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July 26, 2026

Repose of St. Jacob
(Yakov) Netsvetov,
Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Sat., Aug. 1st	**Great Vespers with Confession** ***(Dormition Fast Begins Today)***	**6 pm**
	Sun., Aug. 2nd	**Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople**	
		Hours	**9:15 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**9:30 am**

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Evan's: **NEW** Cell phone is (610-810-1748);
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*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday's Liturgy.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34

Tone 7 Troparion *(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. **Tone 4 Troparion** *(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!	**Tone 7 Kontakion** *(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!" **Tone 3 Kontakion** *(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!.	**Tone 7 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)* The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)* *V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)* **Tone 7 Prokeimenon** *(St. Jacob)* The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him. *(Ps. 63:11a)*

Epistle

(1 Corinthians 1:10-18)

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.

Gospel

(Matthew 14:14-22)

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.

Announcements:

Festival Cooking Schedule:

Aug. 1st at 7 a.m.	**Potato & Cheese Perohi & Noodles**

A Note from Fr. Evan:

In the Liturgy the priest prays the following words: "Broken and distributed is the Lamb of God: broken, yet not divided; ever eaten, yet never consumed, but sanctifying those who partake thereof." St. Nikodemus of the Holy Mountain says "the Body and Blood in the Eucharist are divided indivisibly into all the parts of the bread and the wine, and are distributed undividedly." This means that each "piece" or "drop" – no matter how small – that we receive of the Mystery of the Eucharist contains *the whole Body and Blood of Christ*. The whole of Christ is given to each of the faithful who receive Communion.

What this also means is that every particle and every drop of the Eucharist – again, no matter how small – that might be left on our lips after we partake is also *the whole Body and Blood of Christ.* This is the reason why we need to handle every part of our reception of the Lord's Body and Blood with care, love, and reverence. This is why when we approach the chalice and receive the Lord Himself each person is asked to wait for a server to wipe his or her mouth with the cloth before we do anything else (including venerating the chalice).

The Lord desires to give the whole of Himself to us to dwell in us, sanctify us, and give us eternal life. Let us each faithfully receive Him and do what is within our capability to see to it that the whole of the Lord's Body and Blood – no matter how small - is not left on our lips to be lost, discarded, or inadvertently smeared elsewhere. I appreciate your love, care, and attention in this and please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns about this.

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Evan

In addition to the 2 pews in the basement of the rectory that are looking for a new home, there are also a few other items: 1 wooden entertainment stand, misc. headboards and baseboards (not a complete bed set), misc. mirrors, a wooden highchair, 1 pulpit/display case, 1 jewelry box, 1 small round table, 1 coffee table, 1 large rug. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Father Evan or one of the Parish Council members know.

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

Did you lose something? If so, see Marie Dudzinski who is safely keeping it.

Looking for a wholesome family weekend getaway that everyone can enjoy? ***Registration opened July 1st*** for The Archdiocesan Youth Committee's **2026 HEART FULL OF LIGHT FAMILY RETREAT** being held at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. It will be a weekend of prayer, reflection, fellowship and family centered activities beginning Friday evening, August 14th through Sunday Brunch on August 16th. Currently, there are openings for 18 families (2 per cabin). Please see the vestibule bulletin for more details. Pricing includes all activities, lodging and meals. To register or any questions, contact Kyra Mathewson at kyra@ocadwpa.org.

Note <u>Date Changes</u>!

HROC 2026 Festival

Mark your calendars for:

Sunday, September 20th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

It's Festival time again! This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 20th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that we are in need of volunteers to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! All cooking sessions start at 7 a.m. on Saturdays unless otherwise noted. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties. See you then!

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

Aug. 1st, Aug. 8th, Aug. 22nd, Aug. 29th	**Potato & Cheese Perohi & Noodles**
Sept. 12th	Beef Stroganoff
Fri., Sept. 18th	Bread Baking & Pete Beans
Sept. 19th	Halupki Making & Festival Setup

ALSO -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause. ***Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!***