

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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+ + + Service Schedule + + +

Sunday, July 20. 5th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 4. Holy Glorious Prophet Elija (9th c. B.C.)

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am.

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

Rom 10:1-10; Jam 5:10-20 / Mt 8:28-9:1; Lk 4:22-30.

Wednesday, July 23. Eve Holy Martyrs and Passionbearers Boris and Gleb, in Baptism Roman and David (1015).

Vespers, 5:30pm.

A light meal and study on St. Athanasius' *On the Incarnation*, 6:15pm.

Saturday, July 26. *Rest of St. Yakov (Jacob) Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska (1864).*

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, July 27. 6th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 5. Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon (305)

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am.

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

Rom 12:6-14; 2Tim 2:1-10 / Mt 9:1-8; Jn 15:17-16:2.

+ + + Upcoming Events + + +

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
9/1	Monday Beginning of the Church Year
9/8	Monday Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos
9/14	Sunday Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross
9/21	Sunday Parish Feast Day

[The Word of the Father] has not assumed a body proper to His own nature, far from it, for as the Word He is without body. He has been manifested in a human body for this reason only, out of the love and goodness of His Father, for the salvation of us men. We will begin, then, with the creation of the world and with God its Maker, for the first fact that you must grasp is this: *the renewal of creation has been wrought by the Self-same Word Who made it in the beginning.*

--St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*, p. 26.

+ + + Announcements + + +

Appreciation: Thanks to all those who worked around the Church this week, to all who have contributed to the Seminary fund, and to those who faithfully contribute food items to CERV, our local food shelf. May God strengthen you in your labors.

Wednesday Study: This Wednesday evening after Vespers Fr. Caleb will continue his study on St. Athanasius' *On the Incarnation*. The reading for this week will be will be the first chapter (pp. 25-31). Please read the material in advance if you are able.

Vespers in ME: Fr. Caleb will be traveling to Rockport, ME this Friday, 7/24, to serve Vespers. If you are interested and able to join him, and to be an encouragement to our bothers and sisters in ME, please see Fr. Caleb for details.

+ + + Liturgical Reflections + + +

Eis Polla Eti Despota: Many times during today's Divine Liturgy we will be singing these Greek words to His Grace, NIKON. What do they mean? Literally, "For many years, Master." That is, they are an expression of our beseeching God to grant His Grace many years of Episcopal ministry in shepherding the flock of our diocese.

+ + + This weeks Saints + + +

Thursday, July 24. *Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb (1015).* Saints Boris and Gleb were two of the sons of St Vladimir (July 15). After their father's death the eldest son Sviatopolk planned to kill his brothers Boris and Gleb in order to seize power. He sent a message to Boris, pretending that he wished to live in peace with him, and to increase Boris's land holdings inherited from their father. Sviatopolk sent assassins to kill Boris, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin. Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances, and also killed some of Boris's servants. Wrapping Boris in a cloth, they threw him onto a wagon and drove off with him. When Sviatopolk saw that he was still breathing, he sent some men to finish him off with swords. St Gleb wept for his father and brother, and was lamenting them when the assassins arrived to kill him. The holy martyrs Princes Boris and Gleb became known as Passion-Bearers, since they did not resist evil with violence. (adapted from oca.org)

Saturday, July 26. *Rest of St. Yakov (Jacob) Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska (1864).*

Although we have historically celebrated our feast day on the Sunday nearest, September 24th, All Saints of Alaska, our patron saint is commemorated in the church calendar this week. One good way to remember St. Jacob, and his many travels for the sake of Christ and His Church, is to join with those who are traveling to ME on Friday evening to help the missionary efforts of our brothers and sisters there. Vespers commemorating St. Jacob will be served.