

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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+ + + Service Schedule + + +

Sunday, June 8. 7th Sunday of Pascha—Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Translation of the Relics of the Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates (319). Glorification of St. John of Kronstadt (1990).

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.
Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 / Jn 17:1-13.

Wednesday, June 11. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (1st c.). Eve of Ven. Onuphrius the Great (4th c.)

Reader's Vespers, 5:30pm.
Following Vespers: a light meal and readings in preparation for the Feast of Pentecost.

Saturday, June 14. Memorial Saturday — Saturday of the Holy Forefathers.
Vigil of the Feast of Pentecost, 5pm.

Sunday, Jun 15. 8th Sunday of Pascha—Tone 7. Pentecost – Feast of The Holy Trinity. Prophet Amos (8th c., B.C.).

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am.
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.
Acts 2:1-11 / Jn 7:37-52; 8:12.
Kneeling Vespers, 12:15pm (following coffee hour).

+ + + Upcoming Events + + +

- 6/22 Sunday All Saints Day; Parish Council Meeting
- 6/23 – 28 Apostle's Fast
- 6/29 Sunday Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, and All Saints of North America
- 7/20 Sunday Arch-pastoral Visit of His Grace, Bishop NIKON
- 7/26 Saturday Feast of St. Jacob of Alaska
- 8/1 – 14 Dormition Fast
- 8/6 Wednesday Feast of the Holy Transfiguration
- 8/15 Friday Feast of the Holy Dormition
- 8/17 Sunday Celebration of the Feast of the Holy Dormition at Burlington.

+ + + Announcements + + +

Preparations for Pentecost: Those who are interested in cleaning and decorating the Church for the Feast of Pentecost will meet at the Church next Saturday afternoon, June 14th, those. We will have a planning discussion Wednesday evening after Vespers.

Peanut Butter and Cereal Sunday: On Sunday, June 15, the third Sunday of the month, we are collecting dried and canned goods for CERV, our Northfield food shelf. They have a particular need at this time for peanut butter and cereal.

Arch-pastoral Visit: His Grace, Bishop NIKON, will visit us on July 19th and 20th. (Please note that this is a week earlier than previously announced.) Lord willing, Rdr Zachary will be ordained a sub-deacon and William will be tonsured a reader at this time. Please pray for them. Additional information regarding preparations will be forthcoming.

+ + + Lives of the Saints + + +

Sunday, June 8. *Glorification of St. John Kronstadt.* St John of Kronstadt was born on October 19, 1829, of very poor but were very devoted parents. Even though he was poor, as a young boy John learned to feel compassion for others in their misfortune. His neighbors frequently asked him to pray for them, as they noticed this special grace-endowed gift in him. He was ordained a deacon on December 10, 1885, and then priest on December 12. He was assigned to St Andrew's Cathedral in the city of Kronstadt. He said, "I made myself a rule to be as sincere as possible in my work, and of strictly watching myself and my inner life." Fr John wanted most of all to earn the love of the people in his care, because only a loving attitude could provide the firm support and help he needed as he faced the difficult work of the priesthood. His constant thought was how he would come before the Last Judgment and have to give an account, not only for his own deeds, but also the deeds of his flock, for whose education and salvation he was responsible. To him no one was a stranger; everyone who came to him for help became a friend and relative. He called all who rarely receive Holy Communion to prepare themselves and live their lives in a Christian way so that they could receive more often. Listening to Fr John, many people changed their lifestyle, repented sincerely, and joyfully received Holy Communion on a regular basis. From the beginning he also concerned himself with the material needs of the poor. He would shop for food, go to the pharmacy for prescriptions, to the doctor for help, many times giving the poor his last few coins. The inhabitants of Kronstadt would see him returning home barefoot and without his cassock. Often parishioners would bring shoes to his wife, saying to her, "Your husband has given away his shoes to someone, and will come home barefoot." Fr John labored endlessly in his work for the Lord preaching, teaching, and helping those in need. Having spent his entire life serving God and His people, Fr John fell ill and died on December 20, 1908. Almost immediately, people from near and far began to make pilgrimages to the monastery where he was buried. Even today millions of Orthodox Christians in Russia and around the world pray to him to intercede for them as he had always done from his childhood. St John was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church on June 8, 1990.