



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 4, 2015

### A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you!

### Sincere Appreciation

is expressed to Fr. Damian Dantinne who traveled from St. John's Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, DC to lead us in the Divine Liturgy in Fr. John's absence. We warmly welcome him and his Matushka, thanking him for celebrating the Liturgy with us today! May the Lord grant them many blessed years!



### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy; Coffee Hr.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

#### **Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council**

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy; Coffee Hr.



### 2016 Calendars & Pocket Planners

can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are \$5.00 apiece and the pocket planners \$4.00. The order sheet will be in the back of the church for the next month or so.

### 2015 Archdiocesan Assembly – November 14<sup>th</sup>

is to be held with on Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC. A lay delegate is needed to accompany the priest. If you have any interest, please let Fr. John know. Thank you!

### Safety First

Everyone is asked to be particularly attentive, especially in the parking lot and courtyard. Parents are asked to please stay with their children at all times or leave them in the supervision of another adult. First-aid boxes are available in both bathrooms.



### Parishioners That Are Home Bound

If you or a loved one cannot make it to Church, Fr. John would be more than pleased visit at your home, in the hospital, at a nursing home, or any other place. It is no inconvenience at all. Please be sure to schedule a visit.

### Church School

There are three classes offered for the age groups: 4-7, 8-12, and 13-21. The first two classes will be led by Alexis Oleynik and the third by Fr. John. Classes will meet once a month during the coffee hour. Appreciation is expressed to Alexis – may the Lord bless her!

### Our Website: Did You Know?

The Sunday bulletins and sermons, the monthly calendar, photos and news are available on our website: [orthodoxdelmarva.org](http://orthodoxdelmarva.org). Check it out!



### READER SCHEDULE



#### **Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Joanne Patrick

#### **Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Nicholas Borodulia

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 8/31/15				CASH FLOWS IN SEPTEMBER 2015				PROJECT CRAWLSPACE				FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 10/4			AS OF: 10/4		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
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## SAINT INNOCENT OF ALASKA (†1879)

Commemorated October 6<sup>th</sup>

Saint Innocent first arrived in America in 1821. Fr. John Veniaminov, as he was then known, had made the grueling 2200-mile journey from his home deep in Siberia together with his mother, his wife Elizabeth, their infant son Innocent, and his brother Stephan. There on desolate and wind-swept Unalaska Island, over a period of ten years the Veniaminovs were bitterly tried and ultimately found equal to all the challenges and privations which nature and a truly "frontier" life could throw against them.

A man of prodigious physical and mental strength, massively built and a natural jack-of-all-trades (carpenter, joiner, stone mason, clock-maker, naturalist, meteorologist, navigator and much more), Fr. John Veniaminov built or supervised the building virtually from nothing of everything his family and his village would need, including housing and a school—but first of all, a church. Dedicated to the deep and thorough Christianization of the souls entrusted to his care, he quickly mastered the difficult Aleut language, taught his people to read, and in time provided them a rich legacy of Christian literature in their own tongue. He translated the Gospel and catechism for them and went on to write the first original composition in their language, his remarkable Indication of the Pathway into the Kingdom of Heaven. In the course of his work he made ethnological and other scientific observations which still underlie much of the scholarly studies of the region. Furthermore, in yearly travels in frail native kayaks over long stretches of frigid ocean waters he placed his safety and comfort below his concern for the most isolated members of his flock, and even those who technically were not yet numbered among his flock. Above and beyond the call of duty, so to speak, he planted the precious seed of faith throughout the island district of Alaska.

In the end these labors took their toll. The contemporary reference to Fr. Veniaminov as a "Paul Bunyan in a cassock" indicates more the strength of his spirit than of his body, for long trips with his legs held immobile in frigid waters crippled them within a few years, and when he felt that he would no longer be able to adequately perform all the functions his ministry in the islands required, he asked with great sorrow to move on to a physically less demanding job in Sitka. There, in the capital city of Russian America he began the more challenging and difficult task of evangelizing the ever-hostile Tlingit Indians while continuing to polish his Aleut writings. Five more years thus passed before Fr. Veniaminov left Alaska in order to personally supervise publication of his works in Russia.

Extensive travel can surely be said to be a mark of "modern man," and St. Innocent certainly did his share. Having sent the rest of his family home to Irkutsk to await his return, he set sail with his youngest daughter on a round-the-world voyage which touched ashore at Honolulu, Tahiti, and Rio de Janeiro en route to St. Petersburg.

