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Different Centuries and Continents but the Same Goal

This week the church celebrates two saints with different life circumstances but a shared determination to serve God's people in a particular way. On Thursday we remember Saint Jacob, Enlightener of the Alaskan Peoples. Saint Clement of Ochrid is remembered on Friday. A thousand years earlier, he helped people in Eastern Europe understand their faith by doing some of the same things Saint Jacob would do in North America in the nineteenth century.

Saint Clement was born in 840. He was a disciple of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and took part in their mission to Moravia. Like his great teachers, he wanted the Slavic people to hear the Liturgy and read Scripture in their own language. But serious opposition came in the form of the German missionaries in Moravia, who with the Pope's support insisted that services be in Latin. Clement was imprisoned, ill-treated, and expelled from the country. He reached Bulgaria, and was welcomed as a teacher and a man able to enlighten the people. He opened schools, translated needed texts, and trained many priests. After being consecrated a bishop, his health failing, he finally retired to a monastery in Ochrid which he had founded. Clement was the first hierarch of Bulgaria to preach, write and serve in the people's own language.

Saint Jacob (Netsvetov) was born in the Aleutian Islands in 1802. He attended seminary in Russia. After graduating, marrying, and being ordained a priest, he urgently wanted to return to Alaska, and did so in 1828. Once there, Father Jacob faced a huge task, being responsible for an area that spread out

Intercessory Prayers

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, and we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Please keep in your prayers our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Genevieve Bobenko, Michael Bzik, Andrew & Dorothy Fabian, Mary Hadginske, Barbara Kary, Helen Kurnewitz, Kathleen Lazarczyk, Dennis Maixner, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabakozi, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Stagen, Eva Stashitsky.

over several islands in the Bering Sea. But despite exhaustion and the harsh climate, within six months of his arrival he had recorded over 400 chrismations, plus baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

In 1836, tragedy struck the priest hard. His wife and father died, and the family house was destroyed by fire. But with the support of his bishop, St. Innocent, he carried on. Like Saint Clement, his chief concern was that people should hear and understand the Liturgy and Scripture in their own languages. He invented two alphabets, translated, and personally taught his people. Later in life he traveled hundreds of miles to minister to families living along the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

St. Jacob also shared with St. Clement the experience of being badly treated by those who feared his influence. In 1863 he was the victim of false but ugly accusations, and though he was completely cleared, his already-failing health was further undermined, and he died a year later.

Many of us take for granted having the Bible and worship services in our own language. But two saints we remember this week contended with huge difficulties to achieve that goal. Fortunately for us, they didn't let hardships or fierce opposition deter them. No doubt they rejoice when we honor their work by being faithful in church attendance and the reading of Scripture.

Birthday Greetings

Happy birthday to **Helen Baron**, who celebrates her birthday today; **Kathy Petrow**, this Tuesday; **Brielle Hope Anderson**, this Wednesday; and **Austin Christopher Anderson**, this Friday. May God grant all of you, and all who celebrate a birthday this week good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnohaja Lita!



Congratulation

Our heartfelt wishes to the newlyweds **Daria Kibitelsky & John Zawisa**, who united their lives in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony yesterday. May God bless both of you with abundant health, peace and prosperity for Many Years to come! Mnohaya Lita!

Announcements

◆ Save the date: **2018 Church School Workshop** for NY and NJ Deaneries is planned for **Saturday, August 25** at Christ the Saviour Church, in Paramus from **10AM - 2PM**. For more information and to register please see a flyer at the bulletin board or visit our Diocesan website: nynjoca.org

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.



July 22, 2018

Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah
(Commemorated July 20)

- **8:45am** – Hours
- **9:00am** – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: 1Cor. 1:10-18
James 5:10-20 (Prophet)
Gospel: Mt. 14:14-22
Lk. 4:22-30 (Prophet)
- **Panikhida** in memory of **Michael Hilko**, on the 43rd Anniversary of his Repose
- **Coffee Hour** – everyone is invited for fellowship following the service

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, JULY 28

6:00pm - Great Vespers followed by
General Confession

SUNDAY, JULY 29

9:00am - Divine Liturgy