

## **The 26<sup>th</sup> Day of July**

✙ **The Commemoration of St. Jacob (Yakov) Netsvetov, Enlightener of Alaska.**

### **Great Vespers**

After the Introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Kathisma.

**At “Lord, I call...,” 8 stichera,**

**Six stichera in Tone 6: *To the melody, “Having set all aside...”***

**R**ejoice, Alaska and North America, /  
For our divinely-wise father Jacob hath gloriously appeared in you, /  
As a bright star bearing the Light of the Sun of Righteousness /  
Enlightening all the northern lands /  
With the joyous message of the Gospel of Christ, /  
And shining down upon all the world. ///  
Therefore, we sing the praises of Christ, who is wondrous in His saints. *(twice)*

**L**et us hasten, O ye lovers of the feasts of the Church, /  
To honor our righteous father Jacob /  
Who poured out his whole life for the Church /  
In countless sorrows and afflictions /  
And in pain and deprivations /  
He bore his burdens as did the apostles of old. /  
Therefore we celebrate the memory, of the holy one chosen by God, ///  
As a helper to those in distress. *(twice)*

**L**ike the patriarch Jacob of old /  
Our holy father Jacob fled the comforts of this life /  
And was granted the vision of a ladder descending from heaven in the wilds of  
Alaska /  
That the people there might ascend to God. /  
And with love and patience and the labor of many years /  
He obtained the Holy Church of Christ as his longed-for bride /  
That now shines brightly in his native land. /  
Therefore, we cry aloud to him: /  
O our holy father Jacob, ///  
Pray Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**The holy prophet Moses /**

Raised up a tabernacle on Mount Horeb /  
 And there he spoke with God as with a friend; /  
 The righteous father Jacob raised up a tent /  
 In the Alaskan wilderness /  
 Where he celebrated the Mysteries of Christ ///  
 For the sanctification of the faithful.

**And two stichera in Tone 2:**

**B**orn on the remote island of Atka /  
 And called to become a witness to Christ /  
 Not by the glorious path of martyrdom, /  
 But by humbly accepting the divine call to the holy priesthood. /  
 Thou didst spend forty years in the Alaskan wilderness ///  
 Preaching, healing, counseling, praying to God and tending thy flock.

**M**issionary teacher of the Atkan Aleuts /  
 Thou didst translate the Word of God and built them schools, /  
 And continuing the missionary labors of the holy hierarch Innocent /  
 Thou didst follow his example and journeyed to distant lands, /  
 Bringing the Gospel to the Yup'ik and the Athabascan people, /  
Baptizing them into the love and unity of Christ, ///  
 Sanctifying them and bestowing upon them the blessings of peace.

**Glory..., in Tone 3:**

**T**oday the assembly of the faithful /  
 Rejoices in the memory of our father Jacob, /  
 The boast of all Alaska and the glory of priests, /  
 Wise preacher of the Gospel of Christ, /  
 The strong pillar of the Church, /  
 Fellow-citizen with the angels of heaven, /  
 Equal of the apostles and the prophets. /  
 O holy Jacob, our blessed father, ///  
 Entreat Christ our God to save our souls.

**Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**H**ow shall we but marvel at thy divine human giving of birth /  
 Most Holy Virgin? /  
 For without knowing a man /  
 Thou gavest birth to a fatherless son in the flesh, O most pure Virgin. /

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA

The Son born of the Father before eternity /  
Was born of thee in the fullness of time /  
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division /  
But preserved the fullness of each nature. /  
Entreat Him to save the souls, O Lady and Virgin and Mother, /  
Of those who confess thee in an Orthodox manner ///  
To be the Theotokos.

