

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

When we are immersed in sins, and our mind is occupied solely with worldly cares, we do not notice the state of our soul.

*St. John Maximovitch*

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**VENERABLE PARTHEONIOS OF CHIOS.** When Parthenios was a young man in Chios, he got engaged, and worked at a trade that took him to Constantinople and Smyrna. While he was away, he was notified that his fiancé became very sick, and before he could return, she died. But Parthenios desired to see her, so he dug up her grave. As it is written in the hymns of the funeral service, “We went out and saw in the tombs that the naked bones of man are worms and filth and stench.” Parthenios left the world and went to the Nea Moni Monastery on Chios and became a monk. He would go up the mountain to the abandoned church of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark, light the vigil lamp, and in general care for the place. He discovered a cave on the side of the mountain, where he decided to live in asceticism. Seeing his spiritual feats, the Lord gave him many spiritual gifts, including foresight. Hence, he foresaw the terrible earthquake of Chios. Soon his fame grew, and the abandoned church of St. Mark became a skete, where disciples gathered with him. People from around the island came for his prayers, blessing, and spiritual guidance. St. Parthenios performed many miracles during his life.

**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**

*Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, @7pm*

Christmas Concert with St. Tikhon's Mission Choir  
Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall afterwards

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

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

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

Compline

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

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.

**SPECIAL THANKS...TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH**

Your dedication of time and talents are very much appreciated and valued!

**THANKS TO THE FINKEL FUNERAL HOME**, church calendars for 2020 are available in the narthex.

**THE DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTORS (DDB) PROGRAM** is for funding of activities and programs of our diocese. Please consider participating in this program. For more information... [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org).

**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.

**ANNA'S BOOK NOOK**, located in the Fellowship Hall. Read a book and support our church! Speak with Anna Konovalova, Chairperson of this project, for more information.

**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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