

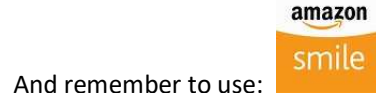
**On behalf of Father Michael and the Parish Council:**

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. The Stewardship cards will be distributed today and ask that you respond by Sunday, January 24th. We realize the difficult times continue; however, if you can, a 1% increase in your financial offering for 2021 would be most appreciated. Again, our thanks for your support.

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, Christopher, Leah, Jamison, Evangeline..

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



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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN  
**HOLY SPIRIT  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

If we love someone, we always think of him, strive to please him, day and night our heart is occupied with this subject. Is it thus that you... love God? Do you often turn to Him, do you always think of Him, do you always pray to Him and fulfill His holy commandments? For our good, for our happiness, at least let us make promise to ourselves, that from this day, from this hour, from this minute we shall strive to love God above all, and fulfill His holy will!

*St. Herman of Alaska*

**MARTYR GORDIUS AT CAESAREA, IN CAPPADOCIA** - The Martyr Gordius was born at the end of the third century in the city of Caesarea of Cappadocia into a Christian family. When he came of age, he entered military service. Because of his valor and military skill, he was made a centurion. During the persecution of Christians at the beginning of the fourth century, he left the world and settled in the Sinai desert to prepare himself for the good deed of confessing the Name of Christ the Savior. In the year 320, Gordius openly appeared before the prefect of a city where pagan games were being held, and identified himself as a Christian. He was arrested, suffered terrible torments, and then was beheaded.



[Martyr Gordius at Caesarea, in Cappadocia](#)

In order to attend services, you must let us know. Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)

Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of December

**Great Vespers at 7:00 pm**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of January

**Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great at 9:00 am**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of January

**Pot luck following the Divine Liturgy**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of January

**Great Vespers at 5:00 pm**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of January

**Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of January

**Great Vespers at 7:00 pm**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of January

**THEOPHANY OF CHRIST – Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of January

**Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM at 6:00 pm**

### Announcements

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

On behalf of Father Michael and the parish council members, our best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year to our parishioners and their family and friends.

#### **Welcome!**

Please join us today for a modified coffee social following Divine Liturgy. Masks are required when not seated, but not when sitting and enjoying the coffee and refreshments. The Parish Hall has been set up to accommodate the required social distancing.

#### **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](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)
2. Click News > Weekly Bulletin.
3. Or go directly to [www.holyspiritorthodox.org/weeklybulletins](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.