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BULLETIN OF JUNE 20, 2010

SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

MONDAY, JUNE 21ST

7:00p.m. Orthodox Movie Night

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:40a.m. Pre-Baptismal Prayers
9:00a.m. Baptismal Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Our Starting Point For Change

"Our starting point is always wrong. Instead of beginning with ourselves, we always want to change others first and ourselves last. If everyone would begin first with themselves, then there would be peace all around! St. John Chrysostom said that no one can harm the man who does not injure himself --- not even the devil. You see, we are the sole architects of our future."

Elder Thaddeus (+2002)

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 27th

Gabriela Jones

Sunday, July 4th

Jodi McElwee



Please Remember in Prayer

Irene Clenney, Gabriela Jones, Roman Szwec, Constantina, Valerie and Michelle Wilson, Melvin, Mat. Dunia, Patti Lease, Peg Feeser, Anna Varone, Jerrie Rife, Bill & Kathy Parrish, Frs Michael & Andrew, Monk Christian, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Steven, Yvonne, Todd & Olga, Nina Gordon, Constantina & Christos, Mirela & Chris, Jaroslav, Troy Duker, Frank & Mary Miranda, Kathy T., Nada & Caleb., Mat. Emily & Nicholas, Bruce. Requests? Please see Fr. John.

Father's Day

Congratulations to all Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Fathers-in-law! May the Lord bless you!

Baptism of Caleb McFarland

Next Sunday, June 27th, we will have the Baptism of baby Caleb McFarland. The Baptism will begin at 9:00am and will conclude with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The Hours will not be read at their normal time of 8:40am, instead the Prayers before the Baptism will be offered at this time.



Yard Sale – Saturday, July 3rd

Please bring any clean, undamaged, and in working order items that you wish to donate for the yard sale to the church by Sunday, June 27th.

Orthodox Movie Night

On Monday night at 7:00pm we will be watching a film on the Act of the Apostles. All are invited!



Lives of the Saint of North America

As promised the bulletin over the next month is including information regarding the 12 canonized Saints of North America. Please see pages 3 and 4 for this week's installment.

Orthodoxy 101

As a reminder there will be no Orthodoxy 101 on Saturday nights during the month of June. Vespers will still be served at 6:00pm.



The Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul – June 29th

The Feast of the Holy Apostles falls on Tuesday, June 29th. We will have Great Vespers on the Eve of the Feast at 7:00pm and the Divine Liturgy the following day at 9:00am. The Apostles Fast properly comes to a close with the reception of Holy Communion on the Feast. If you still wish to make a confession, there is still time, please see Fr. John.

Scrip Announcement

Scrip cards are available through Jodi McElwee or Jane Koshutko. Place your order one Sunday and receive your card the next!

ST. INNOCENT OF ALASKA

John Popov-Veniaminov was born in Siberia on August 27, 1797. He excelled in school and was a voracious reader. He spent all his free time with a clock-maker and helped him build a tower clock on the cathedral in Irkutsk, learning how wheels, springs, and hands all fit together. He was skilled in many areas. He was a carpenter, clock-maker, navigator, explorer, natural scientist, anthropologist, theologian, and educator. After he married Elizabeth, at age 20, and was ordained a priest four years later, he also became a pastor.

The Russian Church was looking for clergy to send to Alaska. None wanted to accept the assignment, because they had heard that it was a wild place, full of savages. Eagerly, however, Fr. John, with his wife, son (the first of two sons and four daughters), mother, and brother, traveling on horseback, across wide rivers, through thick forests, boggy marshes, and steep mountains, and sailing by ship on a 2,200-mile journey, arrived in America in July, 1824.

As soon as he arrived, Fr. John established a school for children and adults in the Aleutian Islands. Rather than try to force the natives to abandon their own culture, he studied their language and culture, incorporating Aleutian ideas into his teaching of the basics of Christianity. The Aleuts had no written language; so Fr. John developed a written language for them (as the great missionary saints Cyril and Methodius had done for the Slavs a thousand years prior). Using his many skills, he taught the Aleuts and worked with them to build a church. The Church of the Ascension of the Savior in Harbor Village on Unalaska Island was completed in June of 1826. Father John spent the next ten years traveling by ship, kayak, reindeer and dog sled throughout the islands, planting the seeds of the Orthodox Faith. He wrote the first book in the Aleutian language, *An Indication of the Pathway into the Kingdom of Heaven*. Fr. John also translated the Liturgy, a catechism, and portions of the Bible, into Aleut so the people would worship in their native tongue instead of Slavonic. In 1834, Fr. John and his family moved to Sitka. There he spent the next five years among the Tlingit Indians, once again teaching and translating the Gospel and the Liturgy into their local language.

