

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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February 9th, 2020

“The Kingdom of Christ is founded on the principle that whosoever would be first should be the servant of all (cf. Mark 9.3 5). The man who humbles himself shall be raised up and vice versa: he who exalts himself shall be brought low. In our struggle for prayer we shall cleanse our minds and hearts from any urge to prevail over our brother. Lust for power is death to the soul.”

+Elder Sophrony of Essex

ST. BRACCHIO OF TOURS. Bracchio was an avid hunter and nobleman in the court of Lord Sigiswald of Clermont. One day Bracchio pursued a wild boar that escaped into the hut of a Gallo-Roman hermit named St. Emilian. Bracchio’s dogs were intimidated by St. Emilian, and they refused to attack the boar. Emilian offered Bracchio some wild fruit, and Bracchio, who was intrigued by the hermit and his evident power, discussed spiritual matters. Bracchio soon gave up his worldly life and became Emilian’s spiritual student for three years. He learned how to read and soon knew the Psalter by heart. Others were also attracted to the hermitage. When St. Emilian died, he bequeathed the hermitage to Bracchio, and he turned it into a monastery. Later St. Bracchio became abbot of Menat in Auvergne and re-established strict monastic discipline there.

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

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.

Archbishop Michael Visit: Sat. Feb. 15th and Sun. Feb. 16th

His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, is scheduled to be at our parish Saturday, Feb. 15th for Great Vespers and Sunday, Feb. 16th for Divine Liturgy.

Financial Statements for 2019

Financial offering statements for 2019 are now available today at church. If you wish to have the statement sent to you, please advise via email: holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com. Please include your name, address, city, state and zip code and the statement will be mailed to you.

Thanks from Holy Spirit's Treasurer

On behalf of the Parish Council, our sincere thanks for your generosity and support of Holy Spirit Church during the past year, including your financial gifts as well as your time and talents. The 2020 budget is currently being prepared and we need and are requesting that you provide to us an estimate of your offering for the current year. The Stewardship cards will be distributed today and ask that you respond by Sunday, February 15th. A 1% increase reflected in your financial offering for 2020 would be most appreciated. Again, thank you. - Douglas Dobrzynski, Parish Council Treasurer

Fast-Free Week

Today begins a fast-free week as we prepare for Great Lent. This dispensation from fasting is offered as a way of indicating that Great Lent is approaching.

Archbishop Michael Celebrates 47th Anniversary of Ordination

On February 2, 2020, His Eminence Archbishop Michael celebrated Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers, NY in thanksgiving for the 47th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Priests from across the Diocese of New York and New Jersey joined His Eminence.

Eis Polla Eti Despota! Many Years!

Memorial Service

Following the Divine Liturgy last Sunday, a Memorial Service was held for the departed +Lydia Engelsman and +Peter Apansow, offered by Edward and Taisa Engelsman. Make their memories to be eternal.

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***



The Publican and the Pharisee

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