

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

**HOLY SPIRIT
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January 10th, 2021

Christ is the artist, tenderly wiping away all the grime of sin that disfigures the human face and restoring God's image to its full beauty.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

SAINT GREGORY, BISHOP OF NYSSA: Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, was a younger brother of Saint Basil the Great (January 1). His birth and upbringing came at a time when the Arian disputes were at their height. Having received an excellent education, he was at one time a teacher of rhetoric. In the year 372, he was consecrated by Saint Basil the Great as bishop of the city of Nyssa in Cappadocia. Saint Gregory of Nyssa was a fiery defender of Orthodox dogmas and a zealous teacher of his flock, a kind and compassionate father to his spiritual children, and their intercessor before the courts. He was distinguished by his magnanimity, patience and love of peace. Having reached old age, Saint Gregory of Nyssa died soon after the Council of Constantinople. Together with his great contemporaries, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian, Saint Gregory of Nyssa had a significant influence on the Church life of his time. His sister, Saint Macrina, wrote to him: "You are renowned both in the cities, and gatherings of people, and throughout entire districts. Churches ask you for help." Saint Gregory is known in history as one of the most profound Christian thinkers of the fourth century. Endowed with philosophical talent, he saw philosophy as a means for a deeper penetration into the authentic meaning of divine revelation.

In order to attend services, you must let us know. Call, text or email
Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or
holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5 pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:40am Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10:00am Sundays

Confessions: Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or
by appointment.

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Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 9th of January

Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday 10th of January

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Wednesday 20th of January

**Parish Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
via ZOOM**

Announcements

Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Commemorated on January 6 each year. Thank you to all who worshipped with us for Theophany. Holy water is now available in our church for you to partake and also feel free to take some holy water home.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the guidance of the Diocese, there will not be blessings of homes during this Theophany season. At this time, the tentative plan is to do home blessings following Pascha.

Sincere thanks to...

Nicholas Economou for donating the *vasilopita* to commemorate the new year and sharing with the parishioners and friends of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Parishioners and friends for their Christmas offerings as well as floral offerings to our parish.

Weekly Bulletin available online

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1. Go to www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org
2. Click News > Weekly Bulletin.
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Church Attendance

If you have not attended church since the reopening, you must notify Fr. Michael before attending. Please email, text or call Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Confessions by Appointment

Confessions will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment. Please contact Father Michael to make an appointment for the Sacrament of Confession. This can be offered either by phone or in person (with social distancing). Contact Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com.

Remember to keep your offerings current...

Offerings can be made at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The collection basket is located on the table by the exit. You are also welcome to send your donation via mail to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461. Your continued support of the church during these difficult times is very much appreciated and we are thankful.

Food Donations at ramp entrance

A food donation bin is now located at the ramp entrance under the candle table. The Sussex Help Center is always in need of breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables, fruit juice, and other non-perishable food items. Thank you.

On behalf of Father Michael and the Parish Council:

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity and support of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church during this past year, in spite of a most difficult time during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are most appreciative of your financial support of our church, as well as your time and talents. The 2021 budget is currently being prepared and we need and are requesting that you provide to us an estimate of your offering for 2021.

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:

The Archpriests Samuel, Joseph & John, the priest Gregory, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Nadine Olsen, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Ellen, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Bonnie Shaffner, and Helen Schweizer, Michael and Nadine, Christopher, Leah, Jamison and Evangeline.
Amin!!!

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



[Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa](#)

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