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Introduction

to Parents and Teachers

Dear Parents and Teachers,

This activity book was created with the intention of providing information and creative activities featuring twelve North American Saints who are widely recognized as shining examples of our Orthodox faith on this continent.

The materials were designed for both family and classroom use. Parents, older siblings or teachers can read the stories and work on the puzzle activities with children too young to read. In a classroom setting, this book can be used as supplemental reading and enhance other Orthodox curriculum materials you may be utilizing on this topic.

We encourage you to visit the website of the Orthodox Church in America at dce.oca.org where there is much more information about many other saints.

It is our hope that you will be inspired to learn more about each of the lives of these individual Saints. Coming from various backgrounds and situations and through many struggles, including persecutions and death, they remained ever faithful to the true faith.

May they always guide and protect us.

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ST. ALEX

ANDER
HOTOVITSKY

HIEROMARTYR
OF THE BOLSHEVIK
Yoke

MISSIONARY
OF AMERICA



St. Alexander Hotovitzky

New Hieromartyr of Russia • Missionary to America

Commemoration Date: December 4th

On February 11, 1872, in the city of Kremenetz, Russia, St. Alexander was born. His father, Alexander, was an archpriest and the rector of the Volhynia Seminary. As a child, his parents taught him the importance of loving everyone and, especially, the Orthodox Church.

After his graduation from St. Petersburg Theological Academy, he began his missionary work in the Diocese of the Aleutians and North America. At that time this was the only diocese which covered all of North America. His first assignment was at St. Nicholas Church in New York City, where he was tonsured a reader.

At the age of twenty-four, following his marriage to Maria Scherbuhina, he was ordained to the diaconate. He was ordained to the priesthood on February 25, 1896 by Bishop Nicholas at the Diocesan Cathedral in San Francisco, California. Only a week after his ordination, he returned to St. Nicholas Church in New York where he accepted the assignment as the parish priest.

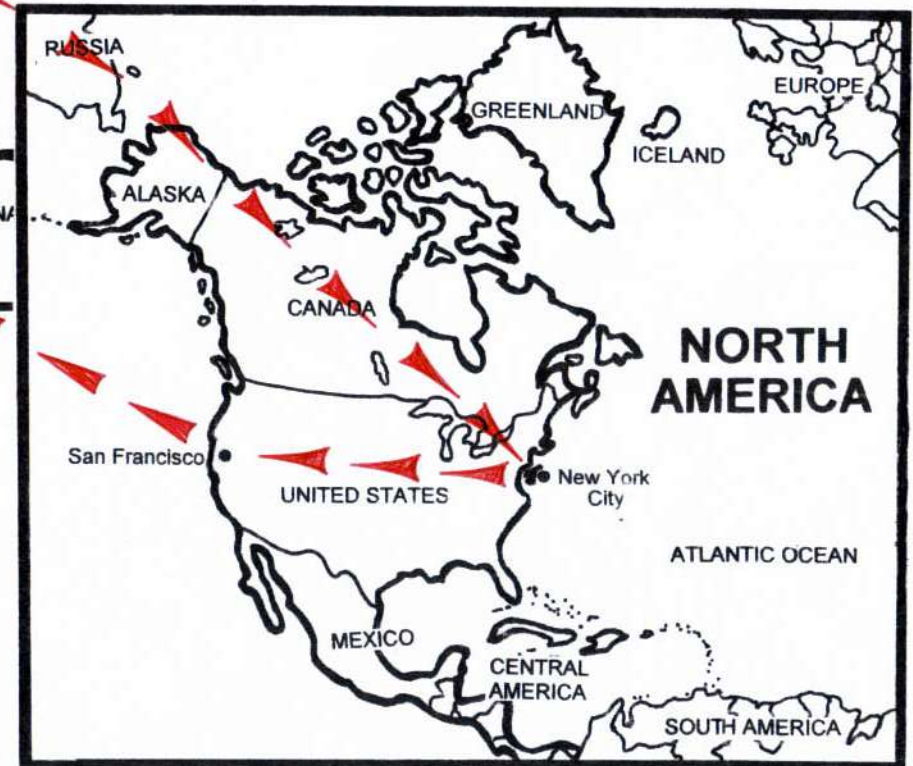
St. Alexander was a very successful missionary priest. He loved the people he met while traveling to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and to the many other towns and cities throughout North America. His missionary work was very dangerous. At times he was beaten and jailed because of his love for God, the Church, and for teaching young children religion.

On February 26, 1914, he said good-bye to the Orthodox Churches in North America and traveled to Helsinki, Finland. Three and half years later, he was assigned to Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow, Russia. While in Russia, a revolution occurred and the church was in danger. St. Alexander had to help the poor and save the sacred, religious items that were being taken from the churches and given to the government.

St. Alexander continued to fight for the Orthodox Church and in 1937 he was arrested for the last time because of his belief in God. Since his life ended due to his suffering for Christ, many people consider him a martyr.

He died at the age of 65 on August 19, 1937. The glorification services for Saint Alexander were held on December 4, 1994 in Moscow, Russia.

St. Alexander Hotovitsky's Travels



Elimination Game

St. Alexander Hotovitsky

For this activity, follow the directions below. After you are finished, place the remaining words in order on the lines below the instructions to complete the Epistle verse for the Feast of Hieromartyr Alexander.

	A	B	C	D
1	red	let	pizza	green
2	get	are	Philip	giraffe
3	wicked	Peter	banana	met
4	five	dog	John	pleasing
5	sinful	apple	lion	Andrew
6	cat	to	evil	seven
7	set	wrong	James	pasta
8	purple	eleven	God	blue

1. Cross off the colors in each corner.
2. Cross off the odd numbers in rows 4, 6, and 8.
3. Cross off all the animals.
4. Cross off all of the foods.
5. Cross off the 3-letter words that rhyme and end with "et".
6. Cross off the names of some of Jesus' disciples.
7. Cross off the words opposite of "good."

