

*Paraskeva of Rome  
Yakov Netsvetov*

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*Galatians 3:23-4:5  
Matthew 14:14-22*

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*Homily by  
Protodn. Pat Lamb*

*Epistle Reader:  
Steve Templeton*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Dn. J & D Ray  
Sbdn. S. Alvarez*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

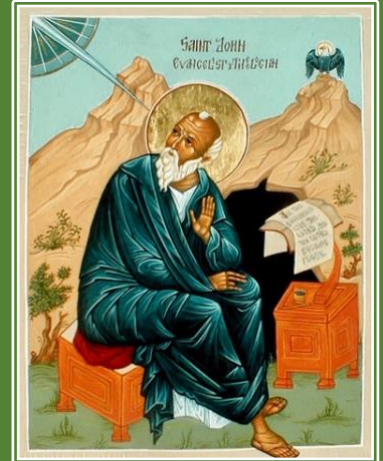
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## *Weekly Bulletin*

### *Sunday, July 26, 2026*

### *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 2026**

#### **Overall Title for 2026: How We Live**

#### **Register Online for Eagle River Institute Meals and Childcare**

Please visit the Eagle River Institute website to register for this year's Institute:

[ERI Registration 2026](#)

#### **Schedule**

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| <b>Friday, July 31</b><br>7:15pm – Paraklesis                                                                                                                                            | <b>Tuesday, August 4</b><br>5-6:30pm – Dr. Irina Paert<br>Meal following<br>7:30-9pm – Dr. Perry Hamalis & Dr. Gayle Woloschak                          |
| <b>Saturday, August 1 – Dormition Fast Begins</b><br>9:30-11am – Dn. Perry Hamalis & Dr. Gayle Woloschak<br>Break with snack<br>11:30am– 1pm – Dr. Irina Paert<br>7:15pm – Great Vespers | <b>Wednesday, August 5</b><br>9:00 Matins at Saint Sergius Chapel<br>6:15pm – Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord |
| <b>Sunday, August 2</b><br>9:15am – Matins, 10am – Divine Liturgy<br>3-4:30pm – Dn. Perry Hamalis & Dr. Gayle Woloschak<br>Break with snack<br>5-6:30pm – Dr. Irina Paert                | <b>Thursday, August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration</b>                                                                                                |
| <b>Monday, August 3</b><br>5-6:30pm – Dr. Irina<br>Meal following<br>7:30-9pm – Dn. Perry Hamalis & Dr. Gayle Woloschak                                                                  | <b>August 7-9</b><br>Annual Pilgrimage to Kodiak and Spruce Island – OCA Alaska Diocese                                                                 |



## *Coffee Hour This Sunday - July 26, 2026 Group John (4) - Fourth Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Ray / S. Alvarez**

*Snacks:* J. Alvarez, S. Alvarez, Arvidson, Burton, Cooley, Dougherty, FrM & KhB Dunaway, Goetz, Gresset, Haines, Hawi, D & S Ihde, M Johnson, Keener, Kies, Macalino, Mason, Minea, J Northey, Parker, DnJ & D Ray, Schlicting, Sparks, J. Stiehr, Templeton, Van Dyke, Watson

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***Next Sunday – No Coffee Hour – due to Eagle River Institute***

*Notes from Jennifer Gillquist:*

*Coffee hour hosts:*

*If you cannot host on your assigned Sunday, please find your own replacement then let me know of the change. We have been running out of coffee on Sunday, please check the levels and replenish as needed.*

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## *St. James House Weekly News*



**St. James House Café**  
**Come Sit and Enjoy a Cup of Coffee and**  
**Catch Up with Friends**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am to 9am**

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## *Dates to Remember*

### *Birthdays This Week*

July 27 - Hannah Hanna  
July 30 - Barbara Parker

July 31 - Marielle Drennan

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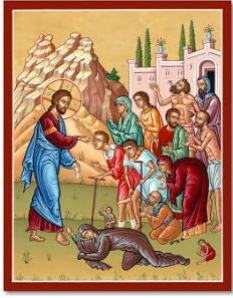
### *Anniversaries This Week*

Keith & Anna Haley - July 26, 1981

Will & Liz Klatt - July 27, 2008

Raymond & Cecilia Scherer - July 29, 2018

**M A N Y   Y E A R S !**



### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Jennifer Saur  
Sam Stogsdill  
Travis Cook  
Maris Kelly*

*Sylvia Villafana  
Matt Komar  
Ben Polson*

*For those suffering from the devastation of war*

### *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 Guio - July 27, 2024

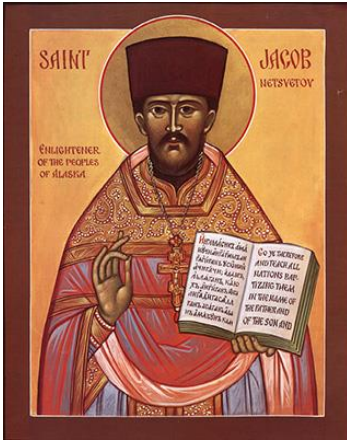
*M E M O R Y   E T E R N A L !*

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

For the Month of **August** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, August 22.** 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.

## Paraskeva of Rome – July 26



On July 26, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we also commemorate the holy Righteous Martyr of Christ, Paraskeva of Rome.

### *Verses*

*O modest maid, you purified yourself through contests  
As a habitation prepared for God.*

Born in Rome of Christian parents, Paraskeva was brought up from her earliest youth in the Christian faith and gave herself wholeheartedly to the fulfilling of God's commandments in her life. When her parents died, Paraskeva gave all her goods away to the poor and received the monastic habit. As a nun, she preached the truth of Christ with ever more burning zeal, neither hiding from anyone nor fearing persecution. Paraskeva was brought to trial before the Emperor Antoninus then ordered a white-hot helmet placed on her head. But God miraculously saved her and she escaped and left Rome. She began again to go from city to city to bring the pagans to the true faith. In two more cities she was brought before princes and judges and tortured for her Lord. On these occasions she performed great miracles by the power of God and quickly recovered from her wounds. The pagans ascribed her recovery to the power and mercy of their gods. But Paraskeva said to the prince who was torturing her: "It is not your gods, O Prince, who heal me but my Christ, the true God." She was finally beheaded by Prince Tarasius. She suffered for Christ in the second century and received her heavenly reward.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates of Nicomedia; Venerable Gerontios, first settler of St. Anne Skete on Athos; Moses the Hungarian; and Sabbas III, archbishop of Serbia; By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.

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