

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

“For what purpose does the Lord add day after day, year after year, to our existence? In order that we may gradually put away, cast aside, evil from our souls, each one his own, and acquire blessed simplicity; in order that we may become truly gentle; in order that we may learn not to have the least attachment to earthly things, but as loving and simple children may cling with all our hearts, all our souls, and all our thoughts, to God alone, and so to love Him, and our neighbor as ourselves. Let us therefore hasten to pray to the Lord, fervently and with tears, to grant us simplicity of heart, and let us strive by every means to cast out the evil from our souls.”

St. John of Kronstadt

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ST. GORGONIA, SISTER OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN. Gorgonia was the daughter of Saints Gregory the Elder and Nonna, and her brothers were Saints Gregory the Theologian and Caesarius of Nazianzus. Gorgonia married and had children. She became known as the mother of orphans, eyes of the blind, and keeper of the poor. She became very ill when an epidemic struck her village. She prayed for God’s will and recovered but continued to help others who were still sick. St. Gorgonia died peacefully at the age of thirty-nine.

### **Service Schedule**

**Great Vespers:** 4pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays

**Hours:** 9:40 am Sundays

**Divine Liturgy:** 10 am Sundays

Confessions - Saturdays before or after Vespers or by appointment.

Additional services for feast days and special observances.

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

**Come and see!**

### **Dates to Remember**

***February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5pm***

New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner  
*hosted by* His Eminence, Archbishop Michael  
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Wayne, NJ  
(See flyer on bulletin board)

***Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>***

*Great Lent Begins*

7pm Great Canon of St. Andrew  
w/ Archbishop Michael

***Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>***

7pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy  
w/ Archbishop Michael  
Followed by pot luck supper

***Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - 5pm***

Sunday of Orthodoxy  
Combined Vespers @  
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Wayne, NJ  
w/ Archbishop Michael presiding

***Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>***

Annual Parish Meeting  
Following Divine Liturgy/Coffee Hour  
Fr. Gary Breton presiding

## Announcements

### **Welcome!**

Please sign our guest book in the narthex and **join us for coffee social** following Divine Liturgy.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

A parish council meeting was held on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, following Divine Liturgy. His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, presided.

### **Sunday of Orthodoxy at Holy Resurrection Church**

Sunday of Orthodoxy combined Lenten Vespers, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm, at Holy Resurrection Church in Wayne. Archbishop Michael presiding. Responses by Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir and various choir singers. Rehearsal for all singers Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 pm and one hour before the service at Holy Resurrection Church. More info at: <https://www.nynioca.org/>

Blessed is the man who considers the poor;  
The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

- Psalm 41:1

### **Slavic Food Fest date change**

The Slavic Food Fest date is now Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, following Divine Liturgy.

### **You are invited to attend...**

New Jersey Appreciation Dinner

Hosted by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

Sunday, February 23, 5PM

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Wayne, NJ

See flyer on the bulletin board or speak with a member of the Parish Council. All are welcome. Hope you can attend.

### **Liturgical Calendar for Great Lent and Holy Week available online**

Lenten service schedule -- including Pre-Sanctified Liturgies -- available at [www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org](http://www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org).

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> following Liturgy/Coffee Hour, with Fr. Gary Breton presiding.

**Have an item for the bulletin? Email us at [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)**

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, Carol Benda, 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\*\*\*



**The Last Judgement**

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