



Weekly Bulletin

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Sunday	July 25	<i>9th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / Dormition of Anna, mother of the Theotokos</i>
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy Lamb Roast
Saturday	July 31	<i>St Germanus</i>
		6:30 pm Great Vespers Deanery Teen Campfire
Sunday	Aug 1	<i>10th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / Procession of the Life Giving Cross</i>
Dormition Lent Begins		Readings: 1 Cor 1:18-24 Matt 17:14-23
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / July 18

Attendance: (Adults 65, Children 17)	82
Operating	\$1,280.00
Uganda Children	30.00
Alusheff Memorial	30.00
Seminaries	20.00
Tintor Memorial	35.00
Charities	20.00

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 pm.

PROJECT MEXICO

Shawn Cunningham has agreed to head up our team for next summer. If you will participate in the Archbishop Job Memorial Building Program, please turn in your \$50 registration fee to Shawn ASAP as the July 31st deadline is quickly approaching.

SPECIAL VISITORS

This Saturday, July 31, the Cleveland Deanery Youth Group will be our guests. We're happy to acknowledge that many of our own teens participate in the group. Following a day at the beach at the Headlands, they will join us for Vespers after which we will host them for a Campfire, smores and fellowship. As Fr Andrew will be part of this, there will be no Confession after the service.

CONFESSION NOTE

Inasmuch as we are entering the Dormition Lenten period, please continue to approach for your Summer Confession during August. Note the special afternoon hours scheduled for those who can take advantage of these.

HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

We are looking for anyone interested in serving on a

committee to begin making plans for our Social Hall renovation. Please see Mark Joslin if you can help.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

— — — — — **For Healing / Well Being:** — — — — —

Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), **Peter** Vitantonio (Mark J's csn), **Steve** Peterson (Christani frnd), **Corey** (Luann D's sn-n-lw), **Fr Theodore** (Fr Andrew's frnd), **Fr Alexander** (Fr Andrew's frnd), **Kerya** (Fr Andrew's frnd,), **Shane** (Wick frnd), **Randy** Moore (Sue C's uncl), **Margarette** Fross, **Leonard** Heim, **Helen** Cicmansky (Andy's mom), **Frank** Kitko (Schroeder frnd), **Vera** Campbell, **Pan** Theophylactus, **Tamara**, **Judy** Kormos (Sheranko cousin), **William** (Sheranko frnd), **Sue** Hoffacker, **Dimitri** (Greg's Dad), **Zorka**, **Margaret** Gorta (Elaine T's mom), **Charles** (Schroeder uncle) **Bruno** Christani.

Traveling: **Steven** Hoffacker (Korea), **Shawn** C.

Birthdays: **Chris** Schroeder (7/28), **Jonah** Klinar (7/31), **Scott** Hoffacker (8/1)

Anniversary: **Jim & Cindy** Renda (7/25), **Mark & Marie** Joslin (7/29), **Leonard & Dolores** Heim (7/30), **Jerry & Betsy** LeMaster (7/31)

Newborn: **Ava** (Joe and Kristy)

Expectant Parents: **Nichole & Evan**

Grieving: Capitan, Tintor, McBean families

— — — — — **Memory Eternal** — — — — —

Mike Wills (Shawn C's bro-in-law, 7/17), **Martha** Tintor (7/2), **Chrysoula** (Jim C's mom), **Cecilia** Kisha (Tina M's mom, 7/2), **Margaret** Saula (7/1).

To Bring Light to a Searching People

On July 26 we remember Saint Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska. Like Saint Paul, he suffered greatly for the faith, but never stopped teaching, guiding, and ministering to people with Christian love.

This day's Epistle reading (I Corinthians 15: 12-19) makes it clear that Saint Paul discovered some wrong beliefs among the Corinthians Christians. He seems to have found it necessary to remind them of the most basic Christian teaching, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, for he exclaims, "Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how

can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?" How frustrating it must have been for Paul to realize that, if this was what some believers had accepted as true, "our preaching is in vain." Worse yet, he warns the Corinthians, if this is what you have come to believe, "your faith is in vain."

That would mean that Paul "would be found to be misrepresenting" God as One who is powerful enough to raise His Son, and who loves us enough to forgive our sins through that resurrection. So, if Christ was not raised, "your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." Those we love who died before us "have perished" rather than having "fallen asleep in Christ" to await the resurrection and judgment of all humankind.

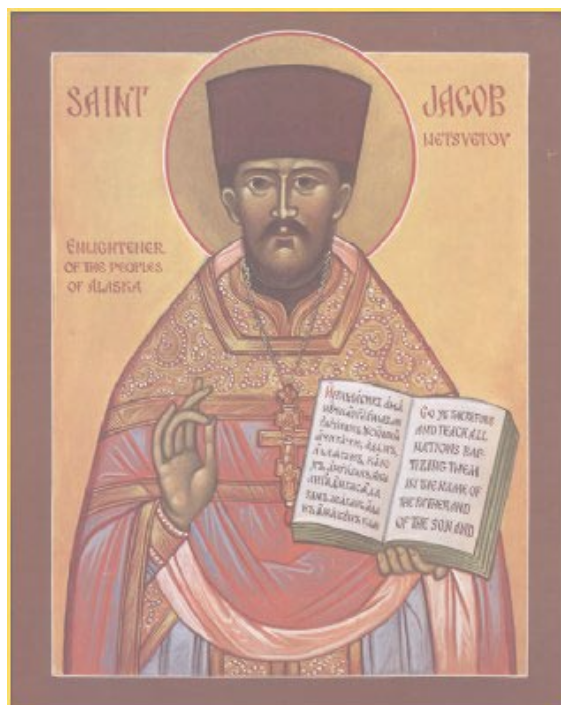
So Paul worked tirelessly, trying to make sure that Christians in the young churches really understood and believed in the Resurrection of

Christ, and its meaning for their eternal destiny. His purpose was similar to that of Saint Jacob, born in 1802 on Atka Island, part of the Aleutian Chain. Both men felt the urgent need to present the truth about Jesus Christ, and both suffered and sacrificed to do so.

Having graduated from the seminary in Irkutsk, the newly-ordained Father Jacob arrived in Alaska with his wife and his father in 1829 after a voyage of over a year. The mission territory he was assigned to cover stretched over nearly 2000 miles. Like Saint Paul, he traveled hundreds of miles to reach those who needed to hear the message of the

Gospel. Like Paul who supported himself as a tentmaker, Father Jacob hunted and fished to feed himself and his family. He was maligned, falsely accused, troubled by health problems, and frequently exhausted just as Paul was. There may have been times when the people he encountered resisted the Gospel message, either by rejecting it or misunderstanding it, so that he too felt that his "preaching [was] in vain." Within seven years of his arrival in Alaska, his wife and father both died, and the family home burned down.

The Kontakion for Saint Jacob compares him to Saint Paul, for both took up the cross, followed Christ, and endured hardships. The words of the Troparion for Saint Jacob also seem appropriate for both: "You offered yourself as a living sacrifice to bring light to a searching people."



St Jacob Netsvetov