

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### 5th Sunday of Great Lent: St. Mary of Egypt

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

“When one person’s harmful behavior begins to affect a number of other people, that is not the time to show patience nor to look out for your own benefit; instead, you should look for what benefits the majority so that they may be saved. Virtue that benefits a multitude is better than virtue that benefits a single person.”

*St. Mark the Ascetic*



**NEW MARTYR PANAGIOTIS OF JERUSALEM.** Panagiotis was born in Greece and raised in nineteenth-century Magnesia of Asia Minor. He was employed as a servant. One day after worshipping in the Tomb of Christ in the Holy Sepulcher, he was captured by some Turks who took him before the Pasha. He was offered the chance to convert to Islam to avoid death, but he remained steadfast in his Christian faith. He was stripped, one hand was broken, and his fingers on the other were severed. Finally, he was beheaded. The fathers of the Holy Sepulcher buried his body at the Cemetery of Holy Zion.

## Service Schedule



**DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, AT THE DIRECTION OF  
THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY:**

As of April 5<sup>th</sup>, all liturgical services  
are suspended until at least April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Full Statements and Directives can be found here:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/holy-synod-metropolitan-council-issue-coronavirus-statements>

## DIOCESAN RESOURCES

Please visit the diocesan web site:

<https://www.nynjoca.org/>

On the home page you will find:

- Updates on the quarantine/situation
- Statements from His Eminence, Archbishop Michael
- Resources for home prayer -- Reader's Vespers, Typika Service, and Home Prayer rule information (updated regularly)
- Links to online streamed services

## Announcements

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

I miss being with you but we must do what is best for all. This Sunday's service with limited attendance will be our last until at least April 30th.

During these coming days each of us must walk the way of the Cross physically separate but spiritually together. I urge you to follow services online during this time. A schedule can be found on the diocesan website ([nynjoca.org](http://nynjoca.org)).

If enough people are interested, I will come to Wantage on April 18 at 1:00 pm to bless your Paschal food. This will take place in the parking area --not in the church building.

Please text me if you will be there so I can plan accordingly (570) 216-1945.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your. God bless you and keep you safe.

Love in Christ, Fr. George

### **Keeping Your Offerings Current**

Remember to keep your offering current by sending your check to: Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461 (make check payable to "Holy Spirit Orthodox Church").



“God is our refuge and strength,  
A very present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1



### **Food drive fundraiser to benefit Sparta pantry**

A virtual food drive is underway, thanks to two Sparta High School juniors, who will be collecting GoFundMe donations to purchase groceries and benefit the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry.

For more information: <https://www.njherald.com/news/20200330/food-drive-fundraiser-to-benefit-sparta-pantry>

To donate, visit: [www.gofundme.com/f/sevrvy](http://www.gofundme.com/f/sevrvy)

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\*\*\*



**St. Mary of Egypt**

(detail from [Vita icon](#), ca. 17<sup>th</sup> cent. Russian)

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And remember to use:



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