

Sunday, 3rd of November 2024

**HIEROMARTYRS AKEPSIMAS, PRESBYTER JOSEPH
AND DEACON AEITHALAS**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Troparion – Tone 3

**You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness, / and you humbled
the proud worshippers of fire. / Much afflicted hierarch Akepsimas, Joseph
the presbyter and Aeithalás the deacon, / pray to Christ our God / to grant
us His great mercy.**

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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Archpriest Paul, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Engelsman, Douglas 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, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery, Halyna (Klima), Sergey, John, Francis, Anna and Birgit.
Amen!

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

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HIEROMARTYRS EKEPSIMAS, BISHOP IN PERSIA, PRESBYTER JOSEPH, AND DEACON AEITHALAS - Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter and Aeithalas (Aeithalás) the Deacon of Persia were leaders of the Christian Church in the Persian city of Naesson. His flock devotedly loved their hierarch for his ascetic life and tireless pastoral work. The emperor Sapor ordered his men to seek out and kill Christian clergy. Saint Akepsimas also was arrested, even though he was already an eighty-year-old man. They took him to the city of Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardarkh, a pagan priest of the sun god. The holy Elder refused to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods. For this he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day the seventy-year-old priest Joseph and the deacon Aeithalas were severely beaten and thrown into jail with him. For three years the saints were held in confinement and suffered from hunger and thirst. Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire, located not far from Arbela, and wanted to take a look at the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor. When he asked them to worship the pagan gods they firmly refused, confessing their faith in Christ instead. The holy bishop was beheaded, but the presbyter and deacon were taken into the city to be stoned. The execution of the presbyter Joseph was prolonged for several hours. A guard was placed near the place of execution, so that Christians would not take the body of the holy martyr. On the fourth night a strong windstorm raged near the city, lightning killed the guard, the wind tossed stones about, and the body of Saint Joseph disappeared. Deacon Aeithalas was taken to the village of Patrias, where he was stoned. Christians secretly buried his body. A tree grew on the saint's grave, and its fruit brought healing.

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5pm 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

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 2nd of November

Baptism of Alvar Lam at 11 am

Panikhida for Father Joseph Chupek at 4 pm

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 3rd of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

**Wedding of Anna (Asia) Booker and Alvar Lam
(after short coffee hour)**

Thursday 7th of November

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Friday 8th of November

SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Slava Service – After Divine Liturgy

Slava Dinner at Rectory at 5 pm

Saturday 9th of November

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 10th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshment in the church hall.

Join us for Baptism and Wedding

On Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, at 11 am, Alvar Lam will be baptized to the Holy Orthodox Faith. Next day on Sunday November 3rd, after brief coffee hour, Anna Booker will be joining Alvar Lam in the sacrament of Holy Marriage. After the ceremony, lunch will be served in the Parish Hall. Please join us for both blessed events. Everyone is invited.

Monthly Calendar

Included in this week's bulletin is a hard copy of the Holy Spirit Church (HSOC) schedule for the month of November. For your convenience, the bulletin and the schedule are also available online at https://www.holyspiritorthodox.org/calendar/month_print.php. Be sure to check it out for the updates and upcoming events!

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael

At Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, you are welcome to worship with us for the Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and all the Heavenly Powers at Vespers on Thursday, November 7th, at 6 pm and Divine Liturgy on Friday, November 8th, at 9 am. At 5 pm on November 8th, Father Michael and Matushka Mihaela Pejovic will open the doors of the Rectory for anyone who wants to join them in the celebration of their Slava (family Patron Saint) and Matushka Mihaela's birthday. Everyone is welcomed!

Clothing Bin

Please continue to use the clothing bin located in the church parking lot. Each donation supports the church financially and your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Sussex Help Center Announcement

Recently Dan Taylor had a meeting with the Sussex Help Center Food Pantry. Their requests are for soups or stews and items for school lunches for children. This is an ongoing HSOC outreach program and thank you for your support and contributions.

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com.