

### Food Donations for Christmas

During this season of joy, your generosity is most welcome and greatly appreciated. Food donation bins are located at the ramp entrance, under the candle table, and also downstairs in the parish hall by the bookshelf. Thank you very much and God bless you.

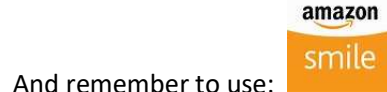
We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering:

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. Amen!!!

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



[Venerable Arcadius of Vyazma and Novy Torg](#)



**Holy Spirit Orthodox Church**  
102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461

Father Michael - Priest-in-charge  
(848)228-1563

[holyspiritwantage@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantage@gmail.com)  
[www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)  
<https://www.holyspiritorthodox.org/>  
<https://www.holyspiritorthodox.org/weeklybulletins>

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

[www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

As soon as children begin to comprehend, the parents should teach them the Symbol of Faith, how to pray and chant, and the order of the Divine Services.

*St. John Chrysostom*

**VENERABLE ARCADIUS OF VYAZMA AND NOVY TORG.** From his childhood, Arcadius was taught prayer and obedience by his pious parents. When he was in church, he would often weep tears of spiritual joy. Even though he seldom spoke, his advice was always right, and his predictions would come to fruition. Arcadius found an experienced guide in St. Ephraim the Wonderworker of Novy Torg, who taught him to avoid spiritual dangers and how to navigate the difficult path of being a fool-for-Christ. The people of Vyazma would witness his miracles, but Arcadius fled fame. Ephraim and Arcadius founded a church and monastery in honor of Sts. Boris and Gleb the Passion-bearers. Arcadius received monastic tonsure there, and he never missed a divine service and was always the first to arrive for Matins. St. Ephraim died in 1053, and St. Arsenius died twenty-four years later. About 500 years later, a chapel dedicated to St. Arcadius was built in Vyazma. His relics that had been glorified by miracles were uncovered and placed in a stone crypt in the Sts. Boris and Gleb Cathedral in Novy Torg.

#### Daily Readings

Epistle Readings: Col. 3:4-11; Gal. 5:22-6:2  
Gospel Readings: Luke 14:16-24; Luke 6:17-23

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

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)

Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Hours at 9:45 am**

**Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Parish Council Meeting**

Parish council meeting will be held via Zoom and it will start at 7:00 pm

### Nativity of the Lord -Schedule

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 10:00 am**

**Great Compline (with Matins and Vespers) at 5:00 pm**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of December**

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am**

### Announcements

#### **Thank you**

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the advertisement of the St. Nicholas' day virtual concert. We are especially grateful to those who decided to support St. Tikhon's Seminary.

#### **St. Nicholas Day – A virtual celebration**

I hope you enjoyed St. Nicholas Day's virtual concert. This will be the last week that we will collect donations for this wonderful event. Please consider a one-time donation or becoming St. Tikhon's sustainer. For more information about the sustainer program please talk to Fr. Michael or visit <https://www.stots.edu/donate>.

#### **The Clothing Bin**

We would like to inform you that the clothing bin is now open again. Please let your friends know that clothes can be dropped off now. We thank you for your donations!

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com).

#### **Offerings at end of Divine Liturgy**

Offerings can be made at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The collection basket is on the table by the exit. Donations are also welcomed to be sent 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.

#### **Have an item for the bulletin?**

Please email Father Michael at [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com) or Mary Osinski at [mary.osinski@gmail.com](mailto:mary.osinski@gmail.com)