

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy, and those with them: Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus (1st c.). Martyr John the soldier at Constantinople. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Herman of Solovétsky Monastery (1484). Hieromartyr Polychronius, Bishop of Babylon, and Martyrs Parmenius, Helimenas, and Chrysotelus—Presbyters, Luke and Moscius—Deacons, and Abdon, Sennen, Maximus and Olympius (ca. 251). Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna (Terni) in Italy, and Martyrs Proculus, Ephebus, Apollonius and Abundius, youths (ca. 273).

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18: Let there be no divisions among you.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:14–22: Jesus feeds 5000 men.

COFFEE HOUR: This week: Olympia & Family **Next week:** Potluck

RUMMAGE SALE: We're planning a church rummage sale and bake sale for Saturday, September 16. More details to come soon! In the meantime, start thinking of items you can donate, and see Bernice or Eileen about other ways to help and be involved.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS: This Tuesday, August 1, marks the beginning of the Dormition Fast, as we prepare for the Feast of the Falling-Asleep of Our Lady on August 15. The first day of the fast is also the Procession of the Cross, a feast invoking Christ's protection through His Holy Cross. We will hold Liturgy with a blessing of water on this day. Also note that next Sunday, August 6, is the Feast of the Transfiguration. It is traditional on this day to bring fruit (especially grapes) to be blessed, in honor of its being the season of "first fruits" and to celebrate Christ's renewal of creation as manifested in the Transfiguration.

FAREWELL PARTY: On Wednesday evening, August 2, the Browns will be holding a farewell party for Alex, who will be moving to Colorado on August 6. Fliers are available in the back, with information on how to RSVP if you have not done so already. Please come and, if you're able, bring a lenten dish to share.

PHOTOS NEEDED: We're looking for a volunteer (or a few) to take some photos so we can update the website with more recent pictures and information. Several people have also expressed interest in an updated directory with pictures, so we'll need a volunteer photographer for that

as well. Please see Fr Joel if interested. Also, if you have pictures from church events this year, please send them to Fr Joel.

BISHOP'S VISIT: Abp. Michael will be at our church August 19–20, and will ordain Ivan Bazarov to the Holy Diaconate. Our parish will also be hosting the deanery picnic this weekend. Please plan to be here. Also note that Fr Joel has been selected to participate in the oca "Mission School" in Huntington, NY August 21–25, and will be driving there after the picnic. All weekend services will be held as usual.

KNOW YOUR FAITH: Our "Know Your Faith" class is underway, discussing Serge Verhovskoy's *The Light of the World*. This book deals especially with the Orthodox understanding of Christ and His Church. It's not too late to join; our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 1, at 7 PM. See Fr Joel for more details.

WELCOME VISITORS! We warmly welcome all of our visitors! Please know that we are glad to have you here praying with us, and we invite you to stay after the service to enjoy a meal and meet everyone in our community.

PRAYER SCROLL

LIVING:

Apr Timothy H
Apr Herman S
Apr Sergius K
Apr Thomas E
Apr Stephen M
Apr John R
Apr Patrick C
Pr Adam S & Angie
Mother Raphaela
Mother Christophora
Mat Joanna B
Mat Katya
Mat Mary G
Kh Lynn
Mat Rebekah
Pani Amy
Joshua
Brittany
Gretchen
Marianne
Terrence
Helen
Judy
Mary & Susan
John & Carmine
Nathan
Leah

Helen
Lindsey
Elizabeth
Mary
Joe A
Daniel
Andrew & family
Carol
Elizabeth
David
Shirley
Christina
Jim & Kim
Rachel
Constantine & Maria
Gaetan
Christine
Samuel
Lisa
Lyudmila
Nickolay
Anetta
Zachary
Helena
Natasha, Lena, Vera,
Sergei
Caleb
Danielle