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices

_____.

Hebrews 13:16

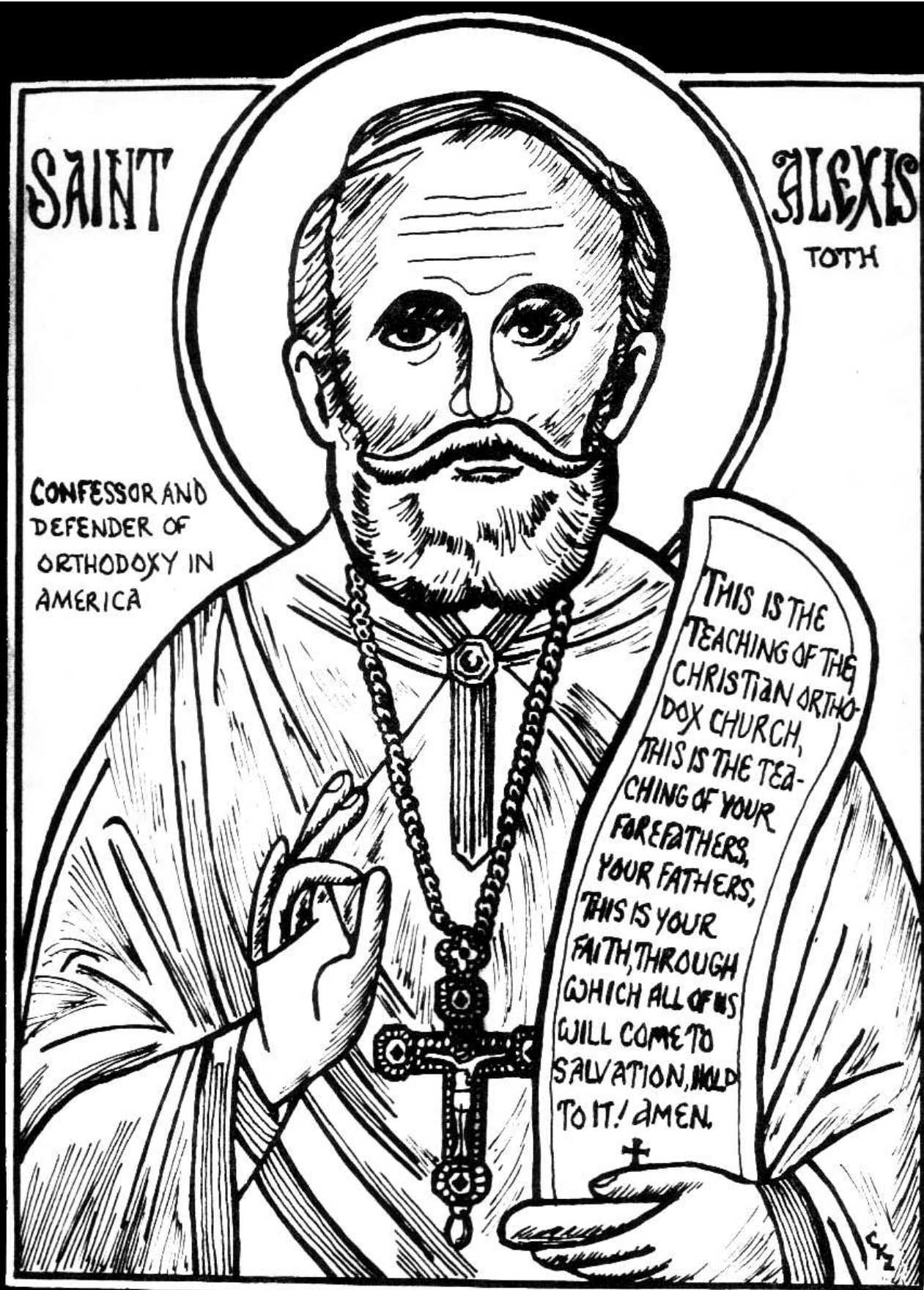
SAINT

ALEXIS

TOTH

CONFESSOR AND
DEFENDER OF
ORTHODOXY IN
AMERICA

THIS IS THE
TEACHING OF THE
CHRISTIAN ORTHO-
DOX CHURCH,
THIS IS THE TEA-
CHING OF YOUR
FOREFATHERS,
YOUR FATHERS,
THIS IS YOUR
FAITH, THROUGH
WHICH ALL OF US
WILL COME TO
SALVATION, HOLD
TO IT! AMEN.



St. Alexis Toth of Wilkes-Barre

Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy

Commemoration Date: May 7th

Alexis Toth was born to Father George and Matushka Cecilia Georgievich on March 18, 1854 in Austria-Hungary. His father was a Greek Catholic priest and his uncle was a bishop. Alexis was very poor, but he always helped the people that needed food, clothing or shelter.

He studied very hard and graduated with a Theology degree from the University of Prague. After his marriage to Rosalie Mihaluk, Alexis was ordained to the priesthood on April 18, 1878. Following his ordination, he taught Church History and Canon Law at the Presov Seminary.

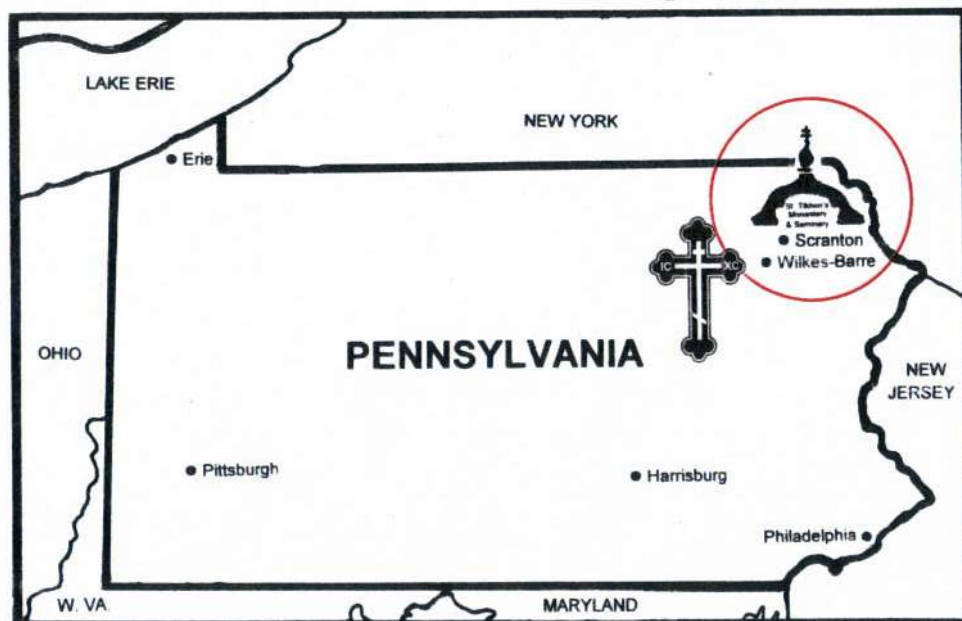
Eleven years later in 1889, he traveled to the United States to lead immigrants to the Orthodox Faith. Father Alexis served his first service in the United States on Thanksgiving Day at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For the next year, without getting paid, he worked with the parishioners to finish building their church and bought items needed to conduct the services. On March 25, 1891, Fr. Alexis and his parishioners were received into the Orthodox Church.

In 1893 he was transferred to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania where he served as the pastor of Holy Resurrection Cathedral and helped many people from Russia. St. Alexis received many awards, including one from St. Tikhon. He wrote a book and published other educational materials for his people so they could learn more about their Orthodox faith.

Father Alexis realized there were many children who needed a place to live. As a result, he became involved in building the orphanage on the grounds of St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

On May 7, 1909 at the age of fifty-five, he died in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and was buried in a grave near St. Tikhon's Monastery Church. Eighty-five years later on May 7, 1994, he was canonized a Saint at that Monastery. His burial shrine is located inside the Monastery Church where many people come each year to venerate the relics of Saint Alexis, the Defender of Orthodoxy in America.

St. Alexis Toth's Travels



Word Blanks

St. Alexis Toth

After reading the life of St. Alexis, answer the questions below. If you are not sure about an answer, just read through the story again. After answering the questions, cross out the words in the word bank. There are two words that appear twice, cross out only one. After that, place the remaining words in the blanks at the bottom of the page.

