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We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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Lord, I Call

(Tone 6) Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee, hear me O Lord! Let my prayer arise, in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands, be an evening sacrifice, hear me O Lord!

(10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ, since Thou art free among the dead, Thou didst ascend the Cross raising with Thyself those who sat in the shades of death. Drawing life from Thy light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

(9) The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Today Christ tramples on death, for He is risen as He said! Let us all sing this song, for He has granted joy to the world: O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life! O Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!

(8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Where shall we sinners flee from Thee, Who art in all creation? In heaven Thou dwellest! In hell Thou didst trample on death! In the depths of the sea? Even there is Thy hand, O Master! To Thee we flee, and falling before Thee, we pray: O Thou who didst rise from the dead, have mercy on us!

(7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

In Thy Cross, we glory, O Christ. We sing and glorify Thy Resurrection. For Thou art our God, and we know no other than Thee.

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Tone 6 (to St. Jacob) *(Having placed all their hope)*

Rejoice, O Alaska, and exult, O North America, for a lamp bearing the Light of the Sun of Righteousness has gloriously appeared in you! Father Jacob, wise in God, who enlightened the northern lands with the joyous message of the Gospel of Christ, now shines forth in all the world. Therefore we sing praises to Christ, Who is wondrous in His saints.

(5) For Thy name's sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

O you lovers of the feasts, let us hasten together to honor the righteous Jacob, who poured out his life for the Church! In countless sorrows and afflictions and in pain and deprivation, he bore all things, as the Apostles of old. We celebrate thy memory, O saint chosen by God as a help to those in distress, Jacob our Father.

(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Like the Patriarch Jacob of old, our holy Father Jacob fled from the comforts of this life and was granted a vision. A ladder from heaven appeared in the wilds of Alaska that the people might ascend to God. With patience and love and the labor of many years, he obtained the longed-for Bride: the Holy Church of Christ, shining forth in his native land. Therefore we cry aloud to Him: "O holy Father Jacob, entreat the Lord for us that our souls may be saved!"

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

The Holy Prophet Moses raised up a tabernacle on Mount Horeb, and there he spoke with God face to face, as one might speak with a friend. The righteous Jacob pitched a tent in the Alaskan wilderness, where he celebrated the mysteries of Christ for the sanctification of the faithful.

(2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Tone 2 *(for St. Jacob)* *(Alaskan Melody)*

Born on the remote island of Atka, thou wast called to become a witness to Christ, not by the glorious path of martyrdom, but by humbly accepting the divine call to enter the holy priesthood, preaching, healing, counseling, praying to God and tending thy flock for forty years in the Alaskan wilderness.

(1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

As a missionary teacher of the Atkan Aleuts, thou didst translate the Word of God and didst found schools for them, continuing the missionary efforts of the Holy Hierarch Innocent. Following his example, thou didst journey to remote lands, bringing the Gospel to the Yup'iks and Athabascans, baptizing them to love and unity in Christ, sanctifying them and bestowing the blessings of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 3 *(for St. Jacob)*

Today the assembly of the faithful rejoices in the memory of our Father Jacob, the boast of Alaska and glory of priests, wise preacher of the Gospel of Christ, sure pillar of the Church, fellow citizen with the Angels, equal of the Apostles and Prophets. O holy Jacob, blessed Father, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin? Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing? The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father, but from thee He was ineffably incarnate. God by nature, yet Man for our sake, not two persons, but one known in two natures. Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady, to have mercy on our souls!

Aposticha

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, the Angels in heaven sing! Enable us on earth to glorify Thee in purity of heart!

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Destroying the gates of hell, breaking the chains of death, Thou didst resurrect the fallen human race as almighty God! O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to thee!

For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

Desiring to return us to Paradise, Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb. The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying, "Woe to us, O Savior! How dost Thou deign to descend to death? What place can hold Thy life bearing body? Come to us as Thou didst promise! Take away our wailing and tears!" Then the Angel appeared to them: "Stop your lamentations! Go, proclaim to the Apostles: 'The Lord is risen, granting us purification and great mercy!'"

Holiness befitteTh Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

Having been crucified as Thou didst will, by Thy burial Thou didst capture death, O Christ, rising on the third day as God in glory, granting the world unending life and great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 2 *(for St. Jacob)*

○ Father Jacob, thou hast been revealed as a true lover of Christ, as a faithful servant at the Altar; and as a priest of the Lord, an instructor in prayer and perseverance, an intercessor for the Old World and the New. Pray for peace and great mercy for our souls!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 *(Theotokion)*

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles! Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man, who carried in her arms her Creator? This birth is the will of God! Since thou didst carry Him as an infant in thine arms, ○ most pure one, and since thou dost possess motherly boldness before Him, do not cease praying for us who honor thee, that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

Troparia

Tone 6 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. ○ Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 4 **Troparion** *(St. Jacob) (Alaskan Melody)*

○ 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: ○ Holy Father Jacob, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity, unknown even by Angels, through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth: God incarnate by union without confusion. He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us, by which He resurrected the first-created man, saving our souls from death.

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers at the Divine Liturgy for the Health of the Servants of God:

Igumen David Lewis

Archbishop David Mahaffey

Archpriests: Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

Priests: Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

Matushki: Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Jennifer Bzik, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, David Gowarty, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Greg Konsevitch, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pfeiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, John Uzick, Irene Witaneck

Child of God: Emily Estrin

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.