*Or, on Friday or Saturday Evening, the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week.*

**The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the day.**

**Three Readings:**

**The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon: (5:15 - 6:3)**

<sup>5:15</sup> **B**ut the righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High. <sup>16</sup>Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand; for with His right hand shall He cover them, and with His arm shall He protect them. <sup>17</sup>He shall take to him His zeal for complete armor and make the creation His weapon for revenge upon his enemies. <sup>18</sup>He shall put on righteousness as a breastplate and indifferent judgment instead of a helmet. <sup>19</sup>He shall take holiness for an invincible shield. <sup>20</sup>His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword, and the creation shall fight with him against the unwise. <sup>21</sup>Then shall the right aiming

thunderbolts go abroad; and from the clouds, as from a well-drawn bow, shall they fly to the mark. <sup>22</sup>And hailstones full of wrath shall be cast out as a stone bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them. <sup>23</sup>Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away; thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty. <sup>6:1</sup>Hear therefore, O ye kings, and understand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth. <sup>2</sup>Give ear, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations. <sup>3</sup>For power is given to you of the Lord, and sovereignty from the Highest

**The Reading from the First General Epistle of John (4:1-6):**

<sup>4:1</sup> **B**eloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you

know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ

is come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. <sup>4</sup>Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

<sup>5</sup>They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. <sup>6</sup>We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

### **The Reading from the First General Epistle of John (4:20-5:5)**

<sup>4:20</sup> **B**eloved, if any man says, "I love God," and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loveth God must also love his brother. <sup>5:1</sup>Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone that loveth Him that begat also loveth Him that is begotten of Him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love

the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. And this is the victory that overcometh the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is he that overcometh the world, but he who believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

### **At the Litya, the stichera of the Saint, in Tone 2:**

**T**he fruits of the Holy Spirit /  
Are seen in thy holy life, O blessed father, /  
Thou didst live the precepts of the Gospel and delighted in them: /  
Teaching all from the abundance of thy wisdom. /  
Pray to Christ that we may be accounted worthy ///  
To follow thine example and that our souls may be saved.

**O** divinely-wise steward of the Church, /  
Thou didst not labor in vain /  
For power from on high was granted to thee /  
So that a new and fruitful vineyard would appear in the Alaskan wilderness. /  
Watch over us also, O father Jacob, ///  
That through thine intercessions Christ may save our souls

**C**hrist commanded us, /  
To make disciples of all the nations /  
And thou, O holy father, fulfilled His word /  
By thy holy life and teaching /

## ST. JACOB OF ALASKA

Calling everyone to repentance and instructing them to pray: ///  
Glory to Thee, O God our Savior!

**O** righteous father Jacob, /  
Thy virtues are revealed in all the earth, /  
Who does not marvel at thy patience, /  
Thy kindness toward those in need, /  
Thy steadfast resolve in tribulation? /  
Therefore, we cry aloud to thee in praise: ///  
Truly, thou art bless't, O holy father Jacob.

### **Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**O** good servant of the Orthodox Faith, /  
Tireless laborer for those in need of grace, /  
Thou didst take upon thyself the Cross of Christ  
And increased the talent given thee. ///  
Truly, thou art the glory of the priesthood, O wondrous father Jacob, /

### **Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**M**ost Holy Virgin Mother of God, /  
Mary, full of grace, the hope of all mankind, /  
The help and consolation of our holy father Jacob; /  
Accept our prayers in our tribulations, and beseech Thy Son and God ///  
That He grant peace to those who honor thee.

### **At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 8:**

**R**ejoice, O righteous Jacob, /  
Who illumined Alaska with the lamp of thy preaching /  
Patiently guiding the people out of darkness /  
Into the light of the knowledge of God. /  
Dwelling now with the angels in the unapproachable Light, ///  
Pray for us that our souls may be saved.

*Verse:* He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth forever.

**R**ejoice, O father Jacob, /  
Equal of the apostles and dweller in the wilderness, /  
An example of humility and piety, /  
A patient contender in times of trouble, /  
A pillar of the Orthodoxy in the New World. /

Entreat now the Holy Trinity ///  
On behalf of those who celebrate thy holy memory.

*Verse:* His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**R**ejoice, O holy Jacob, /  
For by grace thou hast become like Jacob of old, /  
A father of many nations. /  
O joy of the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers and the Aleutian isles, ///  
Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**Glory..., in Tone 2:**

**O** father Jacob, /  
Thou hast been revealed as a true lover of Christ,  
As a faithful servant at the altar and a priest of the Lord, /  
An instructor in prayer and piety, /  
A fervent intercessor for the Old World and the New. ///  
Pray to Christ God for peace and great mercy for our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**B**ehold a new wonder greater than all the miracles of old: /  
Who has ever known a mother to bear a child without a man, /  
And hold in her arms Him who encompasses the whole creation?  
It was the will of God to be born /  
And thou, O all-pure Virgin, hast carried Him, an infant in thine arms. /  
The boldness of a mother is therefore thine. /  
Do thou pray to Him without ceasing for us who honor thee, ///  
Entreat Him to save our souls and to have mercy on us.

