

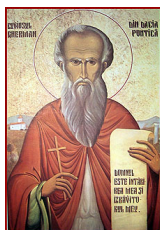
On behalf of Father Michael and the Parish Council:

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 and Joseph, the priest Gregory, Matushka Joanne, Nadine Olsen, 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!!!

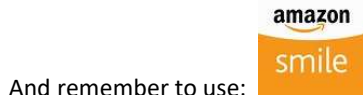
*** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski***



[Saint Germanus of Dacia Pontica \(Dobrogea\)](#)



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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

February 28th, 2021

You cannot destroy the passions on your own, but ask God, and He will destroy them, if this is profitable for you.

St. Anatoly of Optina

SAINT GERMANUS OF DACIA PONTICA (DOBROGEA): Saint Germanus the Daco-Roman was born in the mid-fourth century, probably on the borders of Cassian and the Caves in the diocese of Tomis (in what is now Romania), and was related to Saint John Cassian (February 29). Saint Germanus, who was older than Saint John, was tonsured at one of the local monasteries when he was still a young man. The holy bishop Saint Theotimus I (April 20) may have been his Spiritual Father. In turn, Saint Germanus became the Spiritual Father, friend, and teacher of Saint John Cassian, instructing him in monastic perfection. They both lived at one of the monasteries of Dacia Pontica for a short time, and then worked together in Bethlehem from 380-385. Later, they traveled to Egypt and visited some of its cenobitic monasteries. They also visited the hermits of Nitria and Mount Sinai, seeking to benefit from their holy example and wise counsel. Saints Germanus and John went to Constantinople in 399 in order to be near Saint John Chrysostom (November 13), and around this time Germanus was deemed worthy of ordination to the holy priesthood. When Chrysostom was deposed and exiled in 404, the two saints journeyed to Rome in order to plead his case before Pope Innocent I. Saint Germanus completed the course of his life in the early fifth century, perhaps at the monastery established by Saint John Cassian at Marseilles, or in one of the monasteries of Dacia Pontica. The inscription on the saint's scroll is an abbreviated quotation from Psalm 17/18:1. It reads: The Lord is my strength and deliverer.

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

Saturday 27th of February
Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday 28th 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 Tkachuk. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose, O Lord, to the soul of thy servant ever to be remembered, Archpriest John Tkachuk, 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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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