

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, Michael Kedala, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Ellen, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner and Helen Schweizer. Amen!!!

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



[Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John and those with them](#)

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Whoever wishes to avoid being ill should refrain from sin, for sin is often the cause of bodily illness.

St. Cyrus

HOLY WONDERWORKERS AND UNMERCENARIES CYRUS AND JOHN, AND THOSE WITH THEM - Saint Cyrus was a noted physician in the city of

Alexandria, where he had been born and raised. During the persecution by Diocletian (284-305), Saint Cyrus withdrew into Arabia, where he became a monk. He continued to heal people by his prayer, having received from God the gift to heal every sickness. In the city of Edessa at this time lived the soldier John, a pious Christian. When the persecution started, he went to Jerusalem and there he heard about Saint Cyrus. He began to search for him, going first to Alexandria and then to Arabia. When Saint John finally found Saint Cyrus, he remained with him and became his faithful follower. They learned of the arrest of the Christian woman Athanasia and her three young daughters. Theoctiste was fifteen; Theodota, was thirteen; and Eudoxia, was eleven. Saints Cyrus and John hastened to the prison to help them. They were concerned that faced with torture, the women might renounce Christ. Saints Cyrus and John gave them courage to endure what lay before them. Learning of this, the ruler of the city arrested Saints Cyrus and John, and seeing their steadfast and fearless confession of faith in Christ, he brought Athanasia and her daughters to witness their torture. The women were not frightened by the sufferings of Saints Cyrus and John, but courageously continued to confess Christ. They were flogged and then beheaded, receiving their crowns of martyrdom. Christians buried their bodies in the church of the holy Evangelist Mark. Saint Cyrus and John are invoked by those who have difficulty in sleeping.

In order to attend services, you must let us know. Call, text or email
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

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

Wednesday 17th of February
Parish Council Meeting
Starts at 6:00 pm via ZOOM

Friday 28th of May – Saturday 29th 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!

Family Activities for the Great Feast of the Meeting of the Lord

His Eminence Archbishop Michael offers the list of Family Activities for the Feats of the Meeting of the Lord. Please find downloadable PDF file here:
https://www.nynjoca.org/news_210121_1

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

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.