**After the Blessing of the Loaves, the Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4: (To the Alaskan melody)**

**O** 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: /  
O holy father Jacob, ///  
Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved. *(twice)*

**And the Theotokion:** “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” *(once)*

**Matins**

**At “God is the Lord...” the Troparion of the Saint, *(twice)*; Glory..., now and ever..., Resurrection Theotokion, in Tone 4:**

The mystery of all eternity /  
Unknown even by angels /  
Through thee is revealed on earth, O Mother of God, /  
God incarnate by union without confusion. /  
For our sake He voluntarily endured the Cross, /  
By it He resurrected the first-created Adam ///  
And saved our souls from death.

**After the 1<sup>st</sup> Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “When the stone had been sealed....”***

**A**s a servant of the Master of all /  
Thou didst serve thy flock, O holy father. /  
Bringing them the light of knowledge through thy teachings /  
And holy illumination by water and the Spirit. /  
O righteous and godly father Jacob, faithful priest and preacher of grace, ///  
We honor thee with hymns of praise, O blessed friend of Christ. *(twice)*

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)***

**O** pure Lady, Virgin Theotokos, /  
Intercessor and protector of the faithful, /  
Deliver from calamity and sorrow, /  
And from violence those who put their trust in thee, ///  
And through thy supplications save our souls.

**After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4: *(to the regular melody)***

**T**hou didst offer thy prayers to the Lord /  
In the depths of the Alaskan wilderness; /  
And by binding the wounds of ancient enemies /  
Thou didst reconcile all to one another in Christ. /  
O heavenly intercessor and true priest, Jacob our father, ///  
Pray to Christ for those who honor thy blessed memory. *(twice)*

**Glory..., now and ever... Theotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)***

**A**ccepting the prayers of those who seek refuge under thy protection, /

O most pure Mother of God, ///  
Cease not to beseech the Lover of mankind that He may save our souls.

**Polyeley and Magnification:**

**W**e magnify thee, // O holy father Jacob, / and we honor thy holy memory, / for  
thou didst enlighten the peoples of Alaska / and thou dost pray to Christ our God  
for us!

*Selected Psalm verses:*

**H**ear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!  
**M**y mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be  
understanding.

**After the Polyeley, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4:**

**F**rom thy youth thou didst take up thy cross /  
And piously denying thyself didst follow Christ. /  
Thou didst stand before the altar of God /  
And glorified the Master and His most pure Mother. /  
Therefore, God hath greatly exalted thee ///  
Bestowing upon thee abundant gifts, O blessed father Jacob. (twice)

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**O** most pure Virgin, Mother of God, /  
Thou gavest birth to the eternal God /  
Grant that we may amend our lives before the end /  
O all-praised Lady, ///  
And beseech thy Son to grant us the remission of our sins.

**1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone (The Song of Ascents), “From my youth...”**

**Prokeimenon, in Tone 4:**

Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness / and Thy saints shall rejoice!  
*Verse:* Remember David, O Lord, and all his meekness.

**Gospel: (36) John 10:9-16**

**After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel sticheron, to the Saint, in Tone 6:**

**C**learly imbued with the grace of the Holy Spirit /  
Thou didst join the ranks of the holy apostles, O Jacob, /  
And receiving with them the fiery inspiration from heaven, /



## ST. JACOB OF ALASKA

Thou didst proclaim the Good News to the Alaskan peoples. ///  
Pray Christ God, O holy preacher, that our souls may be saved.

### The Canon

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos (*the Paraklesis*) with 6 troparia, and that  
of the Saint, with 8 troparia:

#### Ode 1

##### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos, Tone 8

*Irmos:* **H**aving crossed the water as though it were dry land and escaped from  
the wickedness of the Egyptians, the children of Israel cried aloud: Let  
us sing to our Redeemer and our God.

*Refrain:* Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

**D**istressed by many temptations, I flee to thee, seeking salvation. O Virgin and  
Mother of the Word, deliver me from my burdens and afflictions.

