

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

If you continue attentively to study yourself, you will find many...inner crosses. For instance, hell, which you have so carelessly avoided considering until now, will suddenly appear to you as a very real threat. Paradise, which the Lord has prepared for you and which has barely crossed your mind, will vividly present itself to you as it really is: a place of eternal and pure joy from which you have deprived yourself by your careless way of life. If, in spite of the inner turmoil brought about by such reflections, you firmly resolve to repent and amend your ways and...you diligently pray to the Lord to save you and you decide to surrender yourself totally to His will, then the Lord will reveal to you most clearly the state of your soul so that you may be totally healed.

*St. Innocent of Alaska*

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**MARTYR BACCHUS THE NEW OF PALESTINE.** Bacchus was one of seven children from eighth-century Palestine. His mother remained a Christian, but his father apostatized from the Christian faith and raised his children as Muslims. When his father died, Bacchus received Baptism and monastic tonsure at the Monastery of St. Savvas near Jerusalem. He adorned himself with the virtues of prayer, fasting, vigil, and labor. However, fearing that harm would come to the monastery, the abbot sent Bacchus back home. He told his mother everything that had happened to him, and she told her other sons. They decided to receive holy Baptism, except for one, who reported Bacchus to the authorities. Bacchus was arrested, and he confessed his faith in Christ and was beheaded.

**All are welcome. Come and see!**

**Service Schedule**

**Great Vespers:** 4pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

**Hours:** 9:40 am Sundays

**Divine Liturgy:** 10 am Sundays

Confessions – Please contact Father George

Additional services for feast days and special observances.

Monthly calendar at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org)

**Upcoming Events & Special Services**

*Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>*

40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service for Pighi Mardaloescu  
Following Divine Liturgy

*Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, @7 pm*

Parish Council Meeting  
Fellowship Hall

*Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, @4 pm*

Compline

*Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, @9 am*

Divine Liturgy

**Announcements**  
**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS** who have joined us today for worship and prayer. Join us after today's service for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall. We'd like to get to know you. Remember to sign our guest book in the narthex, including your email address, so that we can stay in touch.

**BEST WISHES to Archpriest George Hasenecz** on his 56th year ordination to the holy priesthood. May God grant him many years!

**FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY, A MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be served for +Pighi Mardaloescu, marking her 40th day repose. This service is being offered by her family. Make her memory to be eternal.

**SPECIAL THANKS...TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH**  
Your dedication of time and talents are very much appreciated and valued!

**SINCERE THANKS FOR DONATIONS FROM...**

Edward and Taisa Engelsman for snowplowing

Mark and Carol Benda for Gold Chocolate Coins for the feast of St. Nicholas

**WINTER IS HERE** and in the event of inclement weather, information will be posted on Holy Spirit's website regarding liturgical changes.

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**SUSSEX HELP CENTER** thanks our parish for the Thanksgiving food donations. Please remember that they continually have an ongoing need for peanut butter and jelly.

**CONFESSIONS:** If you would like to go to confession before Great Vespers or Divine Liturgy, please contact and inform Father George so he can plan accordingly. Father's contact information is on the last page of the bulletin.

**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:**

Fr. Samuel Kedala, Carol Benda,  
Sophia Eptamenitis, Konstance Engelsman, Nadine Olsen,  
Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Gabriel, Anysia, Zoe, Ellen,  
Anastasia, Archpriest John, Priest Gregory and Joseph, Anna Konovalova,  
Erika Dobrzynski, Elaine Engelsman, Ed Engelsman, Fr. Joseph Chupeck,  
Marie Biancarelli, Joshua Buccieri, Emma Mathews,  
Stephanie, Kristy & Victor Szemetylo, and Joseph Belli

To amend the prayer list, speak with Anna Seniw

**Father George Hasenecz**

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