

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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+ + + Service Schedule + + +

Sunday, August 3. 7th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 6. Ven. Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, Ascetics of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (4th-5th c.).

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.
Rom 5:1-7 / Mt 9:27-35

Tuesday, August 5. Eve of The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Savior, Jesus Christ..

Vespers with Liturgy, 6pm.
A meal and study on St. Athanasius' *On the Incarnation*, 7:30pm.

Saturday, August 9.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, August 10. 8th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome, Hieromartyr Sixtus, Bishop of Rome, and Martyrs Felicissimus and Agapitus, Deacons (258). Bl. Lavréntii, Fool-for-Christ, at Kaluga (1515).

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am.
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.
Rom 1Cor1:10-18 / Mt 14:14-22

+ + + Upcoming Events + + +

- 8/12 Tuesday Parish Council Meeting (following Vespers at 5:30pm)
- 8/15 Friday Feast of the Holy Dormition (Vespereal Liturgy on 8/14, eve of the Feast)
- 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

Abba Macarius said, 'If you reprove someone, you yourself get carried away by anger and you are satisfying your own passion; do not lose yourself, therefore, in order to save another.'

+ + + Announcements + + +

No Wednesday Services: For the next two weeks, there will be no Wednesday evening services (on 8/6 and 8/13). This coming week we'll have Vespereal Liturgy on Tuesday evening for the Feast of the Transfiguration, followed by a meal and study. The following week we will have a Daily Vespers on Tuesday Evening followed by a meal and the Parish Council meeting, as well as Vespereal Liturgy on Thursday Evening followed by a meal and study.

St. Athanasius' Study: Reading for this week's study on St. Athanasius' *On the Incarnation* will be sections 3-8. (Note the change to Tuesday night for this week.) Please read the material in advance if you are able.

CERV Sunday: Since the parish will be traveling to Burlington on the 3rd Sunday of August, we'll make August 10th the Sunday for donating food to CERV. They are currently in need of canned fruits and small jars of peanut butter. Please deposit your donations in the basket in the Narthex—they make a difference to local families.

CERV Volunteer Opportunities: CERV is in need of volunteers to help both at the food shelf (Saturdays 9-11am, Mondays 5:30-6:30pm, and Wednesdays 9-10am) and at the clothing store (Saturday mornings). If you would like to help with this important local ministry, please contact Dn. John for additional information.

+ + + Liturgical Reflections + + +

Feasting and Fasting: The fourth and final fasting period of the liturgical year is filled with the life of the Church. It started on the 1st with the Feast of the Procession of the Holy and Life-Creating Cross, along with the commemoration of the Maccabee brothers who, being faced with torture and death for their belief in the one true God, were comforted by their mother to believe in the God who will raised them bodily from the dead (2 Mac 7). These two events are in turn reflected in the icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the most Holy Theotokos (8/15), which beautifully expresses bodily life and child-like faith in the Kingdom for those who have fallen asleep united to the cross of Christ. On the 6th, the Feast of our Lord's Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor reveals the Divine Light which, coming into the world, enlightens everyone—fully illumining every corner of darkness and shadow in our lives; the icon of this Feast, along with that of the Ascension, is often associated with our Lord's Second Coming: the time when, as St. John Chrysostom explains, the light will be so bright that even the light of sun will not be visible. Finally, we commemorate the North American luminary, St Herman of Alaska on the 9th for the feast of his Glorification, which is the Church's recognition of those who have truly died with Christ in the hope of bodily resurrection as manifested in the light that shown from their lives to the world for the glory of God.