

Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:**For the Health of:**

MaryAnn Kuzemchak offered by her family

Maribeth and **Andrew** on their anniversary, offered by the Romanofsky family

Elizabeth Zimmerman on her 20th Birthday, offered by her family

Luba Bodulow on her birthday, offered by her family

Readings: **Romans 15:1-7** (7th Sunday after Pentecost)

[Philippians 3:7-14](#) (St. Jacob)

Matthew 9:27-35 (7th Sunday after Pentecost)

[Mark 10:29-31, 42-45](#) (St. Jacob)

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page nynjoca.org has online services for viewing.

Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)

Church School

Church School has ended for the school year.

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

Announcement:

- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:**
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
 The parish still needs to pay its bills.
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.

Reminders:

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org (there is no longer a signup sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer in time to get it into the bulletin.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

Rest of Saint Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska:

Saint Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of Alaska, was a native of the Aleutian Islands who became a priest of the Orthodox Church and continued the missionary work of St. Innocent among his and other Alaskan people. His feast day is celebrated on the day of his repose, July 26.

*Holy Father Jacob,
teacher of the knowledge of God,
you revealed your love for your people,
taking up your cross and following Christ,
enduring hardships like the apostle Paul.
Pray on our behalf to Christ our God
to grant us great mercy!*

Kontakion – Tone 3

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/07/26>

July 10, 2020 - Statement on the Tragic Conversion of Hagia Sophia from Museum to Mosque:

We, the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, protest the decision of the civil courts in Turkey, as well as the clear direction of their government, to re-convert Hagia Sophia into a mosque. As citizens of the United States of America, we implore our government to intervene for the reversal of this decision. Furthermore, we urge the Turkish government to return to the status quo whereby Hagia Sophia remains a museum, respecting both its origins and history.

By contrast, this unilateral action denies the universal vocation of this holy and sacred place. Hagia Sophia belongs to the whole of humanity as a World Heritage Site. Built in 537 AD during the reign of Emperor Justinian, it has been, for more than a millennium, a place of rich cultural and spiritual inspiration for all.

We are particularly concerned about the negative effects such a change will have on religious pluralism in Turkey, as well as on the relations among nations and between faith-based organizations. We call on the international community to invite the Turkish authorities to revise their decision, affording all people the opportunity to continue enjoying the full and rich history and beauty of this outstanding landmark. This unique Christian monument should remain open to all as a sign of co-existence and peace among all peoples of good will.

Please check the website of our Diocese:

<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

<https://www.oca.org/>

and our website:

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/>

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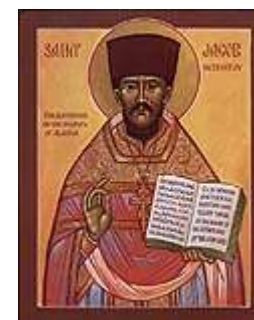
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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

**Rest of Saint Jacob Netsvetov,
Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska**

*Righteous Father Jacob,
adornment of Atka and the Yukon delta, offspring of Russian America,
flower of brotherly unity, healer of sickness, and terror of demons
you offered yourself as a living sacrifice
to bring light to a searching people.
Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!*

Troparion – Tone 4

Today the Church remembers:

Rest of St. Jacob (Netsvetov), Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska (1864) •
Hieromartyr Hermolaus and Martyrs Hermippus and Hermocrates at Nicomedia (ca. 305) • Ven. Moses the Hungarian, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1043) •
Martyr Parasceva of Rome (2nd c.) • Ven. Gerontius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos) •
The “EMVOLON” Icon of the Mother of God in Constantinople

July 26, 2020

**7th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

Tone 6 of the Octoechos