1. In what country was St. Alexis born? _____.
2. St. Alexis' father was a Greek _____ priest.
3. St. Alexis also became a _____, just like his father.
4. St. Alexis came to _____ in 1889.
5. What city did St. Alexis serve as a mission priest? _____.
6. St. Alexis decided to join the true Orthodox _____.
7. St. Alexis moved to Wilkes-Barre, _____.
8. St. Alexis helped many people from _____ and other countries who came to live in America.
9. St. Alexis wrote a _____ to help people understand their Orthodox _____.
10. St. Alexis received many awards, including one from St. _____.
11. St. Alexis was buried at St. Tikhon's _____.
12. St. Alexis was made a _____ in May 1994.
13. St. Alexis' feast day is _____ 7th.

Word Bank

Minneapolis Monastery Confessor Tikhon and
Austria-Hungary Church America Pennsylvania
book Defender Russia of book
Orthodoxy faith May priest in
saint Catholic America

Saint Alexis is the:

_____.

Word Code

St. Alexis Toth

Below, is a verse taken from the first Old Testament reading for the Feast of St. Alexis. Your job is to write the letter of the alphabet that comes right after the one shown. The letter "a" is given for you.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

"I
h r g a k k

h m r s q t b s x n t

h m s q t s g r n

s g a s x n t q g n o d

v h k k a d h m s g d

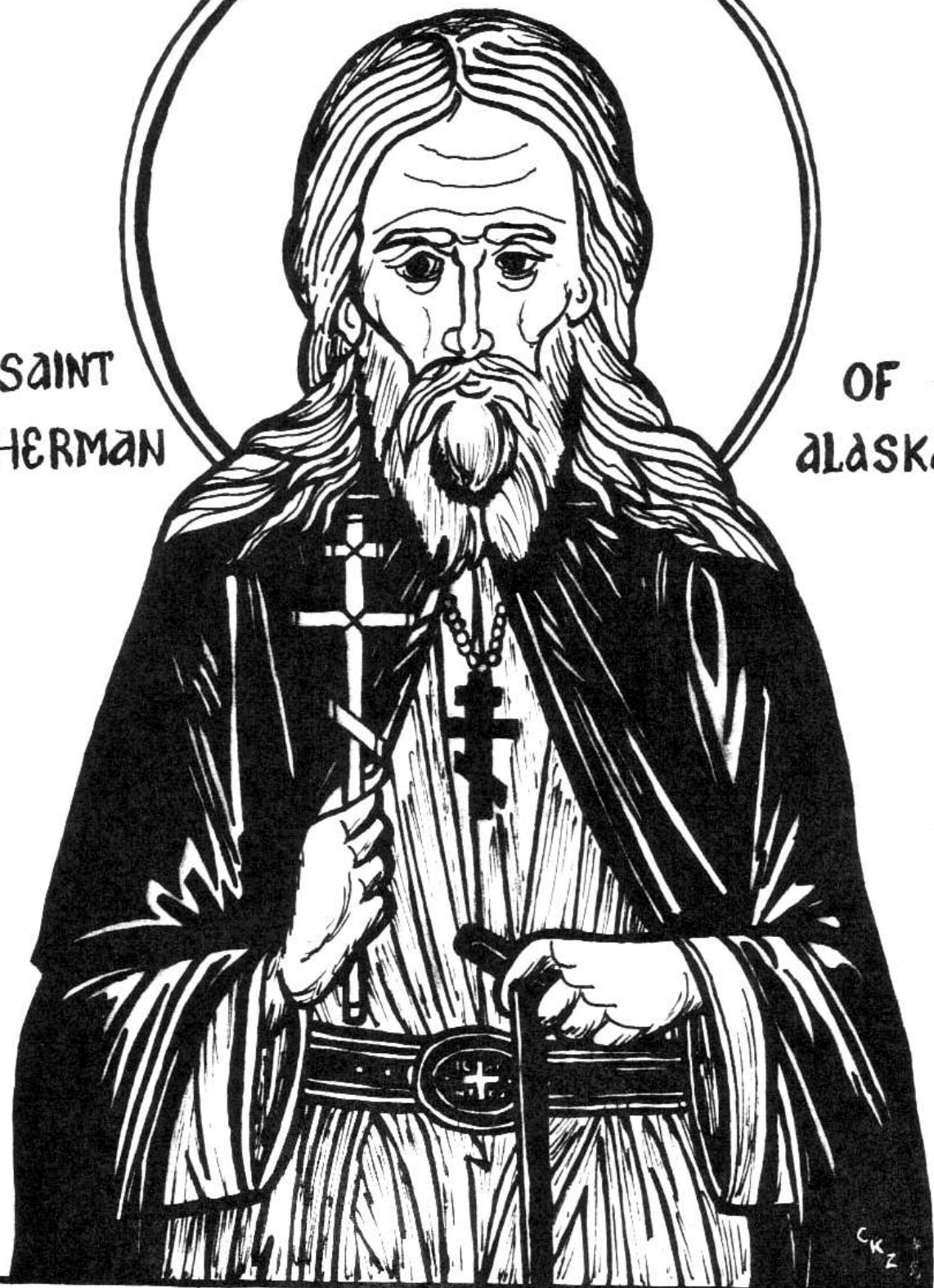
k n q c a m c x n t

r g a k k a d e h k k d c

v h s g s g d r o h q h s."

SAINT
HERMAN

OF
ALASKA



St. Herman of Alaska

Wonderworker of All America

Commemoration Date: August 9th

Monk Herman was born in 1756 to a merchant class family in Serpukhov, Russia, part of the Moscow Diocese. As a young boy, he had a very prayerful life. At the age of sixteen, he decided to go to Holy Trinity Sergius Hermitage about twelve miles from St. Petersburg, Russia to study about the church.

From the time he was a young monk at the Monastery, many miracles began to occur in his life. He found a large sore on his neck that grew larger and larger and made it very difficult for him to swallow. His face became disfigured. He decided to lock himself inside his cell, a small room, and pray before the icon of the Theotokos. During the night, he dreamt the Theotokos healed him. When he awoke the next morning, the sore had disappeared.

He lived at the Hermitage for about five years and then decided to go to the Valaam Monastery near Finland. While Monk Herman was at the Monastery, he was chosen, along with nine other men, to go to Kodiak Island in North America. They walked across Russia and Siberia and then went by boat to Alaska. In 1794 his life on Kodiak Island began as he ministered to the Russian fur traders who had settled there.

About a mile and a half by water from Kodiak Island is Spruce Island. Monk Herman loved Spruce Island. It reminded him of Valaam. Spruce Island was covered with trees and for the first summer on the island Monk Herman lived in a cave he had dug by himself. After that summer, the Russian American Company built him a cell in which he lived for the next forty years.

