

**ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
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✠ ✠ ✠ Service Schedule ✠ ✠ ✠

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Ecumenical Council.** Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1<sup>st</sup> c.). St Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicaea (ca. 850). Ven. Theophanes, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 12<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Leo of Optina (1841). Synaxis of the Optina elders, Martyrs Zenais (Zinaida) and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia (1<sup>st</sup> c.).

3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: 9:10 am.

Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am.

*Epistle: 2 Cor. 9:6-11; Gospel: Luke 7:11-16.*

Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm. Meal and Study Group to follow: Bishop Kallistos Ware's *The Inner Kingdom*.

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection: 5:00 pm.

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1<sup>st</sup> c.).**

Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia (4<sup>th</sup> c.).

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### **All-Parish Meeting on Sunday October, 18, 2009**

The annual all-parish meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2009 after coffee hour. Please plan to attend.

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“It is not necessary, therefore, to concern yourselves with the weeds. Don't occupy yourself with rooting out evil...You won't become saints by hounding after evil. Ignore evil. Look towards Christ and He will save you.”

- Elder Porphyrios, *The Life and Wisdom of Elder Porphyrios*

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### **Apostle Philip of the Seventy, One of the Seven Deacons**

Commemorated on October 11

(from oca.org)

Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the seven Deacons is not to be confused with St Philip one of the Twelve Apostles (November 14). This Philip was born in Palestine, was married and had children.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Twelve Apostles made Philip a deacon in the Church of Jerusalem. Along with the other six deacons, they appointed him to deal with the offerings of the faithful and attend to the concerns of the widowed, the orphaned and the needy. The eldest among the seven deacons was the holy Archdeacon Stephen. When the persecution of Christians began, the Jews stoned the Protomartyr Stephen. The Apostle Philip left Jerusalem and settled in Samaria. There he successfully preached Christianity. Among the disciple's converts was the noted magician Simon, who “after being baptized, continued with Philip.” (Acts 8:9-13).

At the command of an angel of the Lord, St Philip set out upon the road connecting Jerusalem with Gaza. There he met an official of the empress of Ethiopia, whom also he converted to Christianity (Acts 8:26-39). The holy disciple Philip tirelessly preached the Word of God in many of the lands of the Near East adjoining Palestine. At Jerusalem the Apostles made him a bishop and sent him to Tralles in Asia Minor, where he also baptized many. St Philip died in old age.

### **St Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicaea**

Commemorated October 11

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Saint Theophanes, Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicaea was the younger brother of St Theodore the Branded (December 27). The brothers received an excellent education and were particularly involved in philosophy. Striving towards the knowledge of God, they settled in the Lavra of St Sava. Here St Theophanes was tonsured, and later became a hieromonk.

The holy brothers were famed as advocates of icon veneration. They boldly fulfilled the mission entrusted them by the Patriarch of Jerusalem and went to Constantinople to denounce the iconoclast emperor Leo the Armenian (813-829). Afterwards, they also denounced the iconoclast emperors Michael Balbos (820-829) and Theophilus (829-842).

The saints had to endure imprisonment, hunger, even torture. The emperor Theophilus gave orders to inscribe a phrase insulting to the glorious confessors upon their faces with red-hot needles. Therefore, they are called “Branded”. “Write whatever you wish, but at the Last Judgment you shall read your own writing,” said the agonized brothers to the emperor. They sent Theodore to prison, where also he died (+833), but Theophanes was sent into exile. With the restoration of icon veneration St Theophanes was returned from exile and consecrated Bishop of Nicaea. The saint wrote about 150 canons, among which is a beautiful canon in defense of holy icons. He died peacefully around the year 850.

### **Apostle Philip of the Seventy, One of the Seven Deacons**

#### **Troparion – Tone 3**

Filled with divine grace,  
you served God the Word as a deacon of the Church, O Apostle Philip.  
By the working of miracles and by signs from God  
you enlightened the multitudes of Samaria.  
O blessed one, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 4**

Podoben: “Today You have shown forth...”  
Inspired by the All-holy Spirit,  
you enlightened the entire world by your teachings and resplendent miracles,  
Apostle Philip, sacred initiate.

### **St Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea**

#### **Troparion – Tone 5**

Having attained an angelic state,  
you sounded forth as a golden trumpet of revelation  
and nourished the chosen people with your words.  
The singing of your hymns gladdens the Church,  
for which you struggled, O Theophanes.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 4**

Podoben: “Today You have shown forth...”  
You dawned on the Church like a second sun, venerable Theophanes,  
enlightening her with the beams of your teachings  
as a priest of Christ our God.

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