**T**he increase of passions troubles me and fills me with great distress. Calm my  
soul, O Maiden, by the peace of thy Son and God, O all-blameless one.

**I** implore thee who gavest birth to our Savior and God, O Virgin: deliver me from  
perils, for, fleeing now unto thee for refuge, I lift up both my soul and my thoughts  
before thee.

**A**iling am I in body and soul; do thou vouchsafe me the divine visitation and thy  
care, O thou who alone art the Mother of God, for thou art good and the Mother of  
the Good One.

##### The Canon of the Saint, in the same Tone

*having the same Irmos:* Having crossed the water....

*Refrain:* Holy father Jacob, pray to God for us!

**A**s thou art numbered now among the heavenly hosts, we beseech thee, O father  
Jacob, chosen priest of God, to continue to intercede on our behalf that the Lord  
will grant His good gifts upon us now and forever.

**A**s a chosen priest of God, O righteous one, thou didst proclaim the Holy Gospel,  
and through thy counsel and wise teaching, thou didst show the paths of wisdom to  
thy people.

**G**lory...,

**D**eliver thy people, O saint of God, and thy native land from all the assaults of the

visible and invisible enemies, and grant peace to all who faithfully celebrate thy memory with joy.

Now and ever..., Amen.

*Theotokion:* **O** mother of the Church and our defender, save us who with faith and love earnestly entreat thy protection.

*Katavasia:* “I shall open my mouth...”

### Ode 3

#### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

*Irmos:* **O** Lord, Creator of the vault of heaven and Founder of the Church, strengthen me in Thy love, for Thou art our supreme desire and the support of the faithful, O Thou who lovest mankind.

**I** have thee as the protection and intercession of my life, O Virgin, Mother of God. Pilot me to thy haven, O giver of blessings, O support of the faithful, O thou only all-praised one.

**I** pray thee, O Virgin, to dispel the tumult of my soul and the storm of my grief; for thou, O Bride of God, hast given birth to Christ, the Prince of Peace, O only immaculate one.

**P**our forth on us from the wealth of thy generosity, O thou who hast brought forth the Benefactor and Cause of all good; for thou canst do all things, O blessed one of God, since thou didst bear Christ, the One mighty in power.

**I** am tortured by grievous sicknesses and morbid passions. Help thou me, O Virgin, for I know thee, O all-blameless one, to be an inexhaustible treasury of unfailing healing.

#### The Canon of the Saint

*having the same Irmos:* “O Lord, Creator of the vault of heaven...”

**T**hy words, O father Jacob, poured forth as a sweet and precious ointment, driving out the stench of ungodliness and ignorance, filling all the world with the fragrance of piety. Therefore, we all run to thee with love, O our father!

**O** lover of the Feast of Feasts and joyful celebrant of the holy Mysteries, intercessor, and teacher of piety, thou art truly revealed as a chosen priest of God, shining now with resplendent glory, ever interceding for the world.

**T**oday, all Alaska and all those who love God throughout the world celebrate the great and radiant festival of our humble father Jacob.

*Theotokion:* **T**he holy Church cries out to thee: “Rejoice, O Mother of God!” for thou gavest birth in time to the Timeless One, granting joy to all mankind.

*Katavasia:* “O Theotokos, living and abundant fountain...”

**Sessional hymn, in Tone 1:** *To the melody, “O glorious wonder....”*

**B**eing a servant of the Gospel of Christ /  
Thou wast a glorious preacher of the Word of God, /  
A radiant lamp of the Alaskan land and a shining example of blessedness, /  
A steadfast teacher with a gentle and loving heart. /  
Thou didst bring down the pillars of idolatry and healed the nations, ///  
O holy father Jacob, pillar of the knowledge of God.

#### Ode 4

##### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

*Irmos:*<sup>1</sup> **T**hou art my strength, O Lord, my God, my power, my joy; without leaving Thy Father’s bosom Thou hast visited our wretchedness. So with the Prophet Habákkuk I cry to Thee: Glory to Thy Power, O Lover of man!

**O** Bride of God, who gavest birth to the Lord and Master, still thou the turmoil of my passions and the stormy seas of my sins.