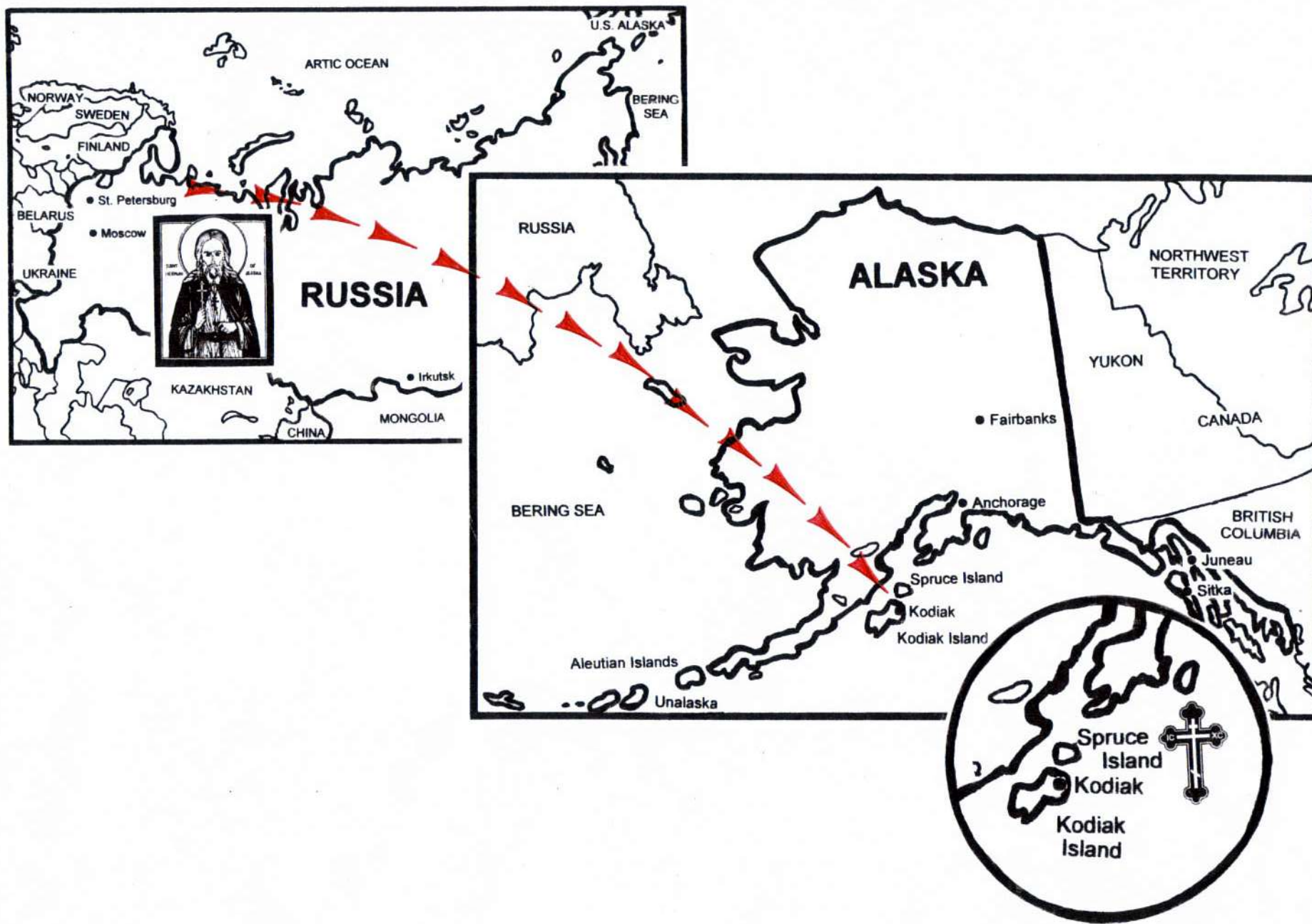
He planted potatoes, cabbage, and many other vegetables and ate fish from the little river that ran through the middle of the island. Whether it was summer or winter, Father Herman wore the same clothes. This included a deerskin shirt without sleeves, shoes, klobuk, and a cassock. He slept on a wooden bench and his blanket was a wooden board.

While he was on the island, he loved to feed the animals by hand, especially the bears. He enjoyed giving advice to people that were having a hard life, and was especially concerned about the children. One day there was a flood on the island and everyone was frightened. The people asked Father Herman for help. He took the icon of the Theotokos, placed it on the ground and asked the people to pray. The water never went past the icon.

Another time, there was a forest fire on the island where Father Herman lived. He and his friend Ignatius dug a ditch and covered it with moss. The fire roared up the hill and stopped as soon as it reached the moss.

These are just some of the miracles that happened during Father Herman's long life. On December 13, 1837, at the age of 81, he died in his cell on Spruce Island. On August 9, 1970, the Orthodox Church in America canonized Father Herman as the First American Saint.

St. Herman's Travels



Holy Father Herman Folk Hymn

St. Herman of Alaska

This folk hymn in honor of St. Herman, whose feast is celebrated on December 13 and August 9, was written by the sisters of the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration, Ellwood City, PA. It is sung to the same melody as the familiar folk hymn to St. Nicholas. Permission is granted to copy and distribute.

As we sail by canoe or boat
To the isle where you once abode
Spruces tall and evergreen
Remember you for they have seen
Holy Father Herman!

You who came to us from afar
As a guide and a bright North Star
Giving Aleuts and us
Orthodoxy's sacred trust
Holy Father Herman!

Simple monk living on Spruce Island
Loving all with God thus united
"Let us love God above all."
May we heed your holy call
Holy Father Herman!

Your pure prayer calmed the stormy seas
Intercede for us in our needs.
With our hearts we praise you here
With you close we need not fear
Holy Father Herman!

You who love children as your own
Pray for us now before God's throne
Shield us from all evil darts
Help us love God with our hearts
Holy Father Herman!

You who are a Holy Fisherman
Caught us in your net of wisdom
Feed us with God's Holy Word
Guide us safely heaven-ward
Holy Father Herman!

Lead us like a shepherd leads his sheep
Show the light that we should keep
Lead us through our sins and wrongs
Help us sing a heavenly song
Holy Father Herman!

You who love Herman the lowly
Give your life to our God wholly
For you Herman intercedes
Helping you in word and deeds
Holy Father Herman!

You who lived in a hermit's cell
Came with you Hosts and Saints to dwell
"Christ is Risen", Herman sang
Joined by angels, heaven rang!
Holy Father Herman!

