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July 26, 2026 – 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Repose of St Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of Alaska

Sat July 25, 4pm – **No Vespers**
Sun July 26, 9am – Divine Liturgy & fellowship (Fr Edward Hughes)

The Dormition Fast begins August 1 and ends with the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, on August 15.

Sat Aug 1, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Aug 2, 9am – Divine Liturgy & fellowship
Tues Aug 4, 3:15pm – Helping Harvest Food Distribution at Ss C&H

August 6 is the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.
Wed Aug 5, 6pm – Festal Great Vespers
Thurs Aug 6, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy.
Blessing of First-Fruits at both Vespers and Liturgy.

August 9 is our "Summer" Altar Feast, for St Herman of Alaska.
Sat Aug 8, 4pm – Festal Vigil
Sun Aug 9, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy

August 15 is the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God.
Fri Aug 14, 6pm – Festal Great Vespers
Sat Aug 15, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Fragrant Herbs and Flowers

Sat Aug 15, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Aug 16, 9am – Divine Liturgy & fellowship

Hymns of the Day

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 7)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Troparion for St Jacob of Alaska (Tone 4. Alaskan/Valaam Melody)

O righteous Father Jacob, / adornment of Atka and the Yukon Delta; / you offered yourself as a living sacrifice / to bring light to a searching people. / Offspring of Russian America, / flower of brotherly unity, / healer of sickness and terror of demons: / O Holy Father Jacob, // pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

(Glory) Kontakion for the Resurrection (Tone 7)

The dominion of death / can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / "The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

(Now & ever) To the Mother of God (Tone 6)

Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatress before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those who honor you.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Brethren: Now I plead with you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the

villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Prayers

The newly-departed: Fr Alexandar Haig (6/25). John Frimenko (5/6). ***The departed:*** Vera (Ressetar) Bortniak (7/21/2025). Fr. John Meyendorff (7/22/1992)

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, Mat. Mary Reynolds, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, Gloria Spitko, Jessica (Philothea) Sullivan & infant Lucas, Richard Kawood, Peggy Hay. ***For our Catechumens:*** Bradley Bosch, Brian Craig, Zaden Mershon, Sheridan Klippel. ***For our diocese's seminarians and families:*** Subdeacon Jacob & Mariana Kurtz *(Luka, Noah, & Magdalena)*, Reader Alexander Koropsak, Nicholas & Abigail Sheridan.

Announcements

NEXT WEEK, August 2, is the last day to donate shoes for Mary's Shelter. Please see the collection box in the Narthex.

Worship God in spirit and in truth; in truth, for instance when you say, "Hallowed by Thy Name." Do you really desire that God's name should be hallowed by the good works of others and by your own? When you say, "Thy kingdom come," do you indeed desire the coming of God's kingdom? Do you wish to be the abode of the Spirit of God, and not the abode of sin?

Would you not more willingly live in sin? When you say, "Thy will be done," do you not rather seek your own will than that of God? Ay, it is so! When you say, "Give us this day our daily bread," do you not say something like this in your heart, "I do not need to ask this of Thee—I have enough without asking; let the poor ask for this?" Or else, do we not greedily seek for more, and are not satisfied with the little or with that which God has given us?

We do not thank God for what we have as we ought to.

– St. John of Kronstadt, *My Life in Christ*

Social Hour & Church Cleanup Schedule

	Social Hour	Church Clean-up
July 5	Tina Gurnavage & Marcia Lutz	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
July 12	Peggy Hay & Traci Weinstein	Tina Gurnavage & Stephanie Drosdak
July 19	Kathy Wanenchak & Stephanie Selis	John Lorchak & Phyllis Kawood
July 26	Elaine Dougherty & Karin Holm	Marie Drosdak & Traci Weinstein

Aug 1–14: Dormition Fast

Aug 2	Haven Black, Brad Bosch, Christina Monarek	Russ & Peggy Hay
Aug 9	Vicky McDonnell & Phyllis Kawood	Kyle & Daria Teter
Aug 16	Marie Drosdak & Stephanie Drosdak	Eugene & Kathy Wanenchak
Aug 23	Karen Sichak & Becky Kauffman	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
Aug 30	Daria Teter & Marina Long	Brad & Becky Kauffman

Attendance

Sun May 24 Liturgy: 44
Sun May 31 Liturgy: 32
Sun June 7 Liturgy: 28
Sat June 13 Vespers: 9
Sun June 14 Liturgy: 29
Sat June 20 Vespers: 7
Sun June 28 Liturgy: 39
Sun Jul 19 Liturgy: 33

"Souls that have known pain and suffering and that are tormented by their passions win most especially the love and grace of God. It is souls such as these that become saints, and very often we pass judgment on them."
– St Ephrem the Syrian

Welcome to all visitors who have prayed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us this morning! We invite all of you downstairs for fellowship after the conclusion of the Liturgy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We love you and hope to see you again!*

Please note: In the Orthodox Church, the receiving of Holy Communion is the sign of one's ***full participation in the mystery of the Faith****, and all Orthodox Christians should receive it frequently.*

For this reason, Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are ***prepared*** *to receive it (through* ***prayer****,* ***fasting****, and a recent* ***confession****) and are* ***at peace with each other****. Those who partake of the Eucharist normally fast from food and drink in the morning before the Divine Liturgy, as they are able.*