

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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+ + + **Upcoming** + + +

+ + + **Service Schedule** + + +

Sunday, January 25th

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389). St. Moses, Archbishop of Novgorod (1362). Martyrs Felicitas of Rome, and seven sons: Januarius, Felix, Philip, Silvanus, Alexander, Vitalis and Martial (ca. 164). Ven. Publius, Ascetic, of Syria (ca. 380). St. Mares the Singer, of Syria (ca. 430). Icons Of the Most-Holy Theotokos, “**Assuage My Sorrow**” (translated to Moscow in 1640), and “**The Unexpected Joy.**”

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

Epistle: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Gospel: Matt. 15:21-28.

Wednesday, January 28st

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm. Meal and Study Group at 6:15 PM: “Finding Christ Accoriding to the Scriptures”

Saturday, January 31st

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5:00 pm.

Sunday, February 1st

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Sunday of Zacchaeus. Forefeast of the Meeting. Martyr Tryphon of Campsada near Apamea in Spain (250). Martyrs Perpetua, a woman of Carthage and the Catechumens: Satorius, Revocatus, Saturinus, Secundulus and Felicitas (202-203). Ven. Peter Galata, Hermit, near Antioch in Syria (429). Ven. Vendemianus (Bendemianus), Hermit, of Bithynia (ca. 512). Ven. Bridget (Brigid) of Ireland (523).

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

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am.

Epistle: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Gospel: Luke 19:1-10.

Vespers, following Coffee Hour.

Monday, February 2nd

Meeting of Christ in the Temple.

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

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am.

Epistle: Heb. 7:7-17; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.

*The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord.
For where there is fear, there the commandments are kept;
where the commandments are kept, there the flesh is purified -
thatt cloud which envelops the soul and prevents it from seeing the Divine ray.*

*Where the flesh is purified, there light springs forth,
and the shining of the light fulfillls desire above all desires.*

-St. Gregory the Theologian

1/30/2009

Friday

Synaxis 3 Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, St. John Chrysostom: Possible trip for Divine Liturgy and Liturgical Symposium at St. Vladimir's Seminary. Anyone interested in going, please speak with Father Caleb.

3/04/2009

Wednesday

Starting this week, the Wednesday night study group will begin a Lenten study, using St. John Climacus' Ladder of Divine Ascent.

4/04-05/2009

Sat. - Sun.

Lenten Retreat, with Peter Bouteneff, St. Vladimir's Seminary Professor of Patristics and Systematic Theology.

Weekly

Tuesdays

Each Tuesday at 7:00 pm the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) meets in Rollins Chapel at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. Presently Fr. Caleb is leading this group.

Weekly

Thursdays

There is an ongoing study of St. John of Damascus being led by Mark Montague. The study meets at Father Caleb's house in White River Junction, Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

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House Blessings

Between now and the beginning of Great Lent is the traditional time for house blessings.

If you would like Father Caleb to come to your home to bless it, please sign up on the sheet which is on the table at the entrance to the church.

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Lives of the Saints

(from oca.org)

St. Gregory's literary works (orations, letters, poems) show him as a worthy preacher of the truth of Christ. He had a literary gift, and the saint sought to offer his talent to God the Word: “I offer this gift to my God, I dedicate this gift to Him. Only this remains to me as my treasure. I gave up everything else at the command of the Spirit. I gave all that I had to obtain the pearl of great price. Only in words do I master it, as a servant of the Word. I would never intentionally wish to distain this wealth. I esteem it, I set value by it, I am comforted by it more than others are comforted by all the treasures of the world. It is the companion of all my life, a good counselor and converser; a guide on the way to Heaven and a fervent co-ascetic.” In order to preach the Word of God properly, the saint carefully prepared and revised his works.