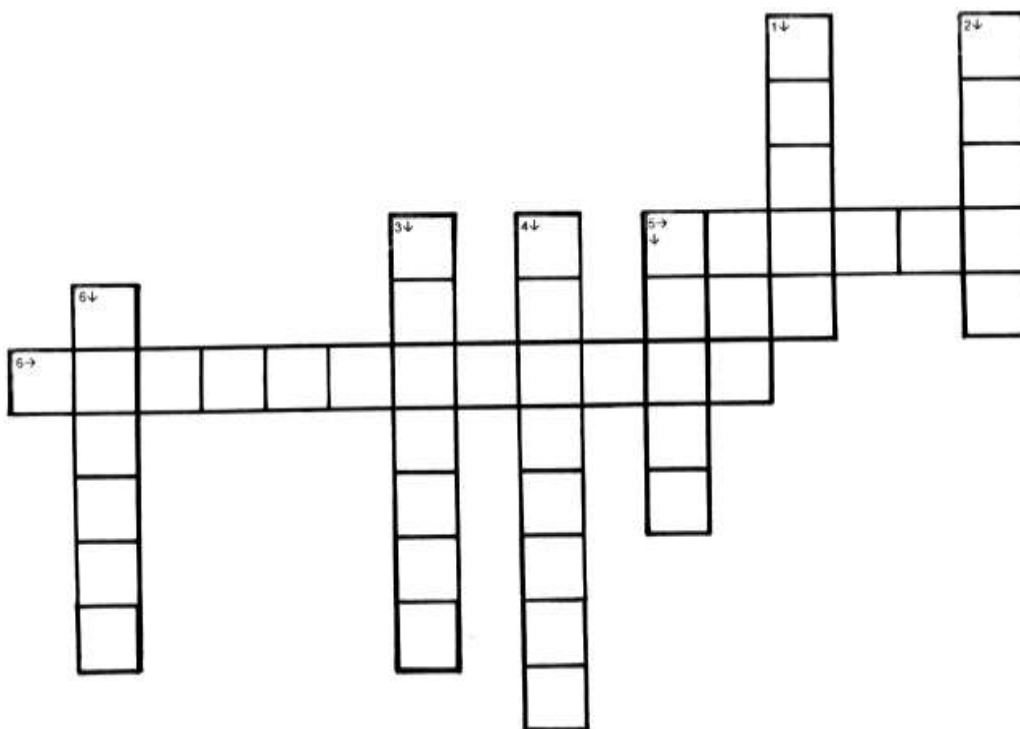
Crossword Puzzle

St. Herman of Alaska

Fill in the answers to the crossword puzzle by placing the underlined words into the correct spaces. The words are taken from the Troparion (Tone 4) of the Akathist Service to St. Herman.

- (6 down) O Blessed Father Herman of Alaska
- (5 across) North Star of Christ's Holy Church
- (2 down) the light of your holy life and great deeds,
- (4 down) guides those who follow the Orthodox way.
- (5 down) Together we lift high the Holy Cross,
- (3 down) you planted firmly in America.
- (1 down) Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ,
- (6 across) singing His Holy Resurrection.

Check out the music downloads for the North American Saints at www.oca.org.



Find the Correct Letters

St. Herman of Alaska

For this puzzle, fill in the blank spaces by finding the correct letters in the grid. To help get you started, the first letter will be filled in. When finished, you will see a verse taken from the Epistle lesson for the Feast of St. Herman.

	1	2	3	4	5
A	K	S	Q	L	U
B	H	V	F	T	M
C	O	D	N	X	W
D	E	A	Y	C	I
E	B	P	R	J	Z

$\frac{I}{D5}$ $\frac{\quad}{B3}$ $\frac{\quad}{C5}$ $\frac{\quad}{D1}$ $\frac{\quad}{A4}$ $\frac{\quad}{D5}$ $\frac{\quad}{B2}$ $\frac{\quad}{D1}$

$\frac{\quad}{E1}$ $\frac{\quad}{D3}$ $\frac{\quad}{B4}$ $\frac{\quad}{B1}$ $\frac{\quad}{D1}$ $\frac{\quad}{A2}$ $\frac{\quad}{E2}$ $\frac{\quad}{D5}$ $\frac{\quad}{E3}$ $\frac{\quad}{D5}$ $\frac{\quad}{B4}$

$\frac{\quad}{A4}$ $\frac{\quad}{D1}$ $\frac{\quad}{B4}$ $\frac{\quad}{A5}$ $\frac{\quad}{A2}$ $\frac{\quad}{D2}$ $\frac{\quad}{A4}$ $\frac{\quad}{A2}$ $\frac{\quad}{C1}$ $\frac{\quad}{C5}$ $\frac{\quad}{D2}$ $\frac{\quad}{A4}$ $\frac{\quad}{A1}$

$\frac{\quad}{E1}$ $\frac{\quad}{D3}$ $\frac{\quad}{B4}$ $\frac{\quad}{B1}$ $\frac{\quad}{D1}$ $\frac{\quad}{A2}$ $\frac{\quad}{E2}$ $\frac{\quad}{D5}$ $\frac{\quad}{E3}$ $\frac{\quad}{D5}$ $\frac{\quad}{B4}$

Galatians 5:25

St. Herman of Alaska

To help get you started, we will give you the first two letters.

A
B
C
D
E

singing His Holy Resurrection.

Missing Link

St. Herman of Alaska

In the activity below, there is one missing letter from each row.

Fill in the space with a letter that will form the word.

When finished, these words can be found in the Epistle lesson for the

Feast of St. Herman of Alaska (Galatians 5:22-23).

If you need some help, check the word bank. Good Luck!

S	Q	A	Z	C	V	K	L		V	E	Y	J	G	D
I	O	P	D	A	J	O	J		Y	T	H	N	N	E
A	S	D	F	I	P	E	A		E	H	J	K	L	Z
X	C	P	A	T	I	E	N		E	V	B	N	M	Q
W	E	R	T	E	K	I	N		N	E	S	S	U	I
O	P	G	O	O	D	N	E		S	L	M	J	Y	H
F	A	I	T	H	F	U	L		E	S	S	E	P	B
B	G	T	R	F	G	E	N		L	E	N	E	S	S
C	D	E	S	E	L	F	C		N	T	R	O	L	W

WORD BANK

KINDNESS JOY GOODNESS

SELF-CONTROL PEACE GENTLENESS

LOVE FAITHFULNESS PATIENCE

Word Scramble

St. Herman of Alaska

Part 1

Instead of scrambled eggs, there are scrambled words below. Your job is to match the scrambled words on the left by drawing a line to the correctly spelled words on the right. The words below describe or tell us more about St. Herman and how special he was. After finding the correct words, place them in the numbered spaces on the next page. (Part 2)
Hint: Look carefully at the scrambled letters and find those same letters in the correctly spelled words.

Scrambled Words

1. intsa
2. treorinssce
3. redlE
4. htecaer
5. dnrefede
6. nuredof
7. alrreob
8. rewolf
9. krowe
10. nemtaodrn

Correct Spelling

- founder
- worker
- laborer
- teacher
- Elder
- flower
- adornment
- intercessor
- saint
- defender

Word Scramble

St. Herman of Alaska

Part 2

**The hymn below is taken from the Litya part of
the Vespers service for St. Herman.**

"Rejoice, _____ of the northern wilderness!
8

Rejoice, _____ of the Church in America!
10

Rejoice, joyful _____ on Spruce Island!
7

Rejoice, _____ of the Church of the Resurrection!
6

Rejoice, _____ of the defenseless!
5

Rejoice, _____ for those in need!
2

Rejoice, _____ of the wise!
4

Rejoice, wonder- _____ of the North!
9

Rejoice, first _____ of the Orthodox in America
1

Rejoice, blessed _____ Herman of Alaska!"
3

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Word Search Puzzle

St. Herman of Alaska

Below is the Ninth Ikos that is sung during the Akathist Service to St. Herman of Alaska. After you are finished reading this beautiful hymn, there is a word search puzzle you will have to help us solve. Starting with *Rejoice*, each verse will have a number at the end. This number will tell you which word you have to find in the verse. First, circle the correct word, and then find it in the word search.