**O**, bestow thy compassion on me, thy servant, out of the depths of thy tender mercy; for thou didst give birth to the Compassionate One, the Savior of all those who praise thee.

**W**hile delighting in thy gifts, O immaculate one, we sing a song of thanksgiving to thee, knowing thee to be the Mother of God.

**A**s I lie on the bed of my pain and infirmity, do thou help me, as thou art a lover of goodness, O Theotokos, who alone art Ever-Virgin.

**H**aving thee as our staff and hope, and as our salvation’s unshakable defense, we are then delivered from all adversity, O thou all-praised one.

##### The Canon of the Saint

*having the same Irmos:* “Thou art my strength, O Lord...”

**F**illed with the Holy Spirit, O blessèd father Jacob, thou didst drive evil spirits away from men, making them to cry aloud to God: “Glory to Thy power, O bountiful Lord!”

**R**ejoice, ye hierarchs and priests! Sing for joy, ye deacons and pious faithful. Join

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<sup>1</sup> The Irmos differs from the “standard” Paraklesis. The Troparia, however, are the same.

the chorus, ye godly monks and nuns! Let us sing the praises of our holy father Jacob, and cry out to God: “Glory to Thy Power, O Lover of man!”

**T**hou didst instruct thy flock, O father Jacob, teaching them the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the divine unity of three Persons, God, One in essence and undivided, ever adored by the Orthodox faithful who cry aloud to God: “Glory to Thy Power, O Lover of man!”

*Theotokion:* **O** All-holy Lady Theotokos, who gavest birth in the flesh to the Only-begotten One, intercede for our people and our land and entreat Him that He may deliver from every danger all who piously call on thee.

## Ode 5

### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

*Irmos:*<sup>2</sup> *Why hast Thou cast me away from Thy face, O never setting Light? Why has this dismal darkness covered me, the wretched one? Guide me in return to the light of Thy commandments, I pray Thee.*

**F**ill my heart with gladness, O pure one, with thine incorruptible joy, O thou who didst bear the Cause of all Joy.

**D**eliver us from dangers, O pure Theotokos, who didst give birth to Eternal Redemption, and the Peace that doth pass all understanding.

**D**ispel the darkness of my sins, O Bride of God, by the radiance of thy splendor, for thou didst bear the divine and pre-eternal Light.

**H**eal, O pure one, the infirmity of my soul, when thou hast deemed me worthy of thy visitation, and grant me health by thine intercessions.

### The Canon of the Saint

*having the same Irmos: “Why hast Thou cast me away...”*

**P**iously fulfilling thy sacred office, thou didst approach all things with a pure mind, bringing honor to the priesthood by being a blameless minister of grace, O most righteous and holy father Jacob.

**B**eing called by the grace of God thou didst abolish the lawlessness of the impious; by the fervent grace of thy words, like a river flowing with living water, thou didst thaw the frozen hearts of pagan people.

**D**esiring to attain the peace that passes all understanding, thou didst become a maker of peace. By uniting those who had been enemies thou wast shown to be a true child of God. Now, bring peace to the hearts of those who honor thee.

<sup>2</sup> The Irmos differs from the “standard” Paraklesis. The Troparia, however, are the same.

*Theotokion:* **O** immaculate and Most Holy Virgin, thou didst give birth to the Prince of Peace and remained virgin. Entreat Him, we beseech thee, to grant peace to the world and salvation to our souls.

## Ode 6

### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

*Irmos:* **I** pour forth my prayer to the Lord; and I lift up my sorrows before Him, how my soul is become full of evil and how my life draweth near to Hades, and like Jonah I pray: Deliver me, O God, from corruption.

**M**y nature, held by corruption and death, hath He saved out of death and corruption; for unto death hath He submitted Himself. Wherefore, O Virgin, do thou intercede with Him who is thy Lord and Son, to deliver me from the wickedness of the enemy.

**I** know thee as the protection of my life, and most safe fortress, O Virgin; disperse the horde of temptations, and drive away demonic vexation. Unceasingly I pray to thee: Deliver me from the corruption of passions!

**We** have acquired thee as a wall of refuge, and the perfect salvation of our souls, and a relief in afflictions, O Maiden, and we ever rejoice in thy light. O Sovereign Lady, do thou also now save us from passions and dangers.

