

*Yakov Netsvetov  
Great Martyr  
Panteleimon*

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*2 Timothy 2:1-10  
Matthew 9:27-35*

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*Homily by  
Dn. Joseph Ray*

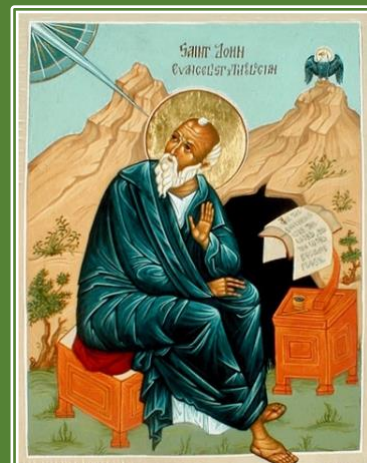
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Russell Clodfelter*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Clodfelter / Terrell*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

## *Weekly Bulletin*

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*Sunday, July 27, 2025  
And the Days Following*  
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*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

### *Parish Events and News*

## **EAGLE RIVER INSTITUTE 2025**

**Register Online for Eagle River Institute Meals and Childcare  
PLEASE REGISTER THIS WEEK**

Please visit the Eagle River Institute website to register for this year's Institute: [LINK](#)

### **Schedule**

<b>Thursday, July 31</b> 7:15pm – Paraklesis	<b>Monday, August 4</b> 5:00 – 6:30pm – Nicole Roccas 4 Meal following 7:30 – 9:00pm – Philip Mamalakis 4
<b>Friday, August 1</b> 5:00 – 6:30pm – Nicole Roccas 1 Meal following 7:30 – 9:00pm – Philip Mamalakis 1	<b>Tuesday, August 5</b> 9:00 Matins for the Forefeast of Transfiguration at Saint Sergius Chapel 6:15pm – Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>Saturday, August 2</b> 9:30 – 11:00am – Nicole Roccas 2 Break with snack 11:30am – 1:00pm – Philip Mamalakis 2 7:15pm – Great Vespers	<b>Wednesday, August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration</b>
<b>Sunday, August 3</b> 9:15am - Matins; 10:00am - Divine Liturgy 3:00pm - 4:30pm – Nicole Roccas 3 Break with snack 5:00pm - 6:30pm – Philip Mamalakis 3	<b>August 7-9</b> Annual Pilgrimage to Kodiak and Spruce Island – OCA Alaska Diocese

## Church Email for Bulletin Announcements

The email for Bulletin Announcements is [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org). The church no longer uses our old AOL email. Many of you are still using the old email and announcements are not getting read in time. And remember announcements need to be submitting no later than 9am on Fridays. *Thank you-Church Office*



### *Coffee Hour This Sunday - July 27, 2025 Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Clodfelter / Terrell**

*Snacks:* Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Dougherty, Fr. M & Kh. Betsy Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Goetz, Hightower, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, I. Temple, Terrell, Van Dyke, Webster

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*Next Sunday - ERI - No Coffee Hour*

## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **"Checking In" with Each Other**

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)

### **Meet Will, Virginia, Son Dimitri and Newborn Alice Oliveria**

Some of you may have already met Will and Virginia Oliveria. They have a young son, Dimitri and late Saturday night, Virginia gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Alice Magdalene.

Virginia's friend has already set up a meal train for them so if you are able to bring a meal, it would be appreciated! They are located in Wasilla. Thank you!

[Link for the Meal Train](#)



### **Volunteer Drivers are Needed for Oksana Artz to Come to Church**

Drivers are needed for Oksana to attend church with us each Sunday - hope you could help. Please email Dn. Kevin or text him at 907-947-5345 for any Sunday that you could volunteer. Please see the days of needed rides. **August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24 and August 31.**

## *Dates to Remember*

### *Birthdays This Week*

July 27 - Hannah Hanna  
July 30 - Barbara Parker

July 31 - Marielle Drennan

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



### *Anniversaries This Week*



Keith & Anna Haley - July 26 1981  
Bruce & Monica Johnson - July 28, 1991  
Will & Liz Klatt - July 27, 2008

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Oksana Artz*

*Sylvia Villafana*

*Helen Gillquist*

*We continue to pray for all those suffering in Ukraine  
and for all those suffering in Israel and Gaza, for a quick end to  
war and for peace*

### *Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month*



- \* Presbyter Daniel Arthur Ryan - July 7, 1984
- \* Theodore Max Wells - July 14, 2009
- \* Marlene Faye Dyal - July 24, 2005
- \* Robert (Nicholas) Guio - July 27, 2024

*M E M O R Y   E T E R N A L !*

### *Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month*

For the Month of **August** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, August 23.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## THE SYNAXARION

### Yakov Netsvetov – July 26



On July 26, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Priest Yakov Netsvetov, enlightener of the peoples of Alaska.

