

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

[www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

Sunday of the Blind Man

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

“Almsgiving must be done in secret.”

*+Elder Paisius of Sihla*



**MARTYR MARTHA OF MONEMVASIA, ABBES OF MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS MONASTERY.** This monastery was located below the Church of the Hodegetria in Monemvasia. Bishop Paul of Monemvasia wrote the life story of St. Martha in the tenth century. Martha suffered from a hemorrhage. One day an elder monk went to visit her, and he asked her for one of her garments. She said that due to her hemorrhage, she only had two garments; one she would wear while the other was being laundered. However, Martha gave him the laundered garment. As soon as he left, Martha noticed that the hemorrhage had ceased, and she realized the miracle. The monk was nowhere to be found. On that very day, at that same hour, the monk appeared to Martha’s relatives in Thessalonica. He gave them her garment and instructed them to tell Martha, “Many things await you.” Then he disappeared. They went to Monemvasia and told Martha all that had happened, including the day and hour, and they all surmised that the old monk was St. John the Theologian and Evangelist. Another time, Martha had a vision of the Mother of God, sitting in the sanctuary while the nuns were chanting Matins for her Dormition. When the Doxology began at the end of Matins, the sisters began to sing too loudly, and the Theotokos disappeared. St. Martha revealed the vision to the nuns, and from that time on, they chanted the Doxology more quietly and with a contrite heart.

## **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, etc.)
- 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.

## **Announcements**

### **Status Update**

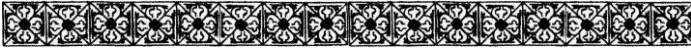
Planning is underway for the gradual reopening of our parish. Please familiarize yourself with the published directives from the Holy Synod, which will form the blueprint for this process:

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>

### **Memorial Offerings**

Sincere thanks to Mark Benea Jr. and Mark & Joanna McClellan for their offerings to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in memory of the departed +Carol Lynn Benda.



"Journey freely with God within you; you will not lose the way, and you will not be left without shelter. Enter with Him freely through the gates of the day, and the day will be yours."

--Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich, Prayers by the Lake



### **Food Donations to Sussex Help Center**

The Sussex Help Center, which distributes the food donations collected at our parish, is now operating on a partial schedule.

Food donations can be dropped off in the collection bin outside the Food Barn in Sussex, 24 County Rd 639, Sussex, NJ 07461 (across from the airport, next to the car wash.)

There is a large collection bin (plastic trash can) outside the front entrance to the Food Barn. Donations can be made during store hours. They close at 6pm every day except Saturday (3pm).

## Kontakion — Tone 4

I come to You, O Christ, / Blind from birth in my  
spiritual eyes / And I call to You in repentance: /  
You are the most radiant light of those in darkness!



**Sunday of the Blind Man**

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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