Ninth Ikos

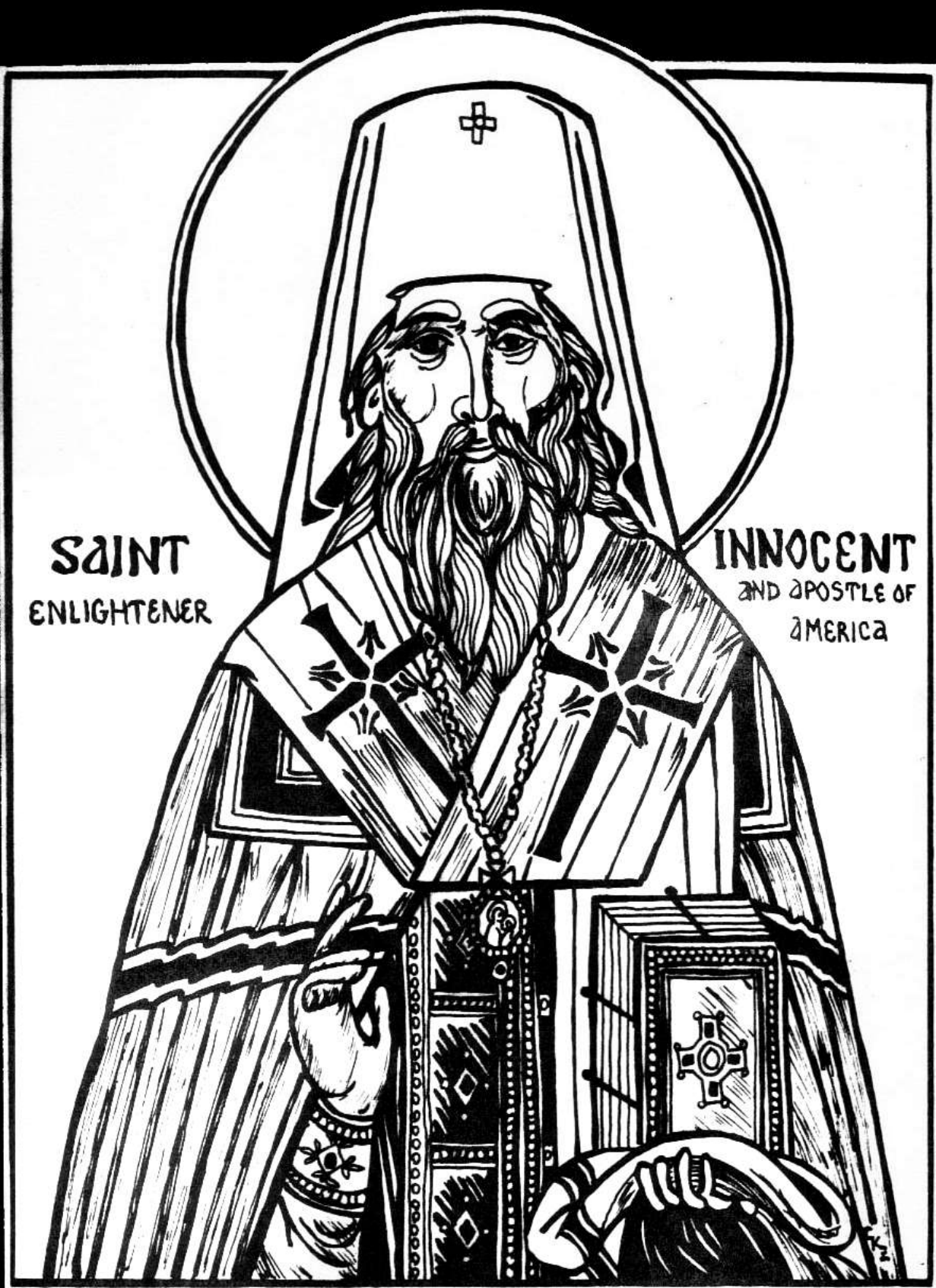
Who can enumerate the miracles witnessed by your people?
The waves of the sea and a fire in the forest were calmed by your prayers.
When there was a great tidal wave, you caused the stormy seas to
cease by your prayers before the Mother of God, saying,
"The water shall not go beyond this line." Therefore, we sing to you thus:
Rejoice, wondrous pacifier of the waters; (6th word)
Rejoice, deliverer from the threat of fire (7th word)
Rejoice, safe harbor for the hierarch Innocent who called to you from
from the sea; (3rd word)
Rejoice, for through your prayers the wind at sea was calmed; (9th word)
Rejoice, source of many miracles during your life; (8th word)
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska, (5th word)
America's most glorious doer of wonders. (6th word)

W	H	A	R	B	O	R
O	A	E	J	H	R	Q
N	L	T	R	H	T	A
D	G	B	E	M	D	Z
E	D	G	F	R	A	X
R	E	I	I	A	S	N
S	R	A	L	E	I	E
E	V	N	A	L	W	D

Taken from the Akathist Service to St. Herman of Alaska

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SAINT
ENLIGHTENER

INNOCENT
AND APOSTLE OF
AMERICA

St. Innocent

Metropolitan of Moscow ·

Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas

Commemoration Dates: October 6th & March 31st

John Veniaminov was born on August 26, 1797 in a rural village of the Irkutsk province in Russia. His father was a church server and taught John to read the Epistle at a very young age. When he was six years old he was orphaned.

At the age of ten, John was assigned to the Irkutsk Theological Seminary. He was a very hard worker and an outstanding student. He was also very humble and kind. When he was 20, he was married and ordained to the diaconate. Following graduation from the seminary, he became a teacher at the parish school and was ordained to the priesthood.

He served as a parish priest for two years in Irkutsk and in 1824 he volunteered to do missionary work in Alaska. When he was 26 years old Father John and his family traveled over 2,000 miles on a fourteen-month journey to Unalaska, in the Aleutian Islands. There he lived in a hut with his wife, elderly mother, baby son Innocent, and brother. At Unalaska he taught the natives of the islands to be carpenters, blacksmiths, and bricklayers. In return, they helped him build a church, which they named Holy Ascension.

Father John continued to travel to remote areas throughout Alaska by canoe, dog sled, and even reindeer. In order to talk to the natives, he learned six different native languages. To help them learn about the church, he translated the Scriptures and other church books into their languages.