In the Russian capital, while awaiting permission to publish his theological works, Fr. Veniaminov received word from Siberia that his wife had died. His shock and grief passed long before his concern for his orphaned children, and it was only after their care and education was guaranteed by the tsar himself that his own future as a missionary could be arranged. He accepted monastic tonsure and was preparing to return to his work in Sitka when a surprise call to an even higher ministry came. On December 15, 1840, he was consecrated "Bishop of Kamchatka, the Aleutian and Kuril Islands," and on September 26, 1841, America met its first Orthodox hierarch.

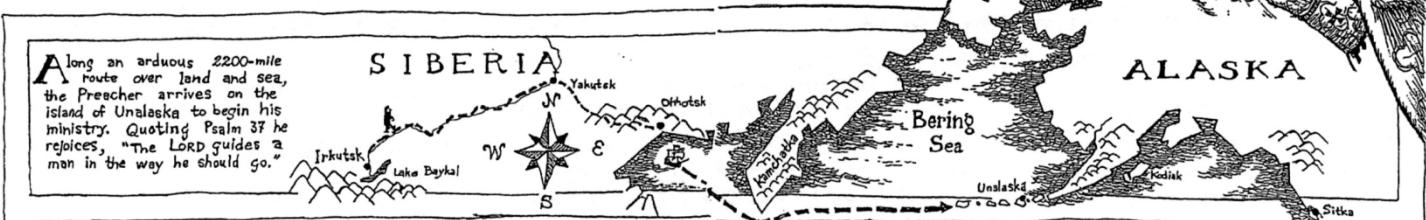
Even then, at age 45 and in a new, exalted rank, he shunned all comfort and decorum to oversee personally the life of his far-flung diocese. By ship, by kayak, by dogsled, on the backs of reindeer and even bulls, he made his way, village by isolated village, among the people. And, as Russia's territorial holdings along the Pacific seaboard continued to grow, so did the size of Innocent's diocese, bringing under his spiritual care peoples of new languages and customs. He continued to use his financial prowess, and whenever necessary his own hands and talents, to overcome the limitations which nature and government policies placed upon the region in order to further the spiritual and material well-being of his flock. His pace never slackened until he was well into his sixties. Then, only because blindness threatened to make him—he felt—a



burden upon his flock, he made plans to retire quietly to a monastery in the capital. This, however, was not the will of God for him, for in 1868 the aged hierarch was appointed to the ancient see of Moscow as successor to his friend, the great Metropolitan Philaret.

The eleven years which St. Innocent spent in Moscow—where such elements of the "modern world" as rail transportation, anesthetic surgery and photography were gaining increasing prominence—were, amazingly, among his most fruitful for America. He supervised and guided the establishment of an independent see in San Francisco and founded the Orthodox Missionary Society, whose chapters throughout Russia provided for the financial needs of his former flock. By the time he died in 1879, St.

Innocent had laid the cornerstone for the Orthodox Church in America, financially (until, 1917) through his Society, and ideologically by his declaration in 1867 that as a mission to bring the Truth of Christ to all the peoples of America it should evolve into an English-speaking body, train English-speaking clergy, translate the service books into the



## ON LONGING FOR GOD

By Fr. John Breck

Within the depths of every human being there exists an insatiable longing for God. This is an inner force, a holy desire or yearning, that can move us out of the torpor of our daily life and lift us to a painful yet sublime level of being... The tragedy of our life lies in our constant temptation to lose the focus of that longing and to desire something less than God... The longing itself becomes perverted, twisted into a self-serving drive for something that will satisfy the corrupted passions rather than nourish the hungry soul... Partial fulfillment does come in the form of gratifying personal relationships and accomplishments. We find satisfaction and pleasure in family, friends and enjoyable activities, yet even there, the pleasure and sense of fulfillment are diminished by a terrible yearning. We are consumed by a burning desire for something more, something that touches our heart, something of ineffable beauty that creates in us a response of pure joy.



## OCTOBER CONGRATULATIONS!



### Birthdays:

- 10/2 Bruce John Eckerd
- 10/8 Maleah Morsey
- 10/9 Deborah Wilson
- 10/13 Catherine Lupiwok
- Maksim Oganyan
- 10/25 Sava Cook
- 10/28 Alan Royal
- 10/29 Nicholas Evanusa

### Namesdays:

- 10/1 St. Romanos the Melodist
- Rob Barbarita
- 10/6 St. Innocent of Alaska
- Fr. John Parsells
- 10/9 St. Athanasia
- Deborah Wilson
- 10/23 St. James
- Alan Royal
- 10/26 St. Demetrios
- Dzmitry Lobach
- 10/28 Hieromartyr Cyriacus
- Dominic Morsey

### Anniversaries:

- 10/13 Joanne & Tony Patrick
- 10/26 Gerald & Camelia Milite

*Corrections? Please see Fr. John!*