

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.

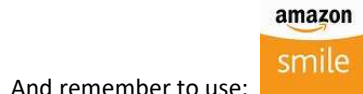
We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering:

The Archpriests Samuel, Joseph & John, 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\*\*\*



[Saint Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont](#)



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# The Weekly Bulletin

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

So, read the Fathers, even one or two lines a day. They are very vitamins for the soul.

*St. Paisios*

**SAINT PARTHENIUS, BISHOP OF LAMPSACUS ON THE HELLESPONT** - Saint Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus, was a native of the city of Melitoupolis (in northwestern Asia Minor), where his father Christopher served as deacon. The youth did not receive adequate schooling, but he learned the Holy Scripture by attending church services. He had a good heart, and distributed to the poor the money he earned working as a fisherman. Filled with the grace of God, Saint Parthenius from age eighteen healed the sick in the name of Christ, cast out demons and worked other miracles. Learning of the young man's virtuous life, Bishop Philetus of Melitoupolis educated him and ordained him presbyter. In 325, during the reign of Constantine the Great, Archbishop Achilles of Cyzicus made him bishop of the city of Lampsacus (Asia Minor). In the city were many pagans, and the saint fervently began to spread the faith in Christ, confirming it through many miracles and by healing the sick. The saint was so kind that he refused healing to no one who came to him, or who chanced to meet him by the wayside, whether he suffered from bodily illnesses or was tormented by unclean spirits. People even stopped going to physicians, since Saint Parthenius healed all the sick for free. With the great power of the name of Christ, the saint banished a host of demons from people, from their homes, and from the waters of the sea. Having shown people the great power of faith in Christ, the saint converted a multitude of idol-worshippers to the true God. Saint Parthenius died peacefully and was solemnly buried beside the cathedral church of Lampsacus, which he built.

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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](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of February**  
**Great Vespers at 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 7<sup>st</sup> of February**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of February**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Starts at 6:00 pm via ZOOM**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of May – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of May**  
**Holy Spirit Yard Sale**

### Announcements

#### **Our thanks...**

Thank you to Archpriest Samuel Kedala for serving at the recent funeral of +Nancy Gordon, and the donation to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church from Kathryn and Stanley Stryko in memory of Kathryn's mother. May her memory be eternal!

#### **Blessing of the Candles**

Brothers and sisters, as you all know it is tradition to bless the candles on the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, however, due to the weather condition and safety reasons we had to close our Church for the feast-day. We will have the blessing of the candles on the upcoming liturgy so plan to either bring candles from home or purchase them in the Church. Once blessed, these candles can be taken home for personal use.

#### **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!!!

#### **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)

#### **2020 Financial Statements**

Douglas Dobrzynski, Treasurer, will have the financial statements for last year to all who made donations to our church on Sunday, January 31. If you have questions or would like your statement emailed or sent via mail, contact Doug via email [dsd0118@yahoo.com](mailto:dsd0118@yahoo.com) or call him at 973 214-0343.

#### **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!