

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Faith and love which are gifts of the Holy Spirit are such great and powerful means that a person who has them can easily, and with joy and consolation, go the way Jesus Christ went. Besides this, the Holy Spirit gives man the power to resist the delusions of the world so that although he makes use of earthly good, yet he uses them as a temporary visitor, without attaching his heart to them. But a man who has not got the Holy Spirit, despite all his learning and prudence, is always more or less a slave and worshipper of the world.

St. Innocent of Irkutsk

ST. ELIAS THE WONDERWORKER OF EGYPT. Elias remained in the desolate desert and mountain of Antioch for 70 years. He lived to be about 110 years old. The monks used to say that the spirit of the Prophet Elias rested upon him. He never went down to Shama, but there was a difficult and narrow path that pilgrims could traverse to get to his dwelling under a rock in a cave. Elias had a condition that caused him to tremble, but he would work miracles daily and healed the sick. When he grew old, he would eat three ounces of bread and three olives every evening. However, as a young man, Elias would eat only once a week. He said that he feared three things: the moment his soul would leave his body, when he would appear before God, and when his sentence would be given.

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)

Come and see!

Dates to Remember

Saturday, January 18th

Great Vespers, 4pm

Sunday, January 19th

“Sanctity of Life Sunday” will be observed throughout the Orthodox Church in America.

Friday, January 24th

March for Life, Washington, DC

Saturday February 1st

1PM- Church Cleanup, 4PM - Great Vespers

February 15th & 16th

Visit of Archbishop Michael

Great Vespers, Saturday, 4pm

Divine Liturgy, Sunday, 10am

February 23rd

Meatfare Sunday

March 2nd

Great Lent Begins

Announcements

WELCOME GUESTS!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex and **join us for coffee social** following Divine Liturgy.

Sincere thanks to...

Despena Eptamenitis for baking with love the *vasilopita* to commemorate the new year and sharing with the parishioners of Holy Spirit. JoAnne & Charles Hosbach for their generous donation to provide the communion wine in memory of our beloved sister in Christ, +Pighi Mardaloescu. Parishioners and friends for their Christmas offerings to our parish.

Upcoming Visit of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

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.

2020: Year of Anniversaries for the OCA

In 2020, the Orthodox Church in America will celebrate the anniversary of two foundational events in her history: the *reception of the Tomos of Autocephaly* from the Russian Orthodox Church, and the *canonization of Our Venerable Father Herman*, Elder and Wonderworker of Alaska.

The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America will commemorate these events with three Divine Liturgies concelebrated by the Holy Synod and guest hierarchs and clergy:

May 25th: Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's Monastery

August 9th: Annual pilgrimage to Spruce Island, Alaska.

November 14th: St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C

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, Bonnie. Amen!!!

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



St. Elias fresco from Gračanica Monastery (1320)

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