

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, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Nadine Olsen, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Ellen, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua Bucciari, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Bonnie Shaffner, and Helen Schweizer, Michael and Nadine, Christopher, Leah, Jamison and Evangeline.
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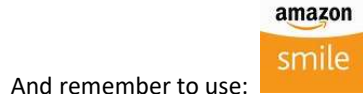
*** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski***



[Venerable Xenia of Rome, and her two female servants](#)



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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

January 24th, 2021

Do not be discouraged from exercising the virtues you have by the opinion of others.

St. Macarius the Great

VENERABLE XENIA OF ROME, AND HER TWO FEMALE SERVANTS - Saint Xenia of Rome, in the world Eusebia, was the only daughter of an eminent Roman senator. From her youth she loved God, and wished to avoid the marriage arranged for her. She secretly left her parental home with two servants devoted to her, and set sail upon a ship. Through the Providence of God she met the head of the monastery of the holy Apostle Andrew in Milassa, a town of Caria (Asia Minor). She besought him to take her and her companions to Milassa. She also changed her name, calling herself Xenia [which means "stranger" or "foreigner" in Greek]. At Milassa she bought land, built a church dedicated to Saint Stephen, and founded a woman's monastery. Soon after this, Bishop Paul of Milassa made Xenia a deaconess, because of her virtuous life. The saint helped everyone: for the destitute, she was a benefactress; for the grief-stricken, a comforter; for sinners, a guide to repentance. She possessed a deep humility, accounting herself the worst and most sinful of all. In her ascetic deeds she was guided by the counsels of the Palestinian ascetic, Saint Euthymius. The sublime life of Saint Xenia drew many souls to Christ. The holy virgin died in 450 while she was praying. During her funeral, a luminous wreath of stars surrounding a radiant cross appeared over the monastery in the heavens. This sign accompanied the body of the saint when it was carried into the city, and remained until the saint's burial. Many of the sick received healing after touching the relics of the saint. Following the death of Saint Xenia, first one of her former servants died, then the other. They were buried at the saint's feet.

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 30th of January
Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday 31st of January
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Monday 1st of February
Great Vespers at 7:00 pm

Tuesday 2nd of February
Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Announcements

Thank you

To all those who continue to support our Church. Your support be it financial or through your time and talent is extremely appreciated. As St. Paul says in his epistle to the Colossians: "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."

Sanctity of Life Sunday: January 24th, 2021

Today, OCA churches around the United States celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protect human life at every stage.

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/january-24-is-sanctity-of-life-sunday>

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1. Go to www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org
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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

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 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.

Food Donation Bins

Food donation bins are located downstairs in the Parish hall, and also 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.