

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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+ + + Service Schedule + + +

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

Wednesday, September 3: Eve of Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (16th c. B.C.).
Daily Vespers, 5:30pm, with light meal and study following

Thursday, September 4: Eve of Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist (1st c.).
Daily Vespers, 5:30pm, with light meal and Parish Council meeting following.

Saturday, September 6.
Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, September 7. 12th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 3. Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross. Martyr Sozon of Cilicia (ca. 304). St. John, Archbishop and Wonderworker of Novgorod (1186).
3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:00am
Gal 6:11-18; 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Jn 3:13-17; Mt 19:16-26.

+ + + Upcoming Events + + +

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

If you approach any task and see there is an absence of God's will, do not attempt it under any circumstances. -- St. Anthony the Great

+ + + Announcements + + +

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.

St. Athanasius' Study: The study on St. Athanasius' *On the Incarnation* resumes this week on Wednesday following Daily Vespers. Please see Fr. Caleb for the reading assignment.

Parish Council Meeting: All are invited to the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday evening this week, starting at about 6:15pm following Daily Vespers at 5:30pm. There are several important items on the agenda, including setting a recommended budget for the coming fiscal year, discerning interest in Council membership and officers for the coming year, plans for the All American Council, etc. Please come and contribute.

+ + + Liturgical Reflection + + +

(from oca.org)

Monday, September 1st: *Beginning of the Church Year.* The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.