

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

“Whoever we are, whatever we are, wherever we have come to be, even at the very edge of the abyss, we must never let go of the moving image of the prodigal son’s reception into the embrace of the father, who hugs him rightly and showers him with kisses. Let our final fall be into the arms of our Most-Compassionate Heavenly Father...” Monk Moses of Mt.

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ST. MARUTHAS, BISHOP OF SOPHENE. Maruthas was a treasure of the fourth-century Church. Foremost among his endeavors were his peace seeking missions. On two occasions he was sent by Emperor Theodosius the Younger to the Persian emperor to procure peace between the Byzantine Emperor and Persia. He helped Christian in Persia gain their freedom, and he rebuilt churches that had been destroyed during the persecutions. He found the relics of the martyrs and had them transferred to Martyropolis, a city that he founded between Persia and the Byzantine empire. His works include “The 73 Canons of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea,” which includes an account of the acts of the Council, the lives of the martyrs, and other works written in the Syrian language such as “Commentary on the Gospel.” He was a member of the Second Ecumenical Council at Constantinople, convened against the heresy of Macedonius, and the Antioch Council against the Messalians. St. Maruthas died in Martyropolis, and later his relics were transferred to Egypt.

### **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.

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

**Come and see!**

### **Dates to Remember**

#### ***February 16<sup>th</sup>***

Parish Council Meeting following Divine Liturgy  
and Coffee Hour

#### ***February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5pm***

New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner  
*hosted by* His Eminence, Archbishop Michael  
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Wayne, NJ.  
(See flyer on bulletin board)

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

Meatfare Sunday

#### ***Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>***

Great Lent Begins

7pm Great Canon of St. Andrew  
w/ Archbishop Michael

#### ***Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>***

7pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy  
w/ Archbishop Michael  
Followed by pot luck supper

## Announcements

### **Welcome!**

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

### **Parish Council Meeting Today**

There will be a Parish Council meeting today following Divine Liturgy.

### **Welcome Archbishop Michael**

We thank His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, for visiting our parish this weekend, and for the guidance, pastoral care, and love that he has provided to our parish throughout this time of transition. Eis polla eti despota!

### **Financial Statements for 2019**

Financial offering statements for 2019 are now available. If you wish to have the statement sent to you, please advise by sending email to [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com). Include your mailing address 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 15<sup>th</sup>. A 1% increase reflected in your financial offering for 2020 would be most appreciated. Again, thank you. - Douglas Dobrzynski, Parish Council Treasurer

Be merciful to me, O God,  
Be merciful to me.  
- Psalm 57:1

### **Memorial Service**

Following the Divine Liturgy last Sunday, a Memorial Service was held for the departed +family members of Valentina Bobrowski. Make their memories to be eternal.

**Have an item for the bulletin? Email us at [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)**

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, Carol Benda, 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 Prodigal Son

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