

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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January 5th, 2020: Eve of Theophany

“Moses baptized but it was in water...John also baptized...not only in water, but also “unto repentance.” Still it was not wholly spiritual, for he does not add “And in the Spirit.” Jesus also baptized, but in the Spirit. This is the perfect Baptism.” -*St. Gregory the Theologian*

THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. From the Biblical Greek, “Epiphany” means “Manifest upon,” and “Theophany” means the “Manifestation of God.” Theophany is considered one of the great feasts of the Orthodox Church. It commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. St. Cyril states that the beginning of the world was water, and the beginning of the Gospel was the Jordan when the Holy Trinity was revealed to the senses. Jesus allowed Himself to be baptized with the sinners even though he had no sin, showing that he accepts His calling as the “Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).” The Holy Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, and St. John the Baptist bore witness. “He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him (Mt 3:16.) The Father spoke, saying “This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:17).”

All are welcome. Come and see!

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 4pm on 1st and 3rd Saturdays

Hours: 9:40 am Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10 am Sundays

Confessions - Saturdays before or after Vespers or by appointment.

Additional services for feast days and special observances.

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

Dates to Remember!

Saturday February 1st

1PM- Church Cleanup

4PM - Vespers

February 15th & 16th

Visit of Archbishop Michael

March 2nd

Great Lent Begins

Announcements
CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

WELCOME GUESTS!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex!

Please join us for coffee social following Divine Liturgy.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Upcoming Visit of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

Mark your calendars -- his Eminence will visit us on Feb.15th & 16th. In preparation for his visit, there will be a church cleanup at 1pm on Feb. 1st. Let us show our gratitude to His Eminence for all he has done and continues to do for our parish.

PILGRIMAGE TO ALASKA

Join His Eminence, Archbishop Michael and fellow pilgrims from our Diocese on **July 15-21, 2020** for a very special journey to the cradle of Orthodox Christianity in North America – Kodiak, Alaska! Participate in the 50th Anniversary celebrations of Saint Herman of Alaska's canonization and the 50th Anniversary of the OCA's autocephaly in 2020. There will be weekly trips to Alaska over the summer of 2020 sponsored by each of the dioceses of the OCA. This will be a special trip for all believers. Regular Price: \$2,525/person. <https://www.nynjoca.org/>

2020 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.

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, but 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, Joseph Belli.
Amen!!!

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



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