

**ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**January 13, 2008**

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Sunday, January 13. **33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Sunday After the Theophany.**

**Afterfeast of the Theophany.** Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus of Belgrade (ca. 315). Ven. Irenarchus, Recluse, of Rostov (1616). Ven. Eleazar of Anzersk Island (Solovki—1656). Martyr Peter of Anium, at Hieropolis (309-310). St. James (Jacob), Bishop of Nisibis (350). St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers (4th c.). Ven. Maximus Kavsoalyvites (Mt. Athos— 1320).

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

*Epistle: Eph 4:7-13 Gospel: Mt: 4:12-17.*

Parish Council Meeting (All are welcome!)

Wednesday, January 16. Eve of St. Anthony the Great (356).

Reader's Great Vespers, 5:30pm, followed by a light meal and Study on the Lord's Prayer.

Saturday, January 19. Great Vespers of the Resurrection , 5pm.

Sunday, January 20. **34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Ven. Euthymius the Great (473).**

Ven. Evfimii (Euthymius), Schema-Monk (14th c.), and Lavrentii (Lawrence) the Recluse (13th-14th c.), of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves). Ven. Evfimii of Syanzhémsk (VologdáCca. 1470). Martyrs Innas, Pinnas, and Rimmas, disciples of the Apostle Andrew, in Scythia (1st-Second c.). Martyrs Bassus, Eusebius, Euthychius and Basilides, at Nicomedia (303). Eptimos the Confessor, in Georgia (20th c.).

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

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

*Epistle: Col 3:4-11; Heb 13:17-21*

*Gospel: Lk 18:35-43; 6:17-23.*

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**House Blessings**

During the days following the Feast of the Theophany (January 6th), it is customary for the Priest to visit the homes of his parishioners, bringing with him the "Jordan Water" for the traditional Theophany House Blessing. *Please contact Fr. Caleb to set up a time to have your home blessed.*

"You have clothed Yourself in our poor and infirm nature, and have submitted Yourself to servitude, You who are King of all; and moreover You have accepted to be baptized in the Jordon by the hand of a servant, that having sanctified the nature of the waters, O sinless Lord, You might lead us to a new birth through water and Spirit, and restore us again to our original freedom. Keeping feast in remembrance of this divine mystery, we entreat You, O Master who loves mankind: sprinkle upon us, Your unworthy servants, according to Your divine promise, cleansing water, the gift of Your compassion; grant that the petition of us sinners over this water may be acceptable unto Your goodness, and that thereby Your blessing may be granted to us and to all Your faithful people unto the glory of Your holy and venerated Name." *(From the prayers for the Great Blessing of Waters.)*

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**Parents' Support Group**

The parenting support group will meet at the Abetti's home today at 4:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to come and contribute: parents, grandparents, non-parents, young and non-so-young. Baby-sitting will be available; please bring a dish for a potluck meal.

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**Study on The Lord's Prayer**

Deacon John is leading a study on the Lord's Prayer on Wednesdays (1/23 excluded) following vespers and a light meal. The study begins about 6:30pm and ends by 8pm. Last week we looked carefully at the words "Our Father". This week we will discuss "Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" focusing our attention on the last phrase: "on earth as it is in heaven."

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**Lenten Retreat**

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Lenten retreat lead by Fr. John Behr, Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary, on the theme "Standing by the Cross, Putting on Christ." There will be more details as the time draws near, but please reserve this date and think of others you would like to invite.

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**Important Dates**

Feb 2	Sat	The Meeting (Entry) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple
Mar 9	Sun	Forgiveness Sunday
Mar 25	Tue	The Annunciation
Apr 5	Sat	Lenten Retreat: Fr. John Behr speaking on "Standing by the Cross, Putting on Christ"
Apr 20	Sun	Palm Sunday
Apr 27	Sun	Pascha