Larry, Mark, Katie
Ann
Dorothy
Ronald
Sheryl & Lacey
Alexander, Angela,
Anton
Peter
Gregory & Ann
Raymond
Vincent
Photini
Robert
Steven, Stephanie,
and family
Diana
Elizabeth
John
Felicia
Tom
Vladimir
Lou
Seraphim & Anna
Micah, Danielle, &
Family
Children: Anthony,
Mia, Isabel, Bear,
Victoria, Iva Bell,

Panagiotis, Ada,
Grace, Elias, Jack,
Everett
Seminarians: Rdrs
Robert & Ivan
Birthdays:
Anniversaries:
Namesdays:

REPOSED:

Apr John U
Priest Matthew
Priest John
Apr Alexander
Priest William
Dn Mark
Rdr Gregory
Daniel
Ada
Lillian
Joseph
Marie
Joseph
Laura
Martha
Stanley
Taissia
Steluța

Theophan
Lynda
Florence
James
James R
Vasily
Mordecai
Alexandr
Ron
John
Eleanor
Harold
Alfred
Edward
Michael
Mat Julianna
Mario
Robert
James
Wilhelmina
Barbara
Newly Reposed:
Jeff, Sr Theophano,
Ivana, Pdn Gregory,
Walter, Martha, Olga

BY THE NUMBERS: Last Collection: \$1886. Building Fund: \$0. Weekly Budget: \$1150. MTD: \$5294. Monthly Budget: \$4600

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Confessions are heard before and after Vespers or by appointment.

Sunday, July 30: 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

Tuesday, August 1: 9 AM Divine Liturgy (Procession of the Cross)

7 PM "Know Your Faith" class

Wednesday, August 2: 8:30 AM Matins

6 PM Farewell party for Aleksandra

Thursday, August 3: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Friday, August 4: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, August 5: 6 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, August 6: 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou wouldst renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will, but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor, and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only merciful and loving Lord, Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

FROM THE OCTOËCHOS

The tyranny of death has been condemned through the Tree of the Cross ; by Your condemnation, O Lord, to an unjust death. Thus the prince of darkness lost the battle and has justly been cast out.

Hades approached You, but his jaws were broken, for his teeth were not strong enough to crush Your body. Therefore, O Saviour, having destroyed the pains of death, You are risen on the third day.

Ascending the Cross, O compassionate Saviour, of Your own will You suffered pain for us, enduring the wounding, the means of salvation and peace for the faithful, reconciling us all to Your Father, O merciful One.

O Christ: You cleansed me from the wound my soul suffered at the bite of the serpent. You showed light to me as I lay in darkness and corruption, for by Your Cross You descended to hades, raising me up with Yourself.

The One who judges the whole world in righteousness stood trial before lawless judges and He who is the Creator of man was convicted and struck on the face by a hand of clay.

HOLY APOSTLES ORTHODOX CHURCH LANSING, NEW YORK



SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE LIFE OF ST JACOB OF ALASKA

Our righteous Father Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of Alaska, was a native of the Aleutian Islands who became a priest of the Orthodox Church and continued the missionary work of St. Innocent among his and other Alaskan people. His feast day is celebrated on the day of his repose, July 26.

Father Jacob was born in 1802 on Atka Island, part of the Aleutian Island chain in Alaska. His father, Yegor Vasil'evich Netsvetov, was Russian from Tobolsk, Russia, and his mother, Maria Alekseevna, was an Aleut from Atka Island. Jacob was the eldest of four children who survived infancy. The others were Osip (Joseph), Elena, and Antony. Although not well off, Yegor and Maria did all they could to provide for their children and prepare them to live their lives. Osip and Antony were able to study at the St. Petersburg Naval Academy and then were able to become a naval officer and ship builder, respectively. Elena married a respected clerk with the Russian-American Company. Jacob chose a life with the Church and enrolled in the Irkutsk Theological Seminary.