In order to raise money for the Orthodox missionary work, Fr. John made and sold roll-organs (like

player-pianos). In 1836, he traveled to California and the Roman Catholic missions in San Rafael, San Jose, Santa Clara, and San Francisco to deliver the instruments. In 1838-39, he traveled back to Russia to apply in person for more help in evangelizing America. During the trip, he received word that his wife had died. The next year, and only after great pressure from the Metropolitan of Moscow, who assured him that his six children would be well cared for, Fr. John was tonsured a monk, taking the name Innocent. On September 27, 1841, Innocent was elected as America's first Orthodox bishop. The territory of his new diocese encompassed Alaska, the Pacific rim of Asia, Canada, and what would eventually become known as the "lower 48" United States. Bishop Innocent spent his time traveling from village to isolated village, teaching the Gospel. In 1848, St. Michael's Cathedral was built in Sitka, for which he made the tower clock. In 1850, he was ordered to reside in and administer his diocese from Yakutsk, in Siberia. Once again, upon arrival, with the aid of his eldest son, Gabriel, now a priest, he immediately began the task of



translating and preaching in the local language, so that the Siberians would not have to learn Russian or Slavonic to worship God.

In 1867, the year that the United States purchased Alaska from Russia, Archbishop Innocent was elected Metropolitan of Moscow, head of the entire Church of Russia. Now more than 70 years old and nearly blind from his travels over bright snow, he continued to work, establishing homes for orphans and widows, building schools, catechizing and baptizing literally many thousands of people. Metropolitan Innocent also had great vision for the Church in America. He suggested to the Holy Synod that the seat of the American diocese be moved from Sitka to San Francisco, that the bishop and clergy there be fluent in English, that American citizens be encouraged to enter the priesthood, and that the Divine Liturgy and other services be translated into English. At age 82, on Holy Saturday, March 31, 1879, Metropolitan Innocent went on to receive his heavenly reward. In 1977, the Holy Synod of the Church of Russia formally proclaimed him "Saint Innocent of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America." His feast day is commemorated on March 31.

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA

Jacob Netsvetov was born on the island of Atka, Alaska, in 1802. His father was a Russian, an employee of the Russian-American Trading Company, and his mother was a Native American. Raised in Irkutsk, Siberia, Jacob received a theological education. At age 23, he married a Russian woman from Siberia, named Anna. Three years later, he was ordained a priest and assigned to St. Nicholas parish on Atka, his birthplace. He was the first Native American Orthodox Christian to be ordained to the priesthood.

Father Jacob's parish territory consisted of a number of islands, spanning a total distance of 2,000 miles. He visited the islands regularly, ministering to the faithful and dispensing medicine. He established a school and, with the help of St. Innocent, Fr. Jacob developed a written form of the local Unangan language. He then translated the Scriptures and other writings into it. Most of the Islanders had already been introduced to the basics of Christianity and had been baptized by lay missionaries. It was Fr. Jacob's task to chrismate the people and to continue their Christian education. In his first year, he recorded that he had baptized 16, chrismated 442, married 53 couples, and buried 8.

Father Jacob kept a most interesting and valuable journal of his activities. For example, an excerpt of

his entry for November 26, 1842, reads: "On the occasion of the feast of St. Innocent of Irkutsk, I held the vigil. In the morning, prior to Liturgy, I baptized an infant born to a local Aleut a week ago. Then, all the children, boys and girls, were gathered in the chapel, and I spoke to them about God's love for people, especially for children.... Afterwards, I celebrated the Divine Liturgy, at which 50 adults who had come to confession were joined to the Holy Mysteries. Later on, I visited the cemetery and sang the requiem for all those who had died there since my last visit. The rest of my time was spent performing weddings.... After the services, I instructed the newlyweds on the meaning of marriage and the duties of husband and wife, respectively. Thus I concluded my activities there."



In 1844, St. Innocent appointed Father Jacob (now a widower) to the Kuskokwim/Yukon Delta region as a missionary priest. He spent the next twenty years ministering to and learning the languages of the Yup'ik Eskimos and Athabaskan Indians of this vast region of the southwest Alaska tundra.

