

# **ST NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**JUNE 14, 2015 ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA AND RUSSIA**

**First of all, we thank everyone who helped out with and supported our Pork Chop Dinner last Sunday. The dinners go a long way towards paying the bills for the Hall and also providing extra funds which we use to help pay church expenses.**

**Fr. Michael and Greg Michaels informed me that Frank Peters (Glenns' Dad) passed away last Sunday; burial services will be in Elmira tomorrow. We send our sympathies to Glenn, Pauline and Liz, and to all Frank's family. MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**We are planning on having our Veterans service and the blessing of graves at our Parish Cemetery today. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative than it was on Pentecost.**

**Saturday, June 20 at 6PM: Vespers**

**Sunday, June 21 at 9AM: Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom**

**Requiem Service in memory of Ann Banwell (40<sup>th</sup> day), given by Julia Scarsalatta**



This Icon of American Saints displays various events in the life of Orthodoxy in America. An explanation of each panel (begins in upper left corner), goes clockwise:

- 1). The first Orthodox Liturgy in America is celebrated on board the ship St. Peter, under the command of Vitus Bering, off the shores of Alaska on July 20, 1741 (the Feast of the Prophet Elias). The hieromonk Hilarion Trusov was assisted by the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky. The ship's position was 58°, 14' northern latitude and 141° western longitude.
- 2). The Russian merchant Gregory Shelikov asks the abbot of Valaam monastery to send missionaries to Russian America.
- 3). Arrival of Russian missionaries (Archimandrite Joasaph, hieromonk Macarius, Hieromonk Juvenal, Hieromonk Athanasius, Hierodeacon Nectarius, Hierodeacon Stephen, monk Herman, monk Joasaph) on Kodiak Island September 24, 1794 after a journey of 7,327 miles lasting 293 days. It was the longest missionary journey in Orthodox Church history.
- 4). The church of the Resurrection founded on Kodiak Island November 21, 1794. Construction of the church was completed in 1796.
- 5). St. Herman establishes a school for children on Kodiak Island.
- 6). Hieromonk Juvenal, first martyr of the Orthodox Church in America, meets his martyrdom at Lake Iliamna at the hands of natives in 1799.
- 7). Martyrdom of St. Peter the Aleut (ca. 1816) at the hands of Spanish missionaries in California.
- 8). Priest John Veniaminov translates the Gospels into the Aleut language.
- 9). Repose and burial of St. Herman on Spruce Island on December 13, 1837.
- 10). Priest John Veniaminov taking the monastic name Innocent, is consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile, and Aleutian Islands. The consecration took place on December 15, 1841 in the Cathedral of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God in St. Petersburg.
- 11). In Minneapolis, Bishop Vladimir receives the parish led by St. Alexis Toth, the first Uniate parish in America rejoined to Orthodoxy. St. Alexis and 361 parishioners were received into the Orthodox Church on March 25, 1891, crying out, "Glory to God for His great mercy."
- 12). The episcopal see of San Francisco is transferred to New York city to the newly-constructed cathedral of St. Nicholas on September 14, 1905.
- 13). Consecration of St. Raphael

Hawaweeny as Bishop of Brooklyn in St. Nicholas Cathedral in New York city by Bishop Tikhon (Belavin) and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) on March 13, 1904. This was the first consecration of an Orthodox bishop in the United States. 14). First All-American Church Council is convened by St. Tikhon from March 5-7, 1907.

15). Martyrdom of St. John Kochurov, who served as a priest in Chicago, in St. Petersburg on October 31, 1917. He was the first member of the clergy martyred during the Russian Revolution. 16). Destruction of the church of Christ the Savior in Moscow on December 5, 1931, and the beginning of the martyric suffering of St. Alexander Hotovitzky, priest and keykeeper of the church. 17). Discovery of the relics of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, after a fire in February 1992. 18). Glorification of St. Alexis Toth, confessor and defender of Orthodoxy in America, and of St. Jacob Netsvetov, the enlightener of the peoples of Alaska in 1994.

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