

SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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7th Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 6
Repose of St. Yakov Netsvetov, Enlightener of the
People of Alaska



From the Fathers...

“This is what it means not to judge. Do not have hostile feelings towards anyone and do not let dislike dominate your heart; do not hate him who hates his neighbor.”

- St. Moses the Strong



Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the vestibule. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service, as well as join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship after the Liturgy.



Rejoice, O Alaska,/ and exult, O North America,/ for a lamp bearing the Light of the Sun of Righteousness has gloriously appeared in you! / Father Jacob, wise in God, who enlightened the northern lands/ with the joyous message of the Gospel of Christ,/ now shines forth in all the world./ Therefore we sing praises to Christ,/ Who is wondrous in His saints.

Born on the remote island of Atka,/ thou wast called to become a witness to Christ,/ not by the glorious path of martyrdom,/ but by humbly accepting the divine call/ to enter the holy priesthood,/ preaching, healing, counseling, praying to God and tending thy flock// for forty years in the Alaskan wilderness.

As a missionary teacher of the Atkan Aleuts,/ thou didst translate the Word of God and didst found schools for them,/ continuing the missionary efforts of the Holy Hierarch Innocent./ Following his example, thou didst journey to remote lands,/ bringing the Gospel to the Yup'iks and Athabascans,/ baptizing them to love and unity in Christ,// sanctifying them and bestowing the blessings of peace. (*Stichera of Lord, I Call*)

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TODAY'S WORSHIP - HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Resurrection Troparion in Tone 6

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;/ the guards became as dead men./ Mary stood by Thy grave,/ seeking Thy most pure body./ Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it./ Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life./ O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead,// glory to Thee.

St. Jacob Troparion in Tone 4

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!

Resurrection Kontakion in Tone 6

When Christ God the Giver of Life,/ raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,/ He bestowed resurrection on the human race.// He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

St. Jacob Kontakion in Tone 3

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!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,/ constant advocate before the Creator;/ despise not the entreating cries of us sinners,/ but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith./ Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,/ for you always protect those who honor you!

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

THIS WEEK AND LIFE IN CHRIST

Sunday, July 26th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Livestream and In Person)

Hieromartyrs Hermolaus at Nicomedia

Martyr Parasceva of Rome

Repose of St. Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of Alaska

Romans 15:1-7, Philippians 3:7-14

Matthew 9:27-35, Mark 10:39-31, 42-45

Monday, July 27th

7:00 PM Adult Education (Online)

Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Clement or Ochrid

1 Corinthians 9:13-18, 2 Timothy 2:1-10

Matthew 16:1-6, John 15:17-16:2

Tuesday, July 28th

Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon

Martyr Julian of Dalmatia

1 Corinthians 10:5-12, Matthew 16:6-12

Wednesday, July 29th

Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in Asia Minor

Virgin-Martyr Seraphima of Antioch

1 Corinthians 10:12-22, Matthew 16:20-24

Thursday, July 30th

Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy

Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna in Italy

1 Corinthians 10:28-11:7, Matthew 16:24-28

Friday, July 31st

Forefeast of the Procession of the Lifegiving Cross

Righteous Joseph of Arimathea

1 Corinthians 11:8-22, Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 17:10-18, Matthew 12:30-37

Saturday, August 1st

5:00 PM Great Vespers (Livestream and In Person)

Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Cross

Holy Seven Maccabean Martyrs

1 Corinthians 1:18-24, Hebrews 11:33-12:2

John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1

Sunday, August 2nd

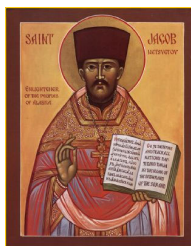
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Livestream and In Person)

Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr Stephen

Hieromartyr Stephen, People of Rome

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 14:14-22

To Bring Light to a Searching People



The Church celebrates the memory of 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.

1 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."

HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED TO CHAT? CALL OR EMAIL FR. GREGORY.

Updated Guidance for COVID-19

Reopening Guidelines

The Cathedral remains in Stage 4 of the reopening process for the time being.

Per the order of the Ohio Department of Health, due to Wood County being placed under a Level 3 Public Health Advisory, **face masks are now required to be worn during all services.** This will continue until the county has moved back to at least Level 2.

Exceptions to the face mask requirement set forth in the Public Health Order pertinent to St. George are as follows:

- individuals are under 10 years of age (and cannot reasonably keep from handling the mask),
- those with respiratory conditions that restrict breathing, mental health conditions, or disability that contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering,
- officiants of religious services (altar servers will wear face masks).

Those who fall in the vulnerable populations should remain at home.

Online Adult Education

Please join us for an Adult Education series “Mothers and Martyrs: An Examination of Women Saints in the Orthodox Church” on **Monday evenings starting at 7:30pm.** Online classes will be held via Zoom. The Zoom link is sent through our email list.

Fellowship for Young Adults

Pan Orthodox Toledo will offer fellowship opportunities for our Young Adults on the **1st Sunday of each month at 4:00pm beginning in AUGUST!** We will meet on Zoom until in person meetings are permitted. Together the Toledo parishes invested in the Relationship Project curriculum published by Faithtree. By exploring questions like *What is our true identity?*, *What does it mean to be a child of God?*, *What is the true meaning of intimacy?*, and *What does the Church say about good mental health?* this compelling group study allows you to lead your youth in discovering who they are in Christ. This program provides extensive support as you create a safe space for your teens to wrestle with the possible differences between what the world may suggest, versus what the Church teaches as truth.

Virtual Vacation Church School

VVCS will meet August 3rd, 4th, 5th @ 7:00PM for children ages 12 and under. This year’s theme is *Rooted in Prayer.* We will meet on Zoom for a lesson, then break to do a craft at home, then rejoin on Zoom to share our craft, and play a game or two! Please email or text Vicki Ghareeb at vickighareeb@gmail.com or text: 419-261-0396 to register by August 1st (at the absolute latest!!) so we can deliver a supply box to each registered family with all the materials necessary for the crafts!

We are praying for...

Health and Well-Being:

Soteria, Maria, Tanya, Lawrence, Kathleen, Karen, Panka, Barb, and the kidnapped hierarchs Metropolitan Boulos and Archbishop Yohanna of Aleppo; and those being persecuted for their faith in the Middle East.

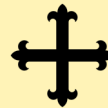
Catechumens:

Tim, Laura, Ethan, Naomi, Olivia, Daniel, Phoebe, Ezekiel, and Jachin.



Sanctuary Lamp

Sanctuary Lamp sponsorships are available.



Celebrations

Birthdays:

Michael Oostas (7/29)
Brian Cohen (7/30)
Sally Grether (7/31)
Mary Cohen (8/1)

Name’s Days:

Pando Pappas (7/27)
Vladimir Edelman (7/28)
Dota Karayannis (7/29)