**B**edridden, I lie supine with sickness now and there is no healing for my flesh; but to thee, O good one who gavest birth to God and the Savior of the world and the Healer of infirmities, I pray: Raise me up from the corruption of illness.

### The Canon of the Saint

*having the same Irmos:* "I pour forth my prayer to the Lord..."

**A**laska resounds with thy teachings, O trumpet of God. The saving commandments of Christ are set forth inscribed, not on tablets of stone, but on the hearts of men, who glorify thee, O father Jacob.

**E**xchanging the security of hearth and home for the dangers of the wilderness, thou wast revealed to be like the great merchant obtaining for thyself and countless others, the Priceless Pearl, Christ the Lord.

**S**tanding by the river's edge and offering baptism to all who believed, thou didst hold forth the precious Cross of Christ as a trophy of peace and salvation, and the source of many miracles.

*Theotokion:* The Word of God Himself hath shown thee to be a wondrous and life-giving fountain, O Lady, overflowing with healing waters for all who cry: "Most Holy Theotokos, save us!"

*Katavasia:* “Let us clap our hands in gladness...”

### **The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 3:**

**O** holy father Jacob, /  
Teacher of the knowledge of God, /  
Thou didst reveal thy love for thy people /  
By taking up thy cross and following Christ, /  
Enduring hardships like the Apostle Paul. /  
Pray on our behalf to Christ our God ///  
To grant us great mercy.

*Ikos:* Hearing the voice of the Savior, O saint, thou didst wisely follow Him into the wilderness. Taking no thought for the comforts of life, thou didst receive heavenly grace, wisdom and understanding. Now we ask that thou mayest send down those same gifts upon us who praise thee, O righteous one, and that thou pray to Christ our God on our behalf, that He grant us peace and great mercy.

### **Ode 7**

#### **The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos**

*Irmos:* **The children of Judæa who dwelt of old in Babylon trampled underfoot the flames of the furnace by their faith in the Trinity, as they sang: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.**

**H**aving willed to accomplish our salvation, O Savior, Thou didst dwell in the womb of the Virgin, and didst show her forth unto the world as its intercessor. Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

**P**ray to Him, the dispenser of mercy whom thou didst bear, O pure Mother, and implore Him to deliver from all transgressions and defilements the souls of those who with faith cry out: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

**A** treasury of salvation and a fountain of incorruption is she who gave Thee birth; a tower of safety, and a gate of repentance hast Thou proved her to those who cry: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

**G**rant healing from physical weakness and spiritual infirmities to those who with love draw near to thy protection, O Virgin Theotokos, for thou gavest birth to Christ our Savior.

#### **The Canon of the Saint**

*having the same Irmos:* “The children of Judæa...”

**T**hou art a bright and shining star enlightening all Alaska, resplendent with the grace of God and radiant with the Holy Spirit, and illumining all who sing: Blessèd

art Thou, O God of our fathers.

**O** dwelling place of God Most High and ornament of the virtues adorning the Church of Christ, we thy sinful servants praise thee and with awe we sing to God: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

**T**he Savior Himself appointed thee like the apostles of old, to go and teach all nations and to bring them unto Him, so that they may also sing: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers.

*Theotokion:* **T**he holy Apostle James, the brother of the Lord, declared that the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much for the healing of mankind. Therefore, we know that the prayers of our righteous father Jacob, aided by thy supplications, O Lady, bring us health and salvation.

### Ode 8

#### The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

*Irmos:* **The King of heaven whom the hosts of angels praise, let us praise and exalt throughout all ages.**

**D**isdain not those who need thy help, O Virgin, and who hymn and supremely exalt thee unto all ages.

**T**hou healest the infirmity of my soul and the pains of my body, O Virgin, that I may glorify thee, O pure one, unto all ages.

**T**hou pourest forth a wealth of healing, on those who with faith sing praises unto thee, O Virgin, and who supremely exalt thine ineffable Childbearing.

**T**hou drivest away the assaults of temptations, and the attacks of the passions, O Virgin; wherefore do we sing thee hymns unto all ages.

#### The Canon of the Saint

*having the same Irmos: "The King of heaven..."*

**E**xalted by thy humility, thou didst humble the pride of the serpent, O father Jacob. Therefore, we sing and honor thee praising and exalting Christ throughout all ages.