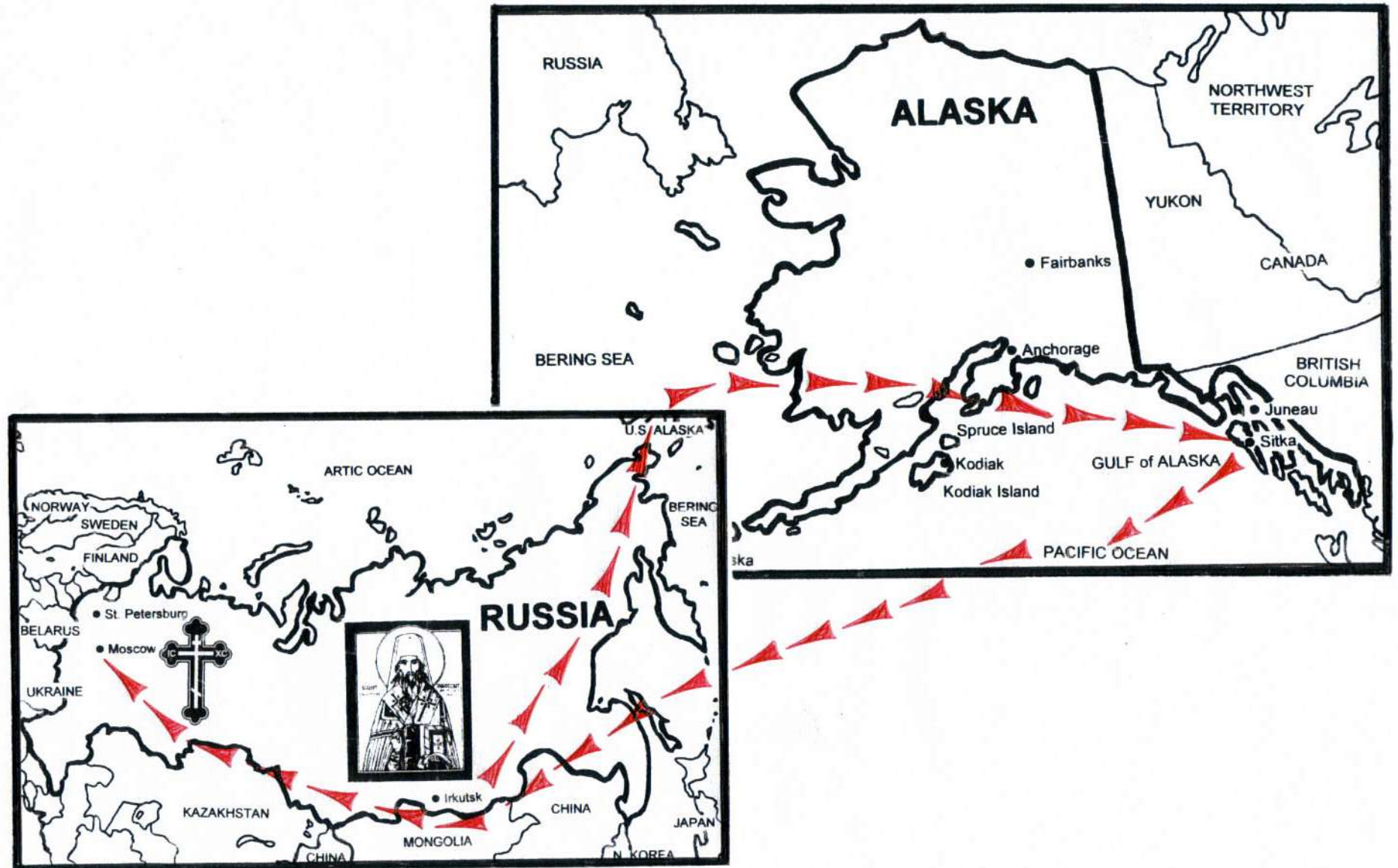
After spending fourteen years in Unalaska and Sitka, he returned to Russia to ask for more support and money for his work in Alaska. When he arrived there, he got the sad news that his wife had died. He made the decision to stay in Russia, and was tonsured a monk and given the name Innocent. On December 15, 1840, he was consecrated Bishop at Kazan Cathedral in St. Petersburg, Russia.

As Bishop he returned to Alaska and spent many years traveling throughout his diocese. He continued to build churches, guide the priests under his care, and bring the Gospel to the native Alaskan people.

After his appointment as Metropolitan of Moscow in 1867, he continued to raise money so priests would have a better life and a place to live after they got older.

On March 31, 1879, Innocent died at the age of 82. He was canonized a saint on October 6, 1977.

St. Innocent's Travels



Number Squeeze Puzzle

St. Innocent Enlightener and Apostle to America

Below is a Bible verse from the Gospel lesson for the Feast of St. Innocent. To help solve this puzzle, your job is to figure out, under each line, which number has been squeezed out from the rest. Then write the matching word in the word bank on the spaces below. After you are finished, read the verse taken from St. John's Gospel. (*John 10:11*)

1. SHEEP 2. THE 3. LAYS 4. I 5. SHEPHERD
6. HIS 7. THE 8. AM 9. FOR 10. THE 11. DOWN
12. LIFE 13. GOOD 14. SHEPHERD 15. GOOD

6 5 3 2 5 6 7 9 10

12 11 9 8

12 14 15 16

2 3 4 6 7 8

9 8 6 5

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11 12 13 15 16 17

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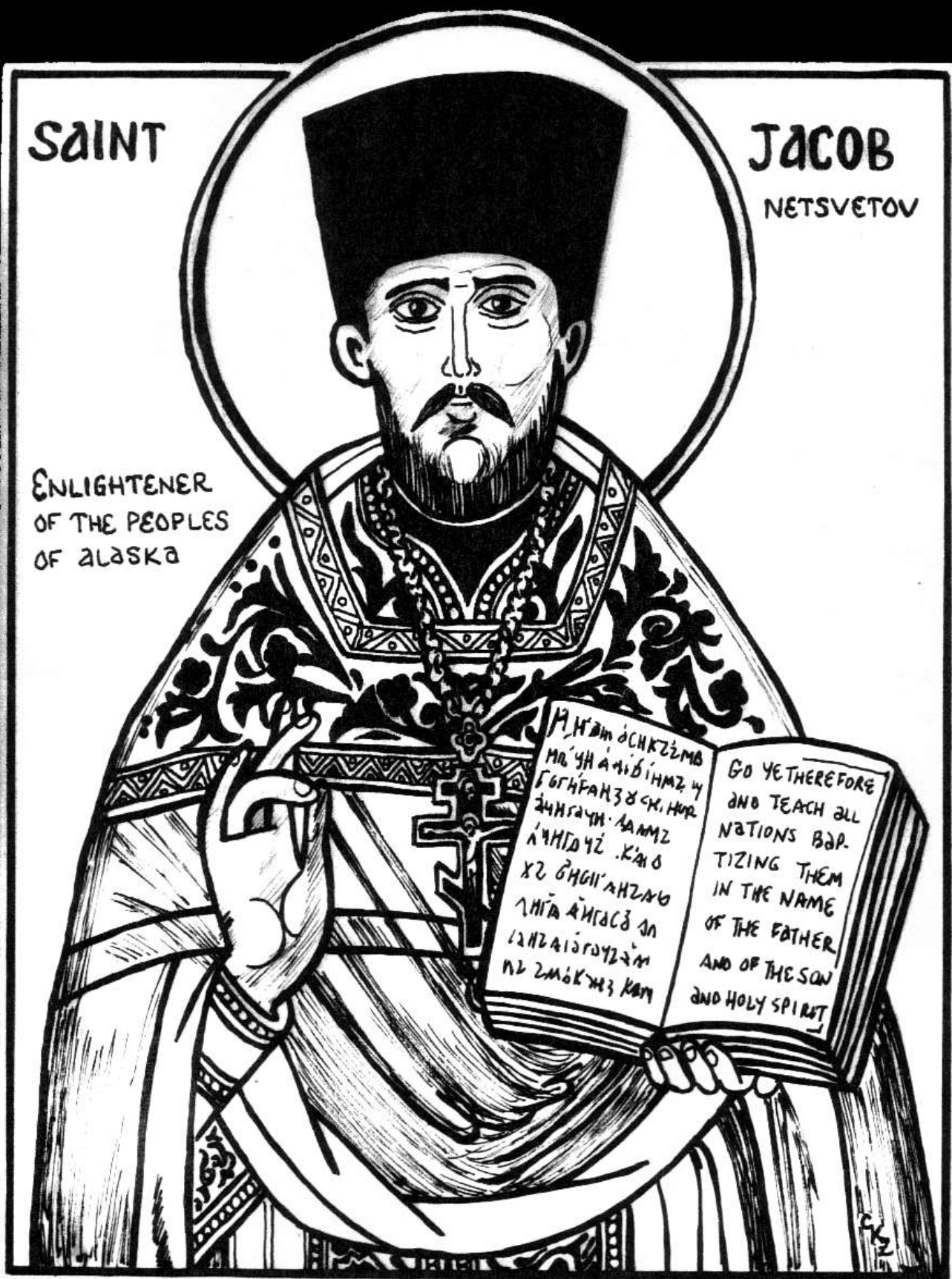
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SAINT

