

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“Appetite comes from eating and prayer from praying.”

Elder Ephraim of Arizona

SYNAXIS OF PANAGIA KOUTSOURIOTISSA IN ERATEINI OF PHOCIS.

A seventeenth-century monk of the Archangels Monastery in Aigio would see a light in the same spot in the distance that was unusual in brilliance and vividness. Later this monk saw the Panagia in his dream, and she told him, “At exactly the spot where you see the light is my icon, and I want you to dwell there.” He acted quickly and traveled to where he had seen the light. He climbed down a steep, rocky cliff about 800 meters above sea level, near the village of Amygdalis Doridos. There he saw a cave with a tree at its entrance. In the hollow of the tree, was the icon of the Panagia. He built a chapel inside the cave that still exists, and there placed the holy and wonderworking icon. It attracted many pilgrims, and it became known as the Panagia Koutsouriotissa, named after the hollow trunk, where the icon was found. In 1670 a church was built on top of the hill, with cells around it, which later became a monastery. In 1825 it was destroyed by the Turks and was rebuilt ten years later. The people of that area would flee to the monastery for protection from their enemies. An earthquake damaged the monastery in 1995, but a beautiful church was rebuilt. This icon is celebrated on four separate dates in the Church calendar.

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, February 8th - 7pm

Beef Steak Dinner - \$40

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, Clifton, NJ

February 15th & 16th

Visit of Archbishop Michael

February 15th

Great Vespers, Saturday, 4pm

with Archbishop Michael

February 16th

Divine Liturgy, Sunday, 10am

with Archbishop Michael

Parish Council Meeting following Divine Liturgy

February 20th - 5pm

New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner

hosted by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Wayne, NJ.

(See flyer on bulletin board.)

February 23rd

Meatfare Sunday

March 2nd

Great Lent Begins

Announcements

Welcome!

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

Sincere Thanks

Sincere thanks to all who helped clean the church in preparation for the visit by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael.

Slavic Food Fest -- Save the Date!

Sunday, May 17th, 2020 is the date set for our upcoming Slavic Food Fest. This will be a one-day, indoor/outdoor fundraising event, featuring the same popular food items (i.e., pierogies, holushki, stuffed cabbage casserole) we offer every summer at the NJ State Fair and in the fall at the Applefest. Watch these pages for updates and opportunities to volunteer.

Food Bank Donations

The Sussex Help Center has a constant need for breakfast cereal, peanut butter and jelly, and canned fruit. Your donations are very much appreciated. The collection bins are located downstairs in the fellowship hall.

March for Life

On Friday, January 24, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, joined by members of the Holy Synod, and brother bishops from other jurisdictions, including His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, led Orthodox faithful gathered at the 47th March for Life in Washington D.C. in a prayer service for the innocent children whose lives have been taken. <https://www.oca.org/>

Sussex Elks Valentine's Dinner

Sussex Elks Lodge 2288 will be hosting a Valentine's Dinner on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 6 to 8pm. Ladies will receive a complimentary rose. Contact the lodge at 973-875-3990 or sussexelks2288@gmail.com to reserve seats.

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 Bucciari, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Joseph Belli, Bonnie Shaffner. Amen!!!

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

On Today's Gospel Readings

“Due to the way the calendar falls, today we heard two gospel lessons, both from St. Luke. The first (Lk. 2:22-40) recounts the Presentation of Jesus in the temple 40 days after his birth. This was the custom of the Jewish people regarding the first-born son.

The second reading (Lk. 19:1-10) tells of Zacchaeus, a man who desired to see Jesus, but because of the crowd, he had to climb a tree to do so. We hear this reading on the 5th Sunday before Great Lent to remind us that we must desire to use the forthcoming Lenten season for our spiritual growth.”

- Father George Hasenecz

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