**T**hy name, O holy Jacob, describes the work Christ gave to thee, for by supplanting the shamans of idolatry thou didst reveal by thy holy life, the nobility of the Christian priesthood. Therefore we exalt Christ throughout all ages.

**H**e that desired that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth revealed thee as a most sure guide on the path to salvation, O holy Jacob, wise in God. Pray that we may know and exalt Christ throughout all ages.



***Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord!***

***Theotokion:*** Despise not the prayers of thy servants, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, but for the sake of our holy father Jacob, entreat thy Son that from our unworthy lips, He may accept our thankful songs of praise as we exalt His name for ever.

***We praise, bless, and worship the Lord singing and exalting Him throughout all ages!***

***Katavasia:*** “The Offspring of the Theotokos...”

***The Magnificat is sung:*** “My soul magnifies the Lord...”

## **Ode 9**

### **The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos**

***Irmos:***<sup>3</sup> *O Virgin Mother of God Most High, at the word of the angel thou gavest birth to God in a manner past all speech and understanding. Thou art exalted above all the powers of heaven. Therefore we magnify thee in song.*

**O** Virgin, who didst give birth to Christ, who doth wipe away every tear from every face: turn not away from the torrent of my tears.

**O** Virgin, who didst receive the fullness of joy, and didst banish the grief of sin: fill my heart with joy.

**B**e thou the haven and protection, the unshakable wall, the refuge, the shelter, and the joy of those who flee to thee, O Virgin.

**I**llumine with the rays of thy light, O Virgin, those who piously confess thee to be the Theotokos, and banish from them the darkness of ignorance.

**I** am brought low by mine afflictions and infirmities, but do thou, O Virgin, heal me, bringing me from illness into health.

### **The Canon of the Saint**

***having the same Irmos:*** “O Virgin Mother of God Most High ...”

**O** steadfast witness of the Truth, marvelous instructor in the Faith, and golden-tongued teacher of the Church, pray to Christ our God that we may also learn delight in His commandments.

**We** celebrate thy memory, O father Jacob, with joy and gladness, for thou art the

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<sup>3</sup> The Irmos differs from the “standard” Paraklesis. The Troparia, however, are the same.



helper of the weak and we call upon thee in faith: Help us in our afflictions, O thou friend of Christ.

**B**ehold now the glory of the Lord and the brightness of all His saints, forget us not, O holy father Jacob. Beseech the Lord and Lover of mankind to grant remission of sins and life eternal to those who honor thee with faith and love.

*Theotokion:* **O** Theotokos, thou only art the protectress of the Christian faithful, and we pray thee, that through thine intercessions we may be led onto the path of piety, on that straight and narrow way.

*Katavasia:* “Let every earth-born exult...”

### **Exapostilarion of the Saint:**

**H**aving completed the beautiful course of thy life, O father Jacob, thou didst come over, rejoicing, to the heavenly mansions, and standing in the radiance of the Holy Trinity, thou dost behold the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Ceaselessly pray on behalf of those who keep thy memory with love, so that we may receive the remission of sins and divine grace on the Day of Judgment. *(twice)*

### **At the Praises, 4 stichera, in Tone 5:**

**T**he Bering Sea is warmed today, /  
The arctic night illumined, /  
The rivers, islands, tundra, and the forest lands, /  
The mountains, volcanoes, and glaciers /  
All resound with the hymns of Alaskan people /  
And the Orthodox Christians throughout the world ///  
Glorifying our humble father Jacob.

**O** friend and co-worker of the holy hierarch Innocent, /  
Thou didst continue his apostolic labors in the Aleutian isles /  
Enlightening the people of Alaska.  
Thou didst sanctify the waters of the mighty rivers by thy prayers, /  
And thou didst bring peace to enemies of old /  
By preaching repentance and the forgiveness of sins, /  
Thou didst bring them to the Church of Christ /  
As a shepherd gathering his sheep into a single flock. /  
O our holy father Jacob, ///  
Pray for the unity of the Church and great mercy for our souls.

