

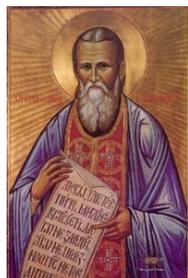
Food Donations for Christmas

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.

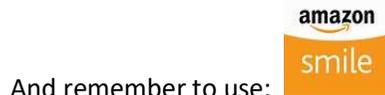
We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering:

The Archpriests Samuel, Joseph & John, the priest Gregory, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstancie & 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***



[Saint Philogonios, Patriarch of Antioch](#)



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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

December 20th, 2020

Men forsook God, and made carved images of men. Since therefore an image of man was falsely worshipped as God, God became truly Man that the falsehood might be done away.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

PHILOGONIOS, PATRIARCH OF ANTIOCH. Philogonios was an accomplished academician with an in-depth knowledge of each science, as well as all areas of learning. He was well versed in sacred writings and had a love for God. He had a well-ordered mind and became a lawyer. He also had a wife and family. He became famous for his eloquent and masterful defense of the oppressed and those unjustly harmed. He was a man of integrity and led an impeccable life. He was imprisoned for a time during the fourth-century persecutions. St. John Chrysostom says that Philogonios was elevated to the episcopal throne of Antioch in a surprising manner. The people physically took him from the marketplace to the episcopal throne and made him their bishop. He used his considerable legal skills in defense of Orthodox unity against the heretical Arians, who denied the divinity of Christ. Philogonios was one of their primary opponents. He was an expert administrator, and the Church prospered under his guidance. St. Philogonios died peacefully in about the year 323. St. John Chrysostom wrote a eulogy to St. Philogonios in the year 386.

Daily Readings

Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

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.

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

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Thursday 24th of December

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 10:00 am
Great Compline (with Matins and Vespers) at 5:00 pm

Friday 25th of December

NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Saturday 26th of December

Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday 27th of December

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Thursday 31st of December

Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Friday 1st of January – Happy New Year!

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Announcements

Thank you

Thank you all who decided to support St. Nicholas Day virtual celebration. We managed to collect \$1250 for St. Tikhon's Seminary. God bless all the donors and sustainers.

Holy Supper canceled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of safety, a decision was made to not have a **Holy Supper** at the church this year. We look forward to restarting this tradition in 2021.

2021 Church Calendars

Church calendars are in the narthex and you are welcome to take one home for yourself and give one to a friend, thanks to the Pinkel Funeral Home.

Weekly Bulletin available online

To access the weekly bulletin online follow these steps:

1. Go to www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org
2. Click News > Weekly Bulletin.
3. Or go directly to www.holyspiritorthodox.org/weeklybulletins.

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.

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.