

**ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**December 2, 2007**

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Sunday, December 2. **27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (11th of Luke) - Tone 2.** Prophet Habakkuk (Abbacum, Avvakum 6th c. B.C.). Ven. Afanasii (Athanasius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves ca. 1176). Ven. Afansii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves 13th c.).

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom , 9:30am.

*Epistle: Eph 6:10-17 Gospel: Lk 18:18-27.*

Wednesday, December 5. Eve of **ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA (ca. 345).**

Great Vespers with Litya, 5:30pm.

Parish Council Meeting (with potluck meal), 6:30pm.

Saturday, December 8.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, December 9. **28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (12th of Luke) - Tone 3. The Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos.** Prophetess Anna (Hannah), mother of the Prophet Samuel (ca. 1100 B.C.). St. Sophronius, Archbishop of Cyprus (6th c.). St. Stephen the "New Light" of Constantinople (10th c.). Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, "**UNEXPECTED JOY.**"

3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours, 9:10am.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom , 9:30am.

*Epistle: Col1:12-18; Gal 4:22-31 Gospel: Lk 17:12-19; 8:16-21.*

St. Nicholas Party following Liturgy

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**Special Collections**

Throughout this Nativity Fast we will have several special collections to help those around us—near and far.

- Today, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the special collection will be given to Fr. Alex and Mat Stacy Karlgut who are raising funds to adopt 4 siblings from Russia.
- Contributions to the Saint Nicholas Party can be made in the basket on the gift table in the social room.
- On December 9<sup>th</sup>, on the day of our St. Nicholas party, we will have our regular collection of food for the local food self; bring peanut butter, tuna, cereals, and other dried or canned goods.

Thank you for your contributions to the Russian Orphanage last week. We were able to raise \$430.

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**St Nicholas Day and Party**

On Wednesday evening we will serve Great Vespers with Litya in commemoration of St. Nicholas of Myra in Lycia. St. Nicholas is among the most venerated Saints in the Orthodox Church, being remembered every Thursday by the Church in addition to Feasts on 12/6 (repose), 5/9 (translation of relics), and 7/29 (birth).

**Troparion - Tone 4**

In truth you were revealed to your flock  
as a rule of faith,  
an image of humility  
and a teacher of abstinence;  
your humility exalted you;  
your poverty enriched you.  
Hierarch Father Nicholas,  
entreat Christ our God  
that our souls may be saved.

**Kontakion - Tone 3**

You revealed yourself, O saint,  
in Myra as a priest,  
For you fulfilled the Gospel of Christ  
By giving up your soul for your people,  
And saving the innocent from death.  
Therefore you are blessed  
as one become wise in the grace of God.

On Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have our traditional St. Nicholas Party, with singing, story telling and gifts. Please come and bring a friend. Children are especially encouraged and welcome.

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**Parish Finances, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Sept – Nov)**

Budget: \$13,857

General Offerings: \$11,352

Shortfall: \$2505

We have also had several very generous special gifts, earmarked for various needs. Thank you for your contributions!

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

Dec 12 Wednesday \* Study on the Gospel of Mathew, following Great Vespers at 5:30pm.

Dec 13 Thursday \* Feast of St Herman of Alaska; Liturgy at 9:30am.

Dec 24 Monday \* Eve of the Nativity. Vespers Liturgy (9:30am); Holy Supper (4:30pm); Vigil (6pm).

Dec 25 Tuesday \* Nativity of our Lord. Divine Liturgy (9:30am).