JACOB

NETSVETOV

ENLIGHTENER
OF THE PEOPLES
OF ALASKA



St. Jacob Netsvetov

Enlightener of the Native People of Alaska

Commemoration Date: July 26

In 1802, on an Aleutian Island in Alaska, Yeager and Maria Netsvetov became the parents of a son named Jacob. He was the oldest of four children. He had a sister Elena and two brothers Osip and Antony. During his young life, his parents moved to Siberia, Russia.

His parents were very poor, but worked hard to help their children. Rather than going to the Naval Academy like his brothers, Jacob wanted to learn more about the church, so he went to school at the Irkutsk Theological Seminary.

When he was twenty years old, he married a girl named Anna. He was then tonsured a sub-deacon. On March 4, 1828, he received the Sacrament of Ordination from Archbishop Michael, the same Archbishop that ordained St. Innocent.

After his ordination, Father Jacob wanted to return to Alaska and teach the people about God. So he began his long journey from Siberia to Alaska with his wife and father. After traveling by land and sea for 13 months and 14 days, he reached Alaska.

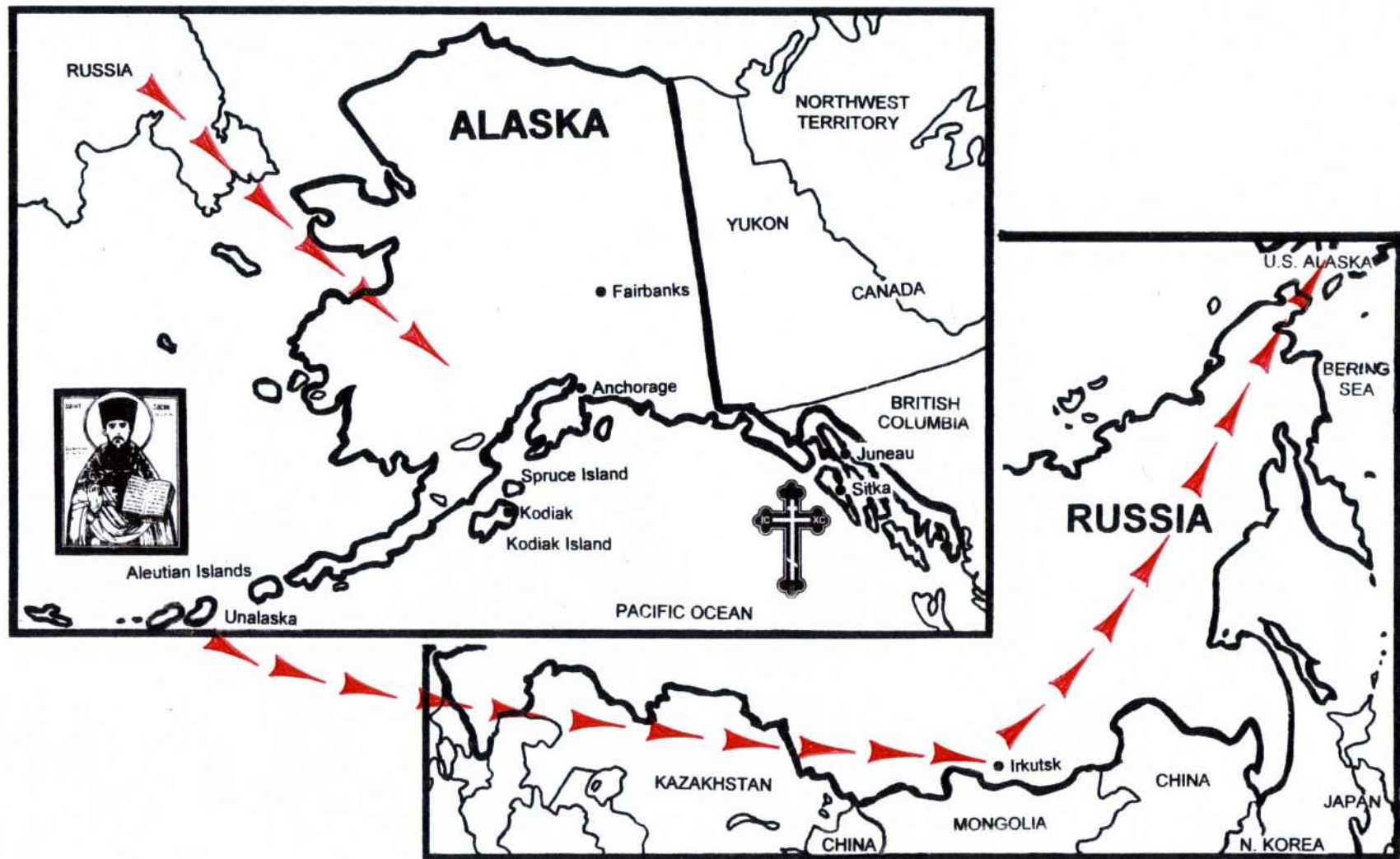
Father Jacob loved his parishioners so much that neither sickness nor weather would stop him from visiting. He spoke two languages, making it very easy for him to talk to the people he served.

Since there was no church building when he arrived, he held all of the services in a tent. Father Jacob would pack up his tent and take it with him on all of his missionary trips. He finally decided it was important to have a church, so he built the church of St. Nicholas. Once the church was completed, he constructed a school for the children. He taught the children to read and write in both Russian and Unagan Aleut, the native language of many people on the island. With the help of St. Innocent, he translated the Holy Scriptures and other important writings into the language of the Native Alaskans.

After his wife and father died, