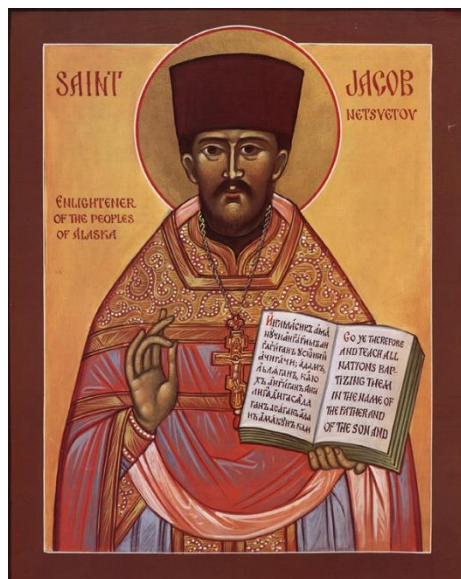


Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

# Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



St Jacob Netsvetov  
Enlightener of the Peoples of  
Alaska  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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## *Today's Scripture Readings:*

*Epistle:* Romans 15:1-7

*Gospel:* St. Matthew 9:27-35

*Welcome to ALL our visitors and guests this morning! Please  
join us for some fellowship after!*

## Services, Events & Announcements

**\*\*Services are being streamed live on our website  
homepage & Facebook page\*\***

**\*Compline w/Adult Ed following (Discussion on Pre-  
Communion Prayers) – Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>, @ 6pm**

**\*Dormition Fast begins August 1<sup>st</sup> - August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Great Vespers – Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5pm (Confessions  
before or after, or by appointment.)**

**\*Divine Liturgy – Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, @ 10am (Hours @ 9:40)  
w/Fellowship after Liturgy**

**\*Parish Workday (Hall & Kitchen) – Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> @  
9am**

**\*Interested in singing in the choir? See John Barrett**

**Our Giving – July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Tithes/Offerings - \$2,625.00**

**Candle Offerings – \$59.00**

**Love Offerings - \$20.00**

*From Your Pastor . . .*

*I have been reading articles and comments concerning receiving Holy Communion and the virus, and I understand that some may be fearful of coming to the Chalice because of this. If at some point you would like to talk to me about this, I would welcome that.*

*As I have mentioned before, if there is a time outside of our regular Service schedule, where you would like to come for Confession, please let me know. You can make an appointment and come to the Church when it is convenient for you. ☺*

*With Love and God's Blessing,*

**+ Fr. Seraphim**

**Saint James (Jakov) Netsvetov, Missionary to Alaska (1864)**

He was born on the island of Atka in 1802, to a Russian father and an Aleut mother. Traveling to Russia, he attended the seminary in Irkutsk, and returned to Alaska after being ordained to the priesthood. For the next thirty-six years he served as missionary and pastor to the Alaskan people, undergoing tremendous hardships to do so. He first traveled among the peoples of the Aleutian islands, using native kayaks to paddle between the islands.

From 1845 to 1863 he worked among the native people of the Yukon valley, traveling from village to village by dog-sled. He was the first Orthodox priest to serve the area since the hieromartyr Juvenaly, companion of St Herman. He carried with him a tent

which served as a traveling church, in which he served the Divine Liturgy wherever he went — though sometimes the services could not be held because the bread and wine had frozen. Toward the end of his life, worn out by his labors, he settled for a brief time in Sitka, where he reposed in peace in 1864.

### **Philippians 3:7-14**

“But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

“Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”