

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### 4th Sunday of Great Lent: St. John Climacus

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

“All who enter upon the good fight, which is hard and close, but also easy, must realize that they must leap into the fire...A good foundation of three layers and three pillars is innocence, fasting and temperance. Let all babes in Christ begin with these virtues, taking as their model the natural babes. For you never find in them anything sly or deceitful. They have no insatiate appetite, no insatiable stomach, no body on fire, or raging like a beast.”

*St. John Climacus*



**EUSTATHIUS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF KIOS IN BIRHYNIA.** Eustathius left the burdens and things of the world to become a monk. He was interested in taking care of his soul and following the commandments of God. He always gave thanks to God, in Whom he had an unshakable faith. He was humble, sympathetic, charitable, and filled with good works. He had a sincere love for everyone. Because of the entreaties of the people, he became a priest and later bishop, and he administered the post well for many years. When the iconoclast persecutions began, Eustathius armed himself with the study of the Holy Scriptures, which he used to fight the enemy. He was reported to the iconoclast king, who interrogated him. The saint was beaten, thrashed with a rod, and imprisoned. Again, he was beaten with heavy sticks and exiled. Finally, after many afflictions, troubles, poverty, hunger, thirst, and nakedness, St. Eustathius gave up his spirit.

## **Service Schedule**



**DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, AT THE DIRECTION OF  
THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY:**

- 1) All liturgical services may be celebrated only with clergy (and where possible, his family) and a singer present – all of whom are not at risk and are healthy.
- 2) Please understand that NO ONE else should attend in person, so that we are protecting our clergy and faithful from contracting the virus and preventing the inadvertent spreading of it to others. Wherever the priest offers the Liturgy, he will offer it “on behalf of all and for all”.

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## **RESOURCES FOR HOME PRAYER**

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.

## **Announcements**

**Divine services are currently being curtailed until further notice due to the Coronavirus, in accordance with Diocesan directives.**

### **Services at the Parish**

Services this weekend will follow the same format as last week. Divine Liturgy will be held at 10:00am **with only Fr. George, Tim Kachur, and Adrian Pawelko, in their respective roles, present.**

The church will be open at 9:00am for anyone who wants to stop by for private devotions. **Social distancing must be in effect.** No other services will be offered. Stay well and God bless. - Fr. George

### **Keeping Your Offerings Current**

Remember to keep your offering current by sending your check to: Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461 (make check payable to "Holy Spirit Orthodox Church"). Or, if you plan to light a candle on Sunday, leave your offering in the basket in the narthex marked "Church Offering". The mail is picked up on a regular basis.



Deliver me from my enemies, O my God,  
Defend me from those who rise up against me.  
Psalm 59:1



### **Live-streaming of Services**

Live-streaming of Divine Services available at the following churches:

Holy Trinity Church in East Meadow NY

<http://www.facebook.com/htocem>

The Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City PA

<http://www.orthodoxmonasteryellwoodcity.org/chapel>

### **Medical centers seeking critical supplies, face masks**

To help in the fight against the coronavirus, medical centers are asking for supply donations including non-surgical protective masks, with locals stepping up to the plate to assist. More information here:

<https://www.njherald.com/news/20200325/medical-centers-seeking-critical-supplies-face-masks>

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:

The Archpriests Samuel, Joseph & John, the priest Gregory, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Nadine Olsen, 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\*\*\*



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