On October 1, 1825, Jacob was tonsured a sub-deacon. He married Anna Simeonovna, a Russian woman perhaps of a Creole background as was he, and then in 1826 he graduated from the seminary with certificates in history and theology. With graduation he was ordained a deacon on October 31, 1826 and assigned to the Holy Trinity-St. Peter Church in Irkutsk. Two years later, Archbishop Michael ordained Jacob to the holy priesthood on March 4, 1828. Archbishop Michael had earlier ordained John Veniaminov (St. Innocent) to the priesthood. With his elevation to the priesthood, Father Jacob began to yearn to return to his native Alaska to preach the Word of God.

Upon departing, Archbishop Michael gave Father Jacob two antimensia, one for use in the new church that Father Jacob planned to built on Atka, and the other for use in Father Jacob's missionary travels. After a molieben, Father Jacob and his party set off for Alaska on May 1, 1828. The travelers included Father Jacob, Anna his wife, and his father Yegor who had been tonsured reader for the new Atka Church. This journey, which was always hard, took over a year to complete, which was completed on June 15, 1829. Father Jacob's new parish was a challenge. The Atka "parish" covered most of the islands and land surrounding the Bering Sea: Amchitka, Attu, Copper, Bering, and Kurile Islands. But, he was to meet the challenge as clothed in his priestly garments, he actively pursued his sacred ministry. To his parishioners, his love for God and them was evident in everything he did as he made his appearances while enduring the harsh weather, illness, hunger, and exhaustion. For him life was Christ.

Being bi-lingual and bi-cultural, Father Jacob was uniquely able to care for the souls of his community.

Since St. Nicholas Church was not yet available, Father Jacob built a large tent in which to hold his services, and after the church was completed he took the tent with him on his missionary travels. By the end of 1829, six months after arriving at Akta Father Jacob had recorded 16 baptisms, 442 chrismations, 53 marriages, and eight funerals.

With the completion of the church on Atka, Father Jacob turned to education of the children, teaching them to read and write both Russian and Unangan Aleut. Initially the Russian-American Company helped support the school, but in 1841 the school was re-organized as a parish school. Many of his students would prove to be distinguished Aleut leaders. While living in the north areas was difficult, Father Jacob was active in the intellectual life as well; in addition to his own subsistence needs, he was active in collecting and preparing fish and marine animal specimens for the museums in Moscow and St. Petersburg. He corresponded with St. Innocent on linguistics and translation matters. He worked on an adequate Unangan-Aleut alphabet and translations of the Holy Scriptures and other church publications. In addition to praises from St. Innocent he began to receive awards for his services. In time he was elevated to Archpriest and received the Order of St. Anna.

Father Jacob's life was not without its personal sufferings. 1836 and 1837 were to bring successively the death of his beloved wife Anna in March 1836, the destruction by fire of his home in July 1836, and the death of his father, Yegor, in 1837. After considering the message of these misfortunes, he petitioned his bishop to return to Irkutsk so that he could enter a monastic life. A year later his request was granted contingent on the arrival of his replacement. But none came. Soon Bishop Innocent arrived and invited Father Jacob to accompany him on a trip to Kamchatka. During the voyage Bishop Innocent seemed to have accomplished three things with Father Jacob: with the healing salve of the Holy Spirit provided words of comfort, dissuaded Father Jacob from entering a monastery, and revealed to the saintly priest the Savior's true plan for his life that was for him to preach Christ to those deep in the Alaskan interior.

On December 30, 1844, St. Innocent appointed him head of the new Kvikhpak Mission to bring the light of Christ to the people along the Yukon River. With two young Creole assistants, Innokentii Shayashnikov and Konstantin Lukin, and his nephew Vasili Netsvetov, Father Jacob established his headquarters in the Yup'ik Eskimo village of Ikogmiute. From there, now known as Russian Mission, he traveled to the settlements for hundreds of miles along the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers, visiting the inhabitants of settlements along the way. For the next twenty years he learned new languages, met new people and cultures, invented another alphabet, and built more churches and communities. At the invitation of the native leaders he traveled as far as the Innoko River baptizing hundreds from many, and often formerly hostile, tribes. He continued even as his health deteriorated.

