

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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“Let us honor one only, and everyone will honor us, for if we despise one, that is God, everyone will despise us, and we will be lost.”

St. John the Dwarf



ST. ATHANASIOS THE NEW, ARCHBISHOP OF CHRISTIANOPOLIS. Athanasios was from Karytaina in southern Greece around 1604. When he was of age to marry, despite his desire to become a monk, his father insisted on marriage and betrothed his son to the daughter of a wealthy ruler in Patras. Then he sent his son to buy the wedding items. Athanasios obeyed and set off for Nafplion. On the way, he passed the church of the Panagia in Vidoni and asked for divine enlightenment. Then he bought what was needed for the wedding, but before his return trip, the Panagia appeared to him in a dream with St. John the Baptist. She told Athanasios to send his servants back with the wedding garments, so his betrothed could marry another, and that he should go to Constantinople to become a monk. He became a deacon and then a priest, and later Metropolitan of Christianopolis, within the city of Kyparissia. However, he inherited a province that was religiously, morally, and

economically a disaster. He founded schools for the training of priesthood candidates and waived financial payments. He arranged for repair and maintenance of churches, which were the meeting place of Greeks. He worked to alleviate the suffering of his people, for orphans, widows, the needy, the elderly, and the persecuted. God made Athanasios worthy within his life and after to perform miracles. A few years after his death, St. Athanasios was exhumed, and his relic was found incorrupt and fragrant.

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
Links to online streamed services

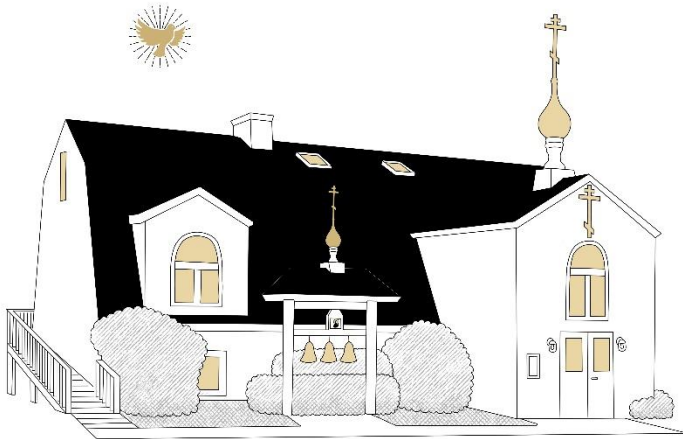


Keeping Your Offerings Current?

Remember to keep your offerings current by sending your check to:

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church
102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461
(make check payable to "Holy Spirit Orthodox Church".)

Sincere thanks for continuing to support your church during these difficult times.



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Announcements

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

Christ is Risen!

As you are no doubt aware from the information sent to you from the Holy Synod, we have been given a plan on the opening of our churches.

We cannot begin this process until the "stay at home" order is lifted in New Jersey. The date for this is scheduled for June 6th tentatively.

We can, however, begin to plan for that day whenever it happens. I urge you to familiarize yourself with the document of the Holy Synod.

There will certainly be changes in the customary procedures.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity especially during this most difficult time. God bless you all.

In Christ,
Father George

Link to Holy Synod directives document:

<https://www.nynjoca.org/files/2020/covid-19/Diocesan-Directives-on-the-Gradual-Re-Opening-of-Diocesan-Churches-2020-05-08-For-Distribution.pdf>

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Kontakion — Tone 8

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; /
She saw You, the Water of Wisdom, and drank
abundantly / She inherited the Kingdom on High
and is ever glorified!



We pray for our entire church family and for those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering:

The Archpriests Samuel, Joseph & John, the priest Gregory, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Nadine Olsen, Sophia Eptamenitis, 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***

We also pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus:

First responders, doctors, nurses, health care workers, food supply workers, and all who are under the impending threat of the Coronavirus, those who have fallen asleep, those who are sick, those who have recovered, and all those who are suffering from fear, anxiety, or economic hardship as a result of this pandemic.

Download the Reader's Service of Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus

(This service takes place in front of our Icon Corner)

<https://www.nynjoca.org/files/2020/covid-19/covid-19-prayer-service.pdf>

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