

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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HOLY PENTECOST

June 7th, 2020

“The whole praise and blessedness of the saints consists of these two elements – their orthodox faith and praiseworthy life, and the gift of the Holy Spirit and His spiritual gifts.”

St. Symeon the New Theologian

VENERABLE PANAGIS BASIAS OF CEPHALONIA. Panagis was born in 1801 in Lixouri, Cephalonia to a pious and wealthy couple, and they gave him an excellent education. He spoke four languages, and he became a teacher. Inspired by the great ascetics of Cephalonia, he went to live at a monastery for a short time but returned home for his mother and sisters. At the age of 35, he was ordained to the priesthood and served at the Monastery of St. Spyridon near Lixouri. He distributed all his wealth to the needy. He liturgized and preached every day and would visit the faithful. He was an excellent confessor, and God granted him the gift of clairvoyance and prophecy. He could read the hearts of the faithful and lead them to repentance. His widespread fame as a miracle worker forced him to claim to be a fool-for-Christ’s sake, to avoid egotism. Panagis did suffer a nervous breakdown. For the rest of his life, he lived with his family and liturgized at the church of St. Spyridon. During his last five years, he remained bedridden, and many would visit day and night for counsel and confession. St. Panagis died peacefully at the age of eighty-eight. There was a massively attended funeral service held over three days. A portion of his relics is displayed for veneration at Holy Cross Theological School in Brookline, Massachusetts.

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.



Dear Holy Spirit Family,

"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

After meeting the requirements established by the diocese, His Eminence has given permission to resume services this weekend, June 6 & 7.

In order to attend services, you must let us know by either text or email that you plan to attend. This procedure will be in effect until further notice. See the information listed below.

Right now we are limited to ten (10) people for each service. Also face masks and social distancing is required. If you prefer not to attend the liturgy or we have met our quota, His Eminence has given permission to offer the Eucharist after services, around 11:15 AM, to those who desire to receive and have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting.

Another option that could be offered is a weekday liturgy if there is a need. I know this is a lot to deal with at this time but we ask your understanding and patience. I look forward to seeing you soon.

In Christ,
Father George

Announcements

Glory to Jesus Christ!



UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY:

As of June 6th, liturgical services have resumed, limited to 10 persons.

In order to attend services, you must let us know by either text or email that you plan to attend:

Send text to 570 216-1945 or email sinney41@gmail.com

We must also follow the diocesan guidelines listed in the document entitled "Diocese of New York and New Jersey INSTRUCTIONS ON ENTERING CHURCH." This will be posted at the church, and online at: www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org.

This procedure will be in effect until further notice.

We Thank You for your Offering

Anna Seniw - In Memory of +Carol Lynn Benda

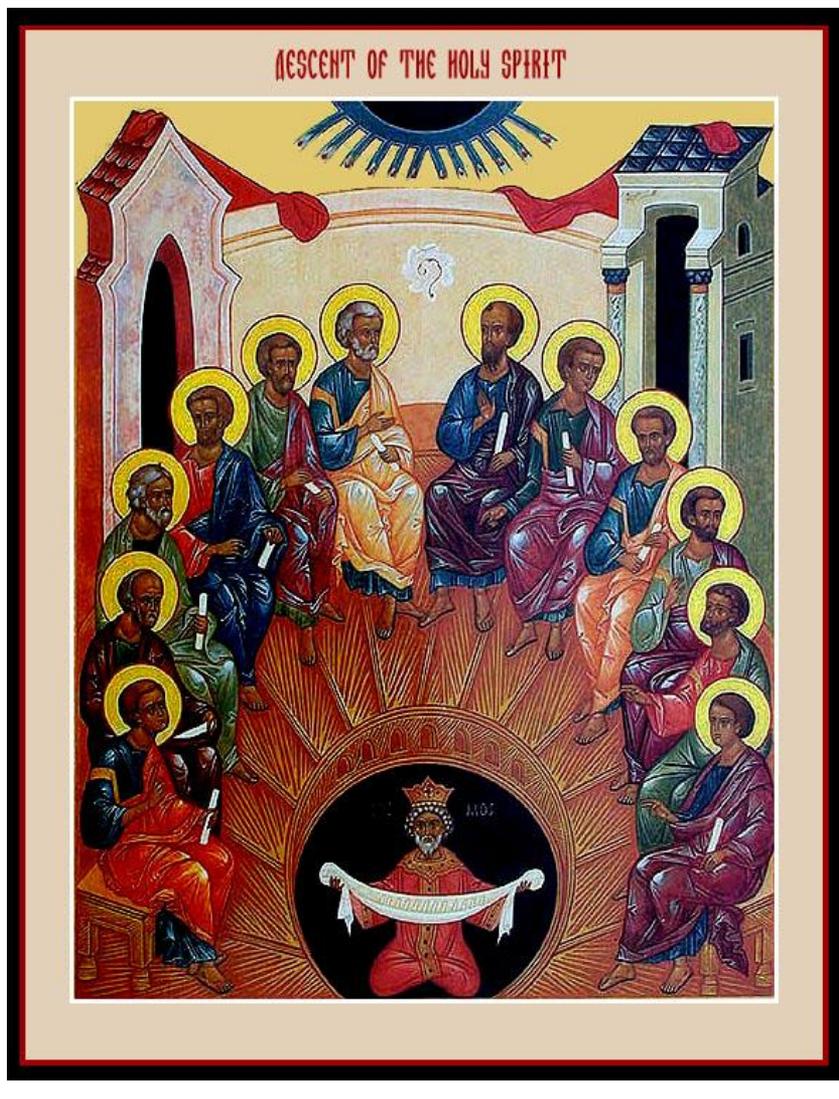
Free Dining Room Set Available

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.



Troparion — Tone 8

Blessed art You O Christ Our God / You have revealed the fishermen as most wise / By sending down upon them the Holy Spirit / Through them You drew the world into Your net / O Lover of Man, Glory to You!



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***

On Holy Pentecost:

“In the Church’s annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is “the last and great day.” It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the “birthday” of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.”

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