Yakov was born in 1802, on the tip of the Aleutian Islands in Atka from a Russian father and an Aleut mother. He was well educated, went to seminary in Russia, married a Russian woman and was ordained into the priesthood in 1828. One year later he was appointed to serve the church back in Atka as the first native-born priest to serve in Alaska, being assigned almost 2,000 miles of the Aleutian Chain.

He visited the islands regularly administering the sacraments and caring for the people. Father Yakov chrismated many of the native people and helped to deepen their understanding and commitment to the Gospel. He built several churches and chapels in their villages.

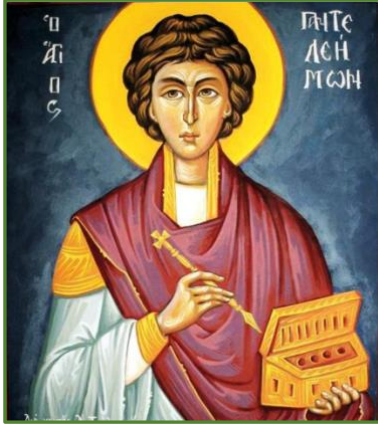
After his beloved wife, Anna, died in 1836, Bishop Innocent arrived and revealed the Savior's true plan for his life: to preach Christ to those deep in the Alaskan interior and he was assigned to serve as a missionary in the Yukon-Kuskokwim area of Alaska. This area differed from the Aleutians since these native people had not been exposed to the Christian faith. Further, the natives did not always welcome the missionary and many of the tribes were enemies of each other. Despite these hardships, along with the harsh climate and limited supplies, Fr. Yakov was able to take the gospel hundreds of miles up and down the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers baptizing, chrismating, marrying and ministering to the native converts.

The years of hardships and malnourishment took a toll on Fr. Yakov's health. His journal mentions days spent in bed, conducting what services he could in his cabin. Despite his poor health and the terrible weather, Fr. Yakov served at Russian Mission for another fifteen years, where he baptized all the people of that village. A church was built and Fr. Yakov carved the iconostasis and painted some of the icons himself. In 1863, he was called to Sitka and served a short time as the dean of the cathedral almost blind and in poverty. He died there on July 26, 1864, and was buried at the entrance to Holy Trinity Church.

Fr. Yakov was priest, teacher, pastor, apostle, scholar, iconographer, missionary, and physician in his service to God and the people of Alaska. Despite his own physical weakness and the personal tragedies that befell him, he persevered with faith, hope, love and most remarkably, joy.



## Panteleimon, Great-Martyr & Healer – July 27



On July 27, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon.

### *Verses*

*The blood of your head was mingled with milk, O Martyr,  
For whose sake Christ once shed His Blood mingled with water.  
The blade was Panteleimon's lot on the twenty-seventh.*

Panteleimon means “all merciful” in Greek. He was born in Nicomedia, in the third century of a Christian mother, Eubula, and a pagan father, Eustorgius. As a young man he studied medicine. The priest, Hermolaus, invited Panteleimon to be with him, taught him the faith of Christ and baptized him. Panteleimon miraculously cured a blind man by the power of Christ whom the other doctors treated in vain. The blind man was later martyred, and we also commemorate him today. Out of envy the doctors accused Panteleimon of being a Christian and he was sent before the Emperor Maximian to stand trial. Before the emperor, he freely declared that he was a Christian and that he also healed a long-time paralytic. This miracle drew many pagans to the Christian faith. Sentenced to death, Panteleimon knelt for prayer. At that same moment the executioner struck him on the neck with a sword, but the sword broke. The executioner was unable to execute him until the saint completed his prayer and until Panteleimon allowed him to behead him, which he then did. His relics possessed the ability to heal. Panteleimon is invoked in prayers at the time of the “Blessing of Waters” at Epiphany, and in the blessing of the holy oils used in the “The Sacrament of Holy Unction,” together with Hermolaus and the other unmercenary saints and wonderworkers.

On this day, we also commemorate Clement of Ochrid, bishop of greater Macedonia; Angelar, Gorazd, Nahum and Sabbas, disciples of Cyril and Methodios.

By the intercessions of Your saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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