

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

May 31st, 2020

“Only he who leaves everything to the will of God can feel truly
joyous, light and peaceful.”

+Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica



ST. PHILOTHEUS, METROPOLITAN OF TOBOLKS. Philotheus was from a seventeenth-century noble Ukrainian family. After completing his education, he married and was ordained to the priesthood. He served as a parish priest for several years, but when his wife died, he entered the Kiev Caves Lavra, eventually becoming the abbot. Tsar Peter I had Philotheus consecrated to the episcopate of the vast territory of Tobolsk and Siberia. He exerted great efforts to evangelize there. During his tenure, the number of churches in Siberia grew from 160 to 448. Thirty-six monasteries were created, and more than 40,000 pagans were converted to Orthodoxy. Because of illness, he interrupted his administration of the diocese. When he recovered, he concentrated on missionary work, making numerous trips to teach and convert the natives. He resumed his duties as metropolitan for a short time and died peacefully at the age of seventy-seven.

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>

Donations in Memory of +Carol Lynn Benda

Our sincere thanks to the following:

Mary Osinski
Very Reverend Joseph and Ellen Chupeck
Susan and Richard Matthews
Despena and Sophia Eptamenitis
Matthew Varley
Maria Tsitsiragos
Taisa and Edward Engelsman
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Patricia and Joseph Loungo
Robert and June Yucius



I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge
and my fortress: my God; in him
will I trust.

Psalm 91:2



Free Dining Room Set Available

Mitch Gutu (son of +Alexandra Gutu) has a dining room set available for donation to anyone who needs it. To inquire, please contact him at his cell phone number: 973-951-6190.

Kontakion — Tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, / It defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy!



Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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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