

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**January 19th, 2020**

Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all.

St. John Chrysostom

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ST. MAKARIOS THE GREAT OF EGYPT. The son of a priest, Makarios lived for sixty years in the fourth-century Egyptian desert of Scetis. He married out of obedience to his parents, but when his wife died, he became a monk. As he worked to purify himself, he excelled in many virtues. He answered once that his thinness, whether due to fasting or not, was out of fear of God. Men and demons stood in awe of his humility. He counseled that we should condemn no man in order to be saved. He once saw thieves taking his belongings, and he helped them to get everything he owned, reasoning that we brought nothing into this world. He was granted the gift of working miracles through his prayers and raising the dead. St. Pachomios and St. Anthony the Great also lived during this time. They appeared to Makarios foretelling his death in nine days. The Cherubim came with praises to receive his soul.

### **Service Schedule**

**Great Vespers:** 4pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**Come and see!**

### **Dates to Remember**

***Monday, January 20th***

Parish Council Meeting

7pm - Fellowship Hall

***Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>***

March for Life, Washington, DC

***Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>***

1pm- Church Cleanup, 4pm - Great Vespers

***Saturday, February 8th - 7PM***

Beef Steak Dinner - \$40

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church

Clifton, NJ

***February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>***

*Visit of Archbishop Michael*

Great Vespers, Saturday, 4pm

Divine Liturgy, Sunday, 10am

***February 23<sup>rd</sup>***

Meatfare Sunday

***March 2<sup>nd</sup>***

Great Lent Begins

## Announcements

### **WELCOME GUESTS!**

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

### **Upcoming Visit of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael**

His Eminence will visit us on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for his visit, there will be a church cleanup at 1pm on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Sanctity of Life Sunday: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

### **Epitrachelion of St. Nectarios of Aegina**

We will have a priestly stole ("epitrachelion") that belonged to St. Nectarios of Aegina at our church this weekend and next. Fr. George will offer it for veneration and blessing at all services.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's Monastery

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Annual pilgrimage to Spruce Island, Alaska.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>:** 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 Shaffner . Amen!!!

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

Troparion — Tone 1

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body / you were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Macarius. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. / Glory to Him who gave you strength! / Glory to Him who granted you a crown! / Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!

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And remember to use:



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# Epitrachelion of St. Nectarios visiting Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Wantage, New Jersey will have a priestly stole ("epitrachelion") that belonged to St. Nectarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis and Wonderworker of Aegina. Fr. George Hasenecz will offer it for veneration and blessing at all services.

Saint Nectarios of Aegina (1 October 1846–8 November 1920) was officially recognized as a Saint by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in 1961. His Feast Day is celebrated every year on 9 November. Both during his life and after his death, Saint Nectarios performed thousands of miracles, especially for those suffering from cancer. There are more churches dedicated to Saint Nectarios than to any other modern Orthodox saint.

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