion – Tone 2

By faith You justified the Forefathers, / when through them You betrothed Yourself beforehand to the Church of the Gentiles. / The saints boast in glory, / that from their seed there is a glorious fruit: / she who bore You without seed. / By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 6

You did not worship the graven image, / O thrice-blessed youths, / but shielded by the ineffable Essence, / you were glorified in your trial by fire. / In the midst of the unbearable fire you called upon God, crying: / "Hasten, O compassionate One. / and in Your mercy, come to our aid, / for You can do so if You will."

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5pm 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 December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 15th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 21st of December

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 22nd of December

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Tuesday 24th of December

Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Great Compline and Vigil for Nativity at 6 pm

Wednesday 25th of December – NATIVIY OF OUR LORD

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Great Vespers at 6 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshment in the church hall.

In Memory of Archpriest Joseph Chupeck

This past Sunday, following Divine Liturgy, two beautiful icons, Saint Olga of Alaska and Saint Nectarios of Aegina, have been donated by Matushka Ellen Chupeck as a tribute and in loving memory of Archpriest Joseph Chupeck. May his memory be eternal!

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who donated to Project Alaska. We have raised over 600\$. May God grant you many blessed years!

Christmas Fast Begun

The Christmas Fast began on November 15th. Please refrain from using any animal products until Christmas. We are also called to fast from sin, gossip, jealousy, anger, and from other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us.

Advent Confessions

Confessions will be heard every Saturday evening or after Vespers or by appointment. If you wish to make an appointment for confession, please contact Father Michael via email pejovicveljko@gmail.com or call (848)228-1563.

Sunday School project

Anna Seniw has offered to do a Christmas project with the youth of our parish on 22nd of December 2024. Please let Anna Seniw or Beth Lamlamay know if your child will participate in this special arts and crafts project.

Spirit of Orthodoxy Christmas Concert

Today we will be hosting Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir. The concert will start at 7:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach so please, invite your friends and family. Following Spirit of Orthodoxy Christmas Concert, we will gather in the Church hall for light meal, cookies and coffee. If you are moved to help, please consider bringing some cookies or light snack for this event.

Calendars for 2025

Dear brothers and sisters, Church Calendars are available in the narthex. Please take one for your home. We thank Pinkel Funeral Home for again sponsoring our Church calendars.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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