Father Jacob fell asleep in the Lord on July 26, 1864, at the age of 62. He was glorified as "Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska" in 1994. His feast day is commemorated on July 26.

ST. NIKOLAI OF ZICHA

Nikola Velimirovich was born into a large peasant family in Lelich, Serbia, on December 23, 1880. After completing studies at the local schools, he went on to attend the St. Sava Theological Seminary in Belgrade, graduating in 1902. He received the first of many doctoral degrees in 1909 from the Theological Faculty in Bern, Switzerland. That year, he returned to Serbia and was tonsured a monk at the Monastery of Rakovica, receiving the name Nicholas. Shortly thereafter, he was ordained a priest and joined the faculty at the St. Sava Seminary. Fr. Nicholas went to England during World War I, where he lectured at Oxford University and received a doctorate in philosophy. Returning to Serbia in 1919, he was elected



bishop of the dioceses of Zica and Ochrid.

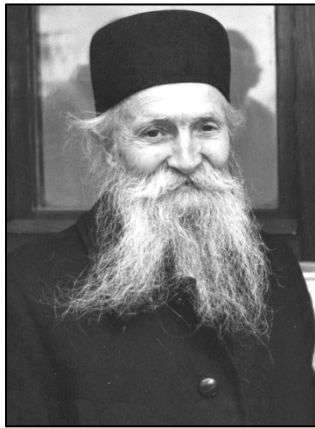
Bishop Nicholas came to America in 1921 and spent two years as a missionary, traveling extensively, establishing and administrating the Serbian Orthodox Diocese in the United States and Canada. He then returned to Serbia to care for the flocks of his own dioceses.

During World War II, the Nazis occupied Yugoslavia. They tortured and massacred hundreds of thousands of Orthodox Christians. Serbian Patriarch Gavrilo and Bishop Nicholas were sent to the infamous Dachau concentration camp. Bishop Nicholas, who was a spiritual man of prayer, remarked years later, "I tried the visualization of God's presence.

And as little as I succeeded, it helped me enormously to prevent me from sinning in freedom and from despairing in prison. If we kept the vision of the invisible God, we would be happier, wiser, and stronger in every walk of life." Having survived the war, Bishop Nicholas was prevented from returning to Yugoslavia by the communists.

Bishop Nicholas returned to America in 1946 as a refugee. He settled down at St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. He taught courses and soon became head of the Seminary, while also earning three more doctorates. He taught his courses in English, a bold step at the

time, which earned him the resentment of some of the other faculty members; but he insisted. When someone complained, he would reply, "You have learned and heard enough. It is time for the seminarians to learn something." Bishop Nicholas also received and corresponded with many spiritual children. He was loved and respected, and people eagerly sought his wise and insightful spiritual counsel. He knew each one's strengths and weaknesses. Bishop Nicholas fell asleep in the Lord on March 18, 1956. The local diocese glorified him as a saint in 1987.



THAT WE MUST ALWAYS GUARD THE 'ATMOSPHERE OF HEAVEN' WITHIN US

From Elder Thaddeus of Serbia (+2002)

"We can keep guard over the whole world by keeping guard over the atmosphere of heaven within us; for if we lose the Kingdom of Heaven, we will save neither ourselves nor others. He who has the Kingdom of God within himself will imperceptibly pass it on to others. People will be attracted to the peace and warmth in us; they will want to hear us, and the atmosphere of heaven will gradually pass on to them. It is not even necessary to speak to people about this. The atmosphere heaven will radiate from us even when we keep silent, or talk about ordinary things. It will radiate from us even though we may not be aware of it."

ANCIENT FAITH RADIO

New podcasts from Ancient Faith Radio at ancientfaith.com include:

- "Unraveling the Episcopal Assembly," an interview with Father Mark Arey, initial secretary of the North America Episcopal Assembly held in New York May 26-28, 2010, on the work of the gathering. Father Mark was one of very few non-bishops attending the Assembly.
- "Musing on Mission," an interview with Father Gabriel Rochelle, in which the planting of an Orthodox Christian mission in Las Cruces, NM is discussed. Father Gabriel also discusses the significance of the word "conversion" in the Orthodox Christian context.
- "No Regrets," a short podcast in which Frederica Matthewes-Green shares her thoughts on recognizing the sins in our lives that make our souls and even our bodies sick.

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O LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF GOD
HAVE MERCY ON ME A SINNER

