

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.

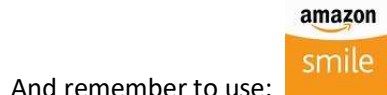
We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering:

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***



[Holy Righteous David the King, Joseph the Betrothed and St. James the brother of the Lord](#)



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The Weekly Bulletin

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

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No one single virtue alone can open our physical door unless all of them follow as interrelated. If you acquire all of the virtues your soul will rejoice, and your mind will be delighted with this spiritual gain. You will be imitating God and you will possess the virtues and will seek to rise up to the likeness of God.

St. Mark the Ascetic

RIGHTEOUS JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD. The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord, was the eldest son of Joseph the Betrothed from his first marriage with Solomonia. After the Ascension of the Lord, Saint James was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, gaining the great esteem not only of Christians, but also of Jews. He was thrown from the roof of the Jerusalem Temple because he had publicly preached to the people about the God-Manhood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Apostle James is also commemorated on October 23.

HOLY RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH THE BETROTHED. Saint Joseph the Betrothed was of the lineage of King David. In his first marriage, he had four sons and two daughters. After he became a widower, Saint Joseph led a life of strict temperance. He was chosen to be the husband and guardian of the Most Holy Theotokos, who had taken a vow of virginity. Saint Joseph was present when the shepherds and the Magi worshiped the new-born divine Infant. He lived in Egypt with the Virgin Mary and the divine Child, working as a carpenter. Saint Joseph reputedly died at the age of one hundred.

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

Thursday 31st of December

Great Vespers at 7:00 pm

Friday 1st of January

Divine Liturgy of Saint basil the Great at 9:00 am

Saturday 2nd of January

Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday 3rd of January

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Tuesday 5th of January

Great Vespers at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 6th of January

THEOPHANY OF CHRIST – Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Announcements

Christ is born. Glorify Him!

On this holiest and most joyful of days, the Birth of Our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ, born of Ever-Virgin Mary in human flesh, we give thanks to the All-Holy Trinity. May our compassionate and tender-hearted Lord grant us every blessing of divine mercy and loving-kindness, today and forever.

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

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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.

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 or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com