



SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026 | 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | TONE 7
ST. JACOB NETSVETOV, ENLIGHTENER OF ALASKA

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I CORINTHIANS 1:10-18 (124)

Now I plead with you, brethren, 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.

MATTHEW 14:14-22 (58)

And 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.

WISDOM FROM THE FATHERS

The purpose of God's Providence is to unite, by means of right faith and spiritual love, people who have been separated by evil. To this end the Savior also suffered for us, "in order to gather together the children of God who were scattered."

ST. MAXIMUS † CONFESSOR, CHAPTERS OF LOVE, 4.17

MANY YEARS!

ANNIVERSARIES

17TH – Harry & Polly Mikita
18TH – Jeremy & Meagan Gardner
20TH – Ernie & Jeanie Mikita
22ND – Bill & Rachel Stevens

BIRTHDAYS

1 ST – Kylie Jackson	16 TH – LD Meier
2 ND – Lorene Denson	17 TH – Bryan Hlatki
6 TH – Rodney Glover	17 TH – Haylee Schulte
7 TH – Bron Burnside	19 TH – Grady Leithead
7 TH – Jonathan Mikita	19 TH – Evie Stevens
8 TH – Brianna Pyatt	21 ST – Whitney Tunink
8 TH – Carrie Ann Guy	22 ND – Luke Meier
13 TH – Wyatt Mikita	27 TH – Brayden Glover
15 TH – Linda Hendrix	29 TH – Jason Mikita

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Great Vespers, 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Divine Liturgy — Fr. Tikhon Krueger, 9:30 AM

Coffee Hour, 11:00 AM

Serving: Fellowship Team 5

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Great Vespers, 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Divine Liturgy — Fr. Tikhon Krueger, 9:30 AM

Coffee Hour, 11:00 AM

Serving: Fellowship Team 10 — Dormition Fast

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Slavic Fest Planning Meeting, 11:30 AM

During fellowship, following Divine Liturgy

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION † ORTHODOX CHURCH

HOLY FATHER JACOB NETSVETOV, ENLIGHTENER OF ALASKA

Born in 1802 on remote Atka Island to a Russian father from Tobolsk and an Aleut mother, Jacob Netsvetov chose the priesthood over the ordinary life open to him, entering the Irkutsk Theological Seminary in 1823. Tonsured subdeacon in 1825 and married to Anna Simeonovna, he graduated in 1826, was ordained deacon that October, and priest in March 1828. He felt called to return to his native Alaska, and Archbishop Michael sent him forth with sacred vessels for the mission field.

Arriving at Atka in June 1829, Father Jacob inherited a parish spanning nearly two thousand miles across the Aleutian chain. He built a tent-church with his own hands and began a ministry of remarkable breadth: within six months he had baptized sixteen, chrismated four hundred forty-two, married fifty-three couples, and buried eight. He opened a school teaching Russian and Unangan Aleut, and labored alongside Saint Innocent translating Scripture and the services into the native tongue. His wife died of cancer in 1836, his home burned that same year, and his father died the next.

In 1844 Bishop Innocent sent him further still, to found the Kvikhpak Mission in the Yukon delta. From Ikogmiute he traveled hundreds of miles among the Yup'ik and Athabascan peoples, baptizing over thirteen hundred souls and reconciling tribes long divided by enmity. Falsely accused in 1863, he was fully exonerated, but his health was failing. He reposed at Sitka on July 26, 1864, having poured out his whole life upon the peoples of Alaska.

Holy Father Jacob, pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

TROPARIA & KONTAKION

TROPARION — TONE 7 (RESURRECTION)

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 — TONE 4 (ST. JACOB)

O righteous Father Jacob, adornment of Atka and the Yukon Delta; thou didst offer thyself 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!

KONTAKION — TONE 7 (RESURRECTION)

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!”

KONTAKION — TONE 3 (ST. JACOB)

O Holy Father Jacob, teacher of the knowledge of God, thou didst reveal thy love for thy people, taking up thy cross and following Christ, enduring hardships like the Apostle Paul.//Pray on our behalf to Christ our God to grant us great mercy!

WISDOM FROM THE FATHERS

When the mind forgets the purpose of Christian life, then even the clear fulfillment of virtue becomes profitless.

ST. MARK † THE ASCETIC

PRAYER LIST

LIVING:

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Fr. Ambrose, Fr. George & Family, Mother Cassiana, Mother Magdalena, Dcn. Herman & Family, Muriel, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Victoria, Russ, Kade

DEPARTED:

Michelle, Jake, Russ, Joe

Julia Issac (28 Years) † Memory Eternal!

George Evanoika (8 Years) † Memory Eternal!

Monk Mark (28 Years) † Memory Eternal!

Mark William Vinson (28 Years) † Memory Eternal!

WITH CHILD:

Kelsey, Kelly, Vana

CATECHUMENS:

John

CONFINED:

Basil, Hannah, Theodore

INFANTS:

Dominic, AdaLynn, Gus

italics = pending expiration

COMMEMORATIONS

Repose of St. Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska, Hieromartyr Hermolaus and Martyrs Hermippus and Hermocrates at Nicomedia, Venerable Moses the Hungarian of the Kiev Near Caves, Martyr Paraskevi of Rome, Venerable Gerontios, Founder of the Skete of St. Anna on Mount Athos, Icon of the Mother of God of “Emvolon” in Constantinople, St. Savva III of Serbia, Virgin Martyr Oraiozele, disciple of the Holy Apostle Andrew

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Kids Food & Fun Boxes for youth 18 & under continue through July, Monday distribution. Register at KidsEat.org.

Youth group heads to a Rockies game August 23, after Liturgy at Transfiguration. Contact Mka. Mary J.

Archangel Michael's 27th Annual Greek Festival runs August 21–23 in Colorado Springs. All welcome.

Slavic Fest planning meeting Sunday, August 9, during fellowship.