

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, the priest Gregory, Matushka Joanne, Nadine Olsen, Michael Kedala, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Ellen, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner and Helen Schweizer. Amen!!!

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



[Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee – Beginning of the Lenten Triodion](#)

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The Weekly Bulletin

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He who busies himself with the sins of others, or judges his brother on suspicion, has not yet even begun to repent or to examine himself so as to discover his own sins...

St. Maximos the Confessor

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION - The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins. Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances. The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14). The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

In order to attend services, you must let us know. Call, text or email
Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or
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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 20th of February
Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday 21st of February
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM
Thursday March 11th, starts at 6:00 pm

Thursday 25th of March
THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS
Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Wednesday 31st of March
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with Archbishop Michael

Friday 28th of May – Saturday 29th of May
Holy Spirit Yard Sale

Announcements

Memory Eternal!

Our hearts and prayers are going to the family and friends of Archpriest John Chupeck. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose, O Lord, to the soul of thy servant, Archpriest John Chupeck, who has fallen asleep, and make his memory to be eternal!

Archbishop Michael's pastoral visitation

Dear brothers and sisters the pastoral visitation of our Archbishop Michael moved from 26th of March to 31st of March. Please plan to attend. After Liturgy we will have light Lenten meal in the Parish Hall.

Holy Spirit Yard Sale

Plan to attend - Thanks to Matushka JoAnne Kedala, our church is going to have a fundraiser yard sale this year! Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Friday, May 28 from 9am-5pm and Saturday, May 29, from 9am-3pm. Let's start planning by speaking with Mat. JoAnne for details -- like what to bring -- and not bring -- and where!!!

Weekly Bulletin available online

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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

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.

Sussex Help Center needs hygiene items...

Dear brothers and sisters, Sussex Help Center needs hygiene items. If you can please provide some of the following: toothpaste, toothbrush, bath soap, hand soap, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, and conditioner. Items should be new and unopened. Thank you!

Have an item for the bulletin?

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