

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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+ + + Service Schedule + + +

Sunday, August 24. 10th Sunday After — Tone 1. Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian (1st c.). Repose of New Hieromartyr Cosmas of Actolia, Equal-to-the-Apostles (1779). The “PETROVSKAYA” Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos.

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

Cor 4:9-16 / Mt 17:14-23

Note: There will be NO Weekday services this week. Wednesday evening daily Vespers followed by a light meal and study will re-commence next week.

Saturday, August 30.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Panikhida for Oleg, Marina Aaronson’s father, following Vespers.

Sunday, August 31. 11th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 2. The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Most-Holy Theotokos (395-408). Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage (258). St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople (471).

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:00am

I Cor 9:2-12 / Mt 18:23-35

+ + + Upcoming Events + + +

8/29	Friday	Beheading of St. John the Baptist
9/1	Monday	Beginning of the Church Year
9/4	Thursday	Parish Council Meeting, following daily Vespers.
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
10/12	Sunday	Parish Annual Meeting

*Two factors are involved in man's salvation:
the grace of God and the will of man.
Both must work together, if salvation is to be attained.
-- St. Nectarios of Pentapolis*

+ + + Announcements + + +

Fr. Caleb’s Travel: Fr. Caleb is currently traveling in Michigan with his family, returning on Thursday, August 28th. He can be reached on his cell phone. Fr. Caleb has also received a blessing from Bishop Nikon to travel with Matuska Nicki to Hong Kong, leaving Monday, September 29th and returning Thursday, October 9th. Please pray for their safe and refreshing travels.

Dn. John’s Travel: Dn John and Mat. Anna will be traveling starting today, 8/24, through Thursday 9/4. They can be reached on their cell phones or by email.

Church School: With the addition of new families and children to our Parish (Thanks be to God!), the coming year will allow us to explore new and creative ways to love and nurture our children in the faith. On a yet-to-be-determined Sunday in September we will begin that exploration with a meeting for all interested in the children in the parish to discuss the ways that we can contribute to the enlivening of our children’s faith—not only in church school but in our liturgical life, in special events and in whatever contexts we find ourselves. In the meantime, one important way that you can contribute is to offer yourself as a teacher. Sherri and Linda are overseeing the Church School this year and are inviting others to help them in this important ministry. Please see them to learn more about their plans for the coming year and to find about ways you can help.

+ + + Saints of the Week + + +

Friday, August 29th: *The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John:* The Evangelists Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyric end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ. The prophet of God John openly denounced Herod for having left his lawful wife, the daughter of the Arabian king Aretas, and then instead cohabiting with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (Luke 3:19-20). On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens. Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would ask, up to half his kingdom. She asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter.

The Beheading of St John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

Today the Church makes remembrance of Orthodox soldiers killed on the field of battle, as established in 1769 at the time of Russia's war with the Turks and the Poles.