

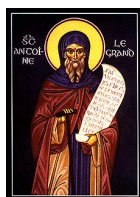
On behalf of Father Michael and the Parish Council:

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 Bucciari, 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*****



[Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great](#)



And remember to use:



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Our life and our death is with our neighbor. If we gain our brother, we have gained God, but if we scandalize our brother, we have sinned against Christ.

St. Anthony the Great

VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING FATHER ANTHONY THE GREAT. Saint Anthony was born in Egypt in the village of Coma, near the desert of the Thebaid, in the year 251. Anthony was a serious child and was respectful and obedient to his parents. He loved to attend church services, and he listened to the Holy Scripture so attentively, that he remembered what he heard all his life. When Saint Anthony was about twenty years old, he lost his parents, but he was responsible for the care of his younger sister. Going to church about six months later, the youth reflected on how the faithful, in the Acts of the Apostles (4:35), sold their possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles for the needy. Leaving his parental home, Saint Anthony began his ascetical life in a hut not far from his village. By working with his hands, he was able to earn his livelihood and also alms for the poor. After some years Saint Anthony went into the desert alone. He found an abandoned fort on the other side of the river and settled there, barricading the entrance with stones. Saint Anthony spent twenty years in complete isolation and constant struggle with the demons, and he finally achieved perfect calm. Soon Saint Anthony's cell was surrounded by several monasteries, and the saint acted as a father and guide to their inhabitants, giving spiritual instruction to all who came into the desert seeking salvation. He increased the zeal of those who were already monks, and inspired others with a love for the ascetical life. Saint Anthony spent eighty-five years in the solitary desert. Shortly before his death, he told the brethren that soon he would be taken from them. He instructed them to preserve the Orthodox Faith in its purity, to avoid any association with heretics, and not to be negligent in their monastic struggles.

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

Wednesday 20th of January
Parish Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
via ZOOM

Saturday 23rd of January
Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday 24th of January
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Announcements

Thank you

During this past year that was full of challenges, many of you met the challenge to support our parish and to give joyfully and sacrificially. Your stewardship of the parish is truly inspiring and is reflective of your understanding of St. Paul's urging to the Christian that: "each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2Cor.9:7)

Again, thank you for your generosity as well as your care and concern for your parish and its wellbeing.

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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

2020 Financial Statements

Douglas Dobrzynski, Treasurer, will have the financial statements for last year to all who made donations to our church on Sunday, January 31. If you have questions or would like your statement emailed or sent via mail, contact Doug via email dsd0118@yahoo.com or call him at 973 214-0343.

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 Donation Bins

Food donation bins are located downstairs in the Parish hall, and also 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 or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com