**JULY 26 Repose of St Yakov (Jacob Netsvetrov), Enlightener of the**

 **Peoples of Alaska**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 6**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!

Hear me, O Lord!

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

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

Rejoice, O Alaska,
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.

*v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

(Repeat: “Rejoice, O Alaska…”)

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But*

*there is forgiveness with You.*

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 your memory,

O saint chosen by God as a help to those in distress,//
Jacob our Father.

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

(Repeat: “O you lovers of the feasts …”)

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, 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!”

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plentiful 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.

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

**Tone 2** *(Alaskan Melody)*

Born on the remote island of Atka,
you were 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 your flock//
for forty years in the Alaskan wilderness.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

Missionary teacher of the Atkan Aleuts,
you translated the Word of God and founded schools for them;
you continued the missionary efforts of the Holy Hierarch Innocent.
Following his example, you journeyed 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 Father Jacob,
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 3**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder

at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?

For without receiving the touch of man,

you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, immaculate Virgin.

The Son born of the Father before eternity

was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.

He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,

but preserved the fullness of each nature.

Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,

to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//

to be the Theotokos.

**Readings**

 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3**

 **1 John 4:1-6**

 **1 John 4:20-5:5**

**Repose of St Jacob, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska**

**Litya** ***(If the rector desires a Litya, these stichera are sung*, *following the sticheron of the temple)***

**Tone 2**

We see the fruits of the Spirit
in your holy life, O blessed Father.
You lived the Gospel precepts and delighted in them;
you taught from the abundance of your own experience.
Pray to Christ that we may worthily follow your example,//
and that He might save our souls!

O divinely-wise husbandman,
you did not labor in vain,
for power from the Most High was granted to you,
so that a new and fruitful vineyard
would appear in the Alaskan wilderness.
Watch over us also, O Father Jacob,//
that by your intercessions Christ may save our souls!

Christ commanded us to make disciples of all nations,
and you, O Saint, fulfilled His Word
by your holy life and teaching.
You called all to repentance by teaching them to pray://
“Glory to You, O God our Savior!”

O righteous Father Jacob,
your virtues are revealed in all the earth.
Who would not marvel at your patience,
your kindness to the needy,
your steadfastness in tribulation?
Therefore, we cry aloud in praise://
“O Holy Father Jacob, truly you are blessed!”

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

 **Tone 6**

O good servant of the Orthodox Faith,
tireless laborer for those in need of grace,
you took upon yourself the Cross of Christ.
You increased the talent given to you.
O wondrous Father Jacob,//
you truly honored the priestly rank bestowed on you.

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

Most Holy Lady Theotokos, Virgin,
Mary full of grace, hope of all mankind,
and help of Saint Jacob, our Father;
receive the supplications of those in affliction
and beseech your Son and our God//
to grant peace to those who honor you!

**Repose of St Jacob, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska**

**Aposticha**

**Tone 8**

Rejoice, O righteous Jacob,
who illumined Alaska with the lamp of your preaching,
patiently guiding the people out from darkness into the light of knowledge

 of God!
Now that you dwell with the Angels in unapproachable light,//
pray for us that our souls may be saved!

*v. He has dispersed abroad. He has given to the poor. His righteousness*

*endures forever. (Ps 111/112:9)*

Rejoice, O Father Jacob,
equal of the Apostles and dweller in the wilderness,
example of humility and piety,
patient contender in tribulation,
pillar of Orthodoxy in the New World!//
Entreat the Holy Trinity on behalf of those who celebrate your memory!

 *v. His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. (Ps 111/112:7)*

Rejoice, O Holy Jacob,
for by grace you have become like Jacob of old,
a father of many nations!
O joy of the Yukon and Kushokwin Rivers,
and the Aleutian Isles,//
pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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

 **Tone 2**

O Father Jacob,
you have 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 you carried Him as an infant in your arms, O most pure one,

and since you possess motherly boldness before Him,

do not cease praying for us who honor you,//

that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(St Jacob) (Alaskan melody)*

O righteous Father Jacob,
adornment of Atka and the Yukon Delta;
you offered yourself 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!

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

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

**Tone 4** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through you, 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.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(St Jacob) (Alaskan melody)*

O righteous Father Jacob,
adornment of Atka and the Yukon Delta;
you offered yourself 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)*

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of your womb,//

for you have borne the Savior of our souls.

***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(St Jacob) (Alaskan melody)*

O righteous Father Jacob,
adornment of Atka and the Yukon Delta;
you offered yourself 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!

**Tone 3** **Kontakion** *(St Jacob)*

O 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!

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. (Ps 63/64:11)

*v: Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; preserve my life from dread of the Enemy! (Ps 63/64:1)*

**Epistle**

 Philippians 3:7-14 *(St Jacob)*

 **Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)*

*v. His seed shall be mighty in the land. (Ps 111/112:2)*

**Gospel**

 Mark 10-29-31, 42-45 *(St Jacob)*

**Communion Hymn**

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil

tidings. *(Ps 111/112:6b-7a)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*© 1995 The Orthodox Church in America. Permission is granted to duplicate for liturgical use only. All other rights reserved.*