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As we approach the end of the year, your help and financial support of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is requested and needed. Please continue to contribute to our church and keep your financial support current. Your support is appreciated and we are thankful.

*“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

**2 Cor. 9:6-7**

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, Nadine Olsen, Marianna, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic and Sunny Hunsicker. Amen!!!

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

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## The Weekly Bulletin HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Actively strive for good and harbor an equal hatred for evil.*

**Venerable Ephraim the Syrian**

**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. 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 11<sup>th</sup> of December**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of December**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Fundraising and Events Committee Meeting**  
**After Coffee Social on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of December**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of December**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

### Announcements

#### Visitors Welcome!

If you are a guest at today's Divine Liturgy, we invite you to join us following Divine Liturgy for the 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.

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of December

Following the feast day Divine Liturgy for the Saint Nicholas Wonderworker of Myra, there was Slava service for the Zagorcic family. God grant you many years!

#### NATIVITY FAST

We are in Nativity Fast, we are called to abstain from meat, eggs and dairy products. Refreshments following Divine Liturgy should reflect the Fast rules.

#### Welcome Catechumens

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, on Sunday of the Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple, following Divine Liturgy, Pamela Kachur, Asia Booker Sanchez, Kristen Steier and her child Hazel became Catechumens and are preparing for the Sacrament of Chrismation. God Bless our Catechumens!

#### Fundraising and Events Committee meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of December

Following the Coffee Social on December 12<sup>th</sup> we will have our first Fundraising and Events Committee meeting. If you are interested to be a member of this committee, please join us after the Coffee Social.

#### Advent Confessions

As we are entering Nativity Fast, we are called to attend the sacrament of confession. If you would like to receive the sacrament of confession before Great Vespers or Divine Liturgy, please contact and inform Father Michael so he can plan accordingly. Thank you.

#### The 2021 Year and Appeal

This year is fast coming to an end and Holy Spirit Orthodox Church would be most appreciative if you could consider making a year-end contribution to our Church to offset some of the many major expenses incurred this past year. Please make our Church a priority in your year-end giving. Gifts can be in any amount and made by check, credit or online by following this link: <https://holyspiritorthodox.org/>. May God bless you for your generosity.

#### Have an item for the bulletin?

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