Yet the devil's presence came to stir up spurious and slanderous charges against him in 1863. To clear the air his Bishop Peter called him to Sitka where he was cleared of all the charges. As his health worsened he remained in Sitka serving at the Tlingit chapel until his death on July 26, 1864. He was 60 years old.

During his last missionary travels in the Kuskokwim/Yukon delta region he is remembered for baptizing 1,320 people and for distinguishing himself as the evangelizer of the Yup'k Eskimo and Athabaskan peoples.

source: <http://goodguyswearblack.org/2011/07/26/st-jacob-yakov-netsvetov/> *For a fuller account of St. Jacob's life, see* <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/07/26>.

WEEKLY HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 30

Troparion, Tone 7 (*Resurrection*)

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Troparion, Tone 3 (*Apostles*)

Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus,
entreat the merciful God//
to grant out souls forgiveness of transgressions.

Kontakion, Tone 7 (*Resurrection*)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion, Tone 4 (*Apostles*)

You were revealed to be branches of the vine of Christ, O wise ones,
Bearing clusters of virtues that pour out on us the wine of salvation.
Receiving it, we are filled with gladness,
And we celebrate your most honored memory, apostles of the Lord, Silas and Silvanus.//
Therefore, intercede that great mercy and remission of sins may be granted to us.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Alleluia, Tone 7

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

by Rev. George Sergeev

When the Savior withdrew with his disciples to a lonely place near Bethsaida, crowds of people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after Him. Having left their everyday matters, having forgotten about meals and drinking, these people enjoyed listening to God's teaching of Jesus Christ. Evening came, but nobody wanted to leave the place. Then the disciples asked the Savior to send the people away so that they could go to the villages to buy themselves some food. But [the] Lord acted differently. He gave the people not only spiritual food which they so greatly needed, but also earthly bread.

Before this event Christ performed miracles only over the sick, and now He is doing good deeds so that the people, as Holy Fathers explain,* shouldn't be ordinary spectators of the miracle being performed over others but can be given this gift themselves. By this miracle Christ justified before the people His words, “Seek first His kingdom of Heaven and His righteousness; and all these things will be added to you”.

Today the Church calls us to see that life is wonderful. The Holy Fathers say* that in the miracle of multiplying bread is shown the same God's power which every year multiplies seeds sown to the earth and as in the first days of creation orders the earth to bring forth its fruit. So, handful of seeds thrown to the earth, will return to you by sheaves. This is God's miracle, and this is our participation in the Lord's miracle.

An image of Church is given to us in today's Gospel. Here, the Head of the Church is Christ, Its Creator, here are the Apostles, shepherds installed by Christ, here are the people. And here it is important to stress the words of the Holy Scripture: saying to the Apostles, “you give them something to eat”, Jesus, taking the loaves, “gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds”, and recall the words of Christ told to His disciples at the Last Supper, “do this in remembrance of Me”. In both cases Christ as if stresses that the Church being created by Him is and must be Apostolic. Since the day of Holy Trinity, the day of the Descent of the Holy Spirit the Apostles and the whole Christ Apostolic Church have been doing at command of the Savior: they have been feeding spiritually the whole world, have been feeding everybody looking for God and His Truth by those gifts which Christ had given the Church: by God's word, holy sacraments, a prayer for all mankind. You and I belong to this Apostolic Church as living cells of Christ's body, Let the Great Shepherd Christ help each of us to belong not only physically to His Body – His Church, but let our soul live in it. Amen.

source: <http://www.orthodox-canada.com/the-eighth-sunday-after-pentecost/>

*See St. John Chrysostom's Homily XLIX on Matthew.

