

## RIGHTEOUS PRIEST AARON

SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> of DECEMBER

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:16-24

Troparion — Tone 2

**By faith, You justified the Forefathers, / when through them You betrothed Yourself beforehand to the Church of the Gentiles. / The saints boast in glory, / that from their seed there is a glorious fruit: / she who bore You without seed. / By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine, Michelle, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, PamelaAnne, and David.  
Amen!!!

\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\*

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RIGHTEOUS PRIEST AARON - The Righteous Aaron was the son of Amram and Jochebed, and the elder brother of the Prophet Moses the God-seer, and also of Miriam. He was a direct descendent of Levi by both parents. God called him “the Levite” in Exodus 4:14, when He appointed Aaron to be the spokesman for Moses, who was “slow of speech,” before the people. Later, he would also speak on behalf of Moses before Pharaoh in Egypt (Ex. 4:30; 7:2). Aaron was married to Elisheba, the daughter of the Prince of Judah (Ex. 6:23), who bore him four sons. Moses was eighty years old and Aaron was eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh and asked that the Hebrews be released from their slavery. The Lord told Moses that Pharaoh would ask them for a miracle, and that Aaron should throw down his rod before him, and it would become a serpent (Ex. 7:9). When Pharaoh would not allow the Hebrews to leave Egypt, God told Moses to have Aaron stretch forth his rod over the Nile River, and it would turn to blood. Following a succession of plagues, Pharaoh relented and let the people go, then Moses led them on their long journey to the Promised Land. In Chapter 17 of Exodus, the Hebrews fought Amalek in a battle at Rephidim. Moses stood atop a hill with the rod of God in his hand. As long as he raised his hand, the Hebrews prevailed, but when he became tired and lowered it, Amalek prevailed. Aaron and Hur sat Moses on a rock and held up his hands, one on each side. This was a prefiguration of the suffering of Christ, because the arms of Moses formed a cross. In the Greek Septuagint, the names Aaron and Hur begin with the letters Alpha and Omega, another reference to Christ (Revelation 1:8). Aaron and his sons were anointed and sanctified to serve God as priests (Exodus chapter 29). In chapter 32, Aaron fell into temptation when Moses went up on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments. Since Moses was taking a long time, the people grew restless and asked Aaron to make them a golden idol in the form of a calf so that they could offer sacrifices. He gave into them, and Moses was angry when he returned and saw them dancing and singing before the calf. He threw down the tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments, and then he burned the golden calf and ground it to powder. He scattered the powder on the water, and he made the people drink it. When Moses asked those who were on the Lord’s side to gather around him, the Levites came to him. He ordered them to take their swords and slay their sons, companions, and neighbors. About three thousand people were killed that day. Later, Aaron and Miriam criticized Moses for marrying a Cushite woman (Num. 12:1). God was angry with them, so He punished Miriam with leprosy. She was healed by God seven days after Moses interceded for her. Aaron reposed atop Mount Hor when he was one hundred and twenty-three years old. One of his descendants was Saint Elizabeth, the mother of Saint John the Baptist (Luke 1:5).

## Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5 pm Saturdays

**Hours:** 9:45am Sundays

**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00am Sundays

**Confessions:** Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)

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

## Dates to Remember

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Great Vespers at 6 pm**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December**

**REPOSE OF VENERABLE HERMAN OF ALASKA**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Welcome

If you are a guest at today's Divine Liturgy, we invite you to join us following Divine Liturgy for light refreshments and fellowship so we can get to know each other. You are always welcome to share in worship and fellowship at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and include your email address.

### Many thanks for supporting HSOC!

The end of the year is fast approaching and there have been major improvements and accomplishments to our church and rectory which we can be proud of, thanks to our council members, parishioners, and friends of the parish. Many thanks for your generous contributions, whether it be time, talent, or finances. We pray you and your families are well and appreciate your support of HSOC and ask that you continue to contribute to our church, keeping your financial support current. Your support is appreciated, and we are thankful.

### Saint Herman of Alaska

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, you are welcome to worship with us for Saint Herman Day at Vespers on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

### Nativity Fast

As the fast continues the Nativity Fast, we are called to abstain from meat, eggs, and dairy products. There's fasting from foods, and also called to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from these other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us. Confessions will be heard every Saturday evening before or after Vespers or by appointment. If you wish to make an appointment for confession, please contact Father Michael via email at [pejovicveljko@gmail.com](mailto:pejovicveljko@gmail.com) or call him at (848)228-1563.

### Have you heard of CrossRoad?

CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares rising high school seniors and graduations seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition in a deep and meaningful way. If you would like to learn more, please follow the link: [CRI Resources – CrossRoad Institute](#)

### Have an item for the bulletin?

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