**T**he prophet Jacob of old beheld a ladder uniting earth and heaven; /

Our father Jacob raised a tent in the wilderness /  
 Where heaven became present on earth. /  
 The great Moses raised his staff above the Red Sea /  
 And led Israel out of Pharaoh's bondage; /  
 Our father Jacob raised the precious Cross above the Yukon River /  
 And led the Alaskan people out of the bondage of the enemy /  
 Calling them to repentance as he baptized them in the waters. ///  
 Let us all sing the praises of God's mercy!

**T**hou wast patient in suffering like the prophet Job /  
 Like the Apostle Paul, tireless in travel; /  
 Like Cyril and Methodius thou didst translate the Word of God; /  
 And like Chrysostom and Basil, thou wast zealous /  
 In the serving the divine praises of God. /  
 Thou art the glory of all Orthodox missionaries and teachers, /  
 The evangelizer of the Alaskan lands. /  
 O glorious father Jacob, entreat the Lord of all ///  
 That we be made worthy to continue thy noble work.

### **Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**H**oly Pascha was the source of thy joy, /  
 The core of thy faith, /  
 The well-spring of thy hope and the delight of thy life. /  
 Its celebration restored thee to physical and spiritual health, /  
 Renewing both body and soul, /  
 Transfiguring, illumining, and sanctifying thee. /  
 May each Pascha be also the same for us, /  
 An entrance into this holy joy, /  
 And a foretaste of the kingdom of God where thou dost eternally delight ///  
 In the beauty of the never-waning Day.

### **Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**C**hrist the Maker, Redeemer, and Lord proceeded from thy womb /  
 O all-pure Virgin, /  
 And putting on my nature, set man free from the ancestral curse; /  
 So we sing to thee without ceasing, O all-pure Virgin, as Mother of God /  
 With the salutation of the angel: /  
 Rejoice, O sovereign Lady, ///  
 Protection, refuge, and salvation of our souls.

## The Great Doxology, and the Dismissal.

### Liturgy

#### At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia from the Third and Sixth Odes of the Canon of the Saint.

**1.** Thy words, O father Jacob, poured forth as a sweet and precious ointment, driving out the stench of ungodliness and ignorance, filling all the world with the fragrance of piety. Therefore, we all run to thee with love, O our father!

**2.** O lover of the Feast of Feasts and joyful celebrant of the holy Mysteries, intercessor, and teacher of piety, thou art truly revealed as a chosen priest of God, shining now with resplendent glory, ever interceding for the world.

**3.** Deliver thy people, O saint of God, and thy native land from all the assaults of the visible and invisible enemies, and grant peace to all who faithfully celebrate thy memory with joy.

**4. Theotokion:** The holy Church cries out to thee: “Rejoice, O Mother of God!” for thou gavest birth in time to the Timeless One, granting joy to all mankind.

**5.** Alaska resounds with thy teachings, O trumpet of God. The saving commandments of Christ are set forth inscribed, not on tablets of stone, but on the hearts of men, who glorify thee, O father Jacob.

**6.** Exchanging the security of hearth and home for the dangers of the wilderness, thou wast revealed to be like the great merchant obtaining for thyself and countless others, the Priceless Pearl, Christ the Lord.

**7.** Standing by the river’s edge and offering baptism to all who believed, thou didst hold forth the precious Cross of Christ as a trophy of peace and salvation, and the source of many miracles.

**8. Theotokion:** The Word of God Himself hath shown thee to be a wondrous and life-giving fountain, O Lady, overflowing with healing waters for all who cry: “Most Holy Theotokos, save us!”

#### The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4: *(To the Alaskan melody)*

O 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: /  
O holy father Jacob, ///  
Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 3:**

**O** holy father Jacob, /  
Teacher of the knowledge of God, /  
Thou didst reveal thy love for thy people /  
By taking up thy cross and following Christ, /  
Enduring hardships like the Apostle Paul. /  
Pray on our behalf to Christ our God ///  
To grant us great mercy.

**The Prokeimenon, in Tone 7:** The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him. *Verse:* Hear my voice, O God, when I pray unto Thee!

**The Epistle:** Philippians 3:7-14 \*

**The Alleluia, in Tone 6:** Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. *Verse:* His seed shall be mighty in the land.

**The Gospel:** Mark 10:29-31; 42-45 \*

**Communion Hymn:** The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia....

*\* The readings for St Jacob fall outside the prescribed Pericope system.*