

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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+++ Service Schedule +++

Sunday, Jun 22. 1st Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 8. All Saints. Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (380).

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.
Heb 11:33-12:2 / Mt 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30.
Pankhida, following coffee hour.
Parish Council Meeting, following the Pankhida

Wednesday, June 25. Eve of St. David of Thessalonica (ca. 540).

Reader's Vespers, 5:30pm.
A light meal and readings in preparation for the Feast of All Saints of America, 6:15pm.

Saturday, June 28.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, Jun 29. 2nd Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 1. All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia). The Holy Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul (ca. 67 A.D.).

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am.
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.
Rom 2:10-16; 2 Cor 11:21-12:9 / Mt 4:18-23; 16:13-19.

+++ Upcoming Events +++

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.

God is All-Holy, and the saints in the Holy Spirit are holy. Holiness is not an ethical but an ontological concept. A man is not holy because his morals or conduct are good, or even because he leads a righteous life in the sense of devoting himself to spiritual endeavour and prayer.... [T]hat man is holy who bears within himself the Holy Spirit. The One God is Truth and Life, and those who communicate in the Holy Spirit become true and have life. – Archimandrite Sophrony in St. Silouan the Athonite, pp. 147-148.

+++ Announcements +++

Northfield Meal Program: St. Jacob will be participating in the distribution of meals for Northfield children on the first two Tuesdays of July. We'll need volunteers, in groups of 2, to meet in Northfield at 4pm on Tuesdays to pick up and deliver the food. Please see Fr. Caleb or Susanna if you would like to help out.

OCA Townhall Meetings: In preparation for the All America Council (ACC) to be held in November in Pittsburg, the OCA is holding a series of Townhall meetings. Reports from the first, held in Ottawa, are quite positive. The two that are closest to us are: (1) 7-10pm on Wednesday, July 23, at All Saints Church Hartford, CT; and (2) 6-9pm on Tuesday, August 21, at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Boston, MA. His Grace, Bp Nikon will be visiting our parish for Vespers and Liturgy the weekend of July 19-20, and in the past we have made sure to have a discussion time with him. This may not be, however, the same kind of focused event that the Townhall Meetings are so please consider attending one if you are able. More information on the Townhall Meetings is available at www.oca.org

Study on St Athanasius' On the Incarnation: Starting the first or second Wednesday of July, Fr. Caleb will begin a study of St. Athanasius' *On the Incarnation*, a classic work for Orthodox Christians. We will use the edition published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. Copies will be available for purchase before the study.

+++ Liturgical Reflections +++

The Apostles' Fast: Tomorrow, Monday, June 23, we enter into the Apostle's Fast, which always begins the day after All Saints day and is broken with the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29th. This year the fast is short, but no less important for our attention. As with all fasting periods, it is a good time to take stock of our lives, go to confession, and invite God to reorient us toward him.

+++ Saint(s) of the Week +++

(from www.oca.org)

Thursday, June 26. *Saint David the Monk Martyr of Thessalonica (+540).* St. David pursued asceticism at the monastery of the holy Martyrs Theodore and Mercurius. Inspired by the example of the holy stylites, he lived in an almond tree in constant prayer, keeping strict fast, and enduring heat and cold. He remained there for three years until an angel told him to come down. St David received from God the gift of wonderworking, and he healed many from sickness. The holy ascetic gave spiritual counsel to all who came to him. Having attained to passionlessness, he was like an angel in the flesh, and he was able to take hot coals into his hands without harm. He died the year 540.