

**ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**December 9, 2007**

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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.**"

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

*Epistle: Col 1:12-18; Gal 4:22-31*

*Gospel: Lk 17:12-19; 8:16-21.*

St. Nicholas Party following Liturgy.

Tuesday, December 11. Eve of St. Spyridon the Wonderworker.

Daily Vespers, 5:30pm.

Parish Council Meeting, 6:30pm.

Wednesday, December 12.

Great Vespers with Litya, 5:30pm.

Study on the Gospel of St. Matthew (with potluck meal), 6:30pm.

Thursday, December 13. **REPOSE OF VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA (1837).**

Divine Liturgy, 9:30am.

Saturday, December 15.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, December 16. **29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (13th of Luke) Tone 4. Sunday of the Forefathers.** Prophet Haggai (Aggaeus 500 B.C.). Martyr Marinus of Rome (3rd c.). Bl. Empress Theophano (Theophania - 893-4).

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

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

*Epistle: Col 3:4-11*

*Gospel: Lk 14:16-24.*

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**St Nicholas Celebration**

All are invited to our celebration of St. Nicholas today immediately following the service. 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). Please join us.

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**St. Herman of Alaska, Wonderwork of all America**

On Wednesday evening we will serve Great Vespers with Litya, and Liturgy on Thursday morning, in commemoration of St. Herman.

**Troparion - Tone 4**

O blessed Father Herman of Alaska,  
North star of Christ's holy Church,  
The light of your holy life and great deeds  
Guides those who follow the Orthodox way.  
Together we lift high the Holy Cross  
You planted firmly in America.  
Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ,  
Singing his holy Resurrection.

**Kontakion - Tone 3**

The eternal light of Christ our Savior,  
Guided you, O blessed father Herman,  
On your evangelical journey to America,  
Proclaiming the Gospel of peace.  
Now you stand before the throne of Glory;  
Intercede for your land and its people  
Peace for the world and salvation for our souls!

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**Nativity Preparation and Services**

On Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, after Liturgy and Coffee Hour, we will be decorating the Church for Nativity. All, young and old, are invited to stay and help. Contributions of greens, berries and poinsettias are welcome.

Services for the Nativity of our Lord are:

Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	9:30am	Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
		4:30pm	Holy Supper
		6:00pm	Vigil for the Nativity of Christ
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	9:30am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Holy Supper is a fasting meal featuring traditional Christmas Eve foods with special prayers, written by Archbishop Job of Chicago. A wonderful event for the entire family. Vigil follows immediately after.

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**Important Dates**

Jan 1	Tuesday	* Feast day of St. Basil the Great.
Jan 6	Sunday	* Feast of The Theophany of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ (and the beginning of House blessing season).