

Commemorated on December 16

The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

Troparion - Tone 2

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,
betrotting through them the Church of the gentiles.
These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:
She who bore You without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion - Tone 6

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones,
but armed with the immaterial Essence of God,
you were glorified glorified in a trial by fire.
From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying:
Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid,
for You are merciful and able to do as You will.

Holy Supper at our Church

**Nativity Eve December 24, at 6 o'clock pm
Everyone invited for this pre-Nativity Meal
Speak to Matushka JoAnne**

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ

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December 14, 2008



Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

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Sunday, December 14, 2008 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Wed..... 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
Thurs 7:30 pm Orthodox Study Group
Saturday 10:00 am preparation for Church School program and decoration of
Christmas Tree - 6:00 P.M. Vespers/Private Confessions
Sunday 9:15 am Church School - 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy
Nativity Church School Program

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (12th of Luke) —Tone 1. SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS. Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and Callinicus of Apollonia (249-51). Martyrs Apolonius, Philemon, Arianus and Theoctychus, of Alexandria (286-287).

Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle, Forefathers) – Luke 14:16-24 (Gospel, Forefathers)

BULLETIN

Thank you to Ed Engelsman for raising the height of the sink in the kitchen and for installing the new faucets and drain pipes. Many Years!

The Sussex Help Center has started its Christmas food drive for the needy. Please give a food donation & place it in the food basket located in the church entrance. Thank-you, Despena Eptamenitis

Wantage School Senior LUNCHEON **When:** Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Snow date: December 18, 2008 **Time:** 12:00 pm No early birds please **Where:** Wantage School Gym Dining Room R.S.V.P. Call 973-815- 4589 Ask for Elf Barb or Elf Marge Our 13th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon and celebration. Turkey and all the trimmings! Parking In rear of building Handicapped spaces available

Thank you to The Blauvelt Family who hosted the **Coffee Social** last week. **Sonia Blazo** will host this week. Next week the Coffee Social will be hosted by **the Engelsman Family**. Check the Coffee Social Assignment Sheet for your assigned Sunday.

Remember to participate in Nativity Private Confessions. It is important for your spiritual life and for your continuance in receiving the Holy Sacraments. Father Samuel will be available after each vespers service to hear Confessions. Please call Father Samuel to arrange a different time for him to be available for you. Please do not plan on Confessions on Sunday Mornings.

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Please **keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Corinne Matthews, child Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, the infant Logan Eugene, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Jean Holowach, Louis Vagias, Mike Flood, child Ella Jane, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, Ana Tienken, Mary Itzla, Linda Braxton, Al Wetmore

Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **Olga , Mary, and Patricia (Pelesh)**. in Blessed Memory of Mother, **+Christina Pelesh**
By **Michael and Nadine Olsen** in Blessed Memory of **+Marianne** (Benda)
By **the Susan Matthews family** Health Salvation and
Happy Birthday of **Emma and Anna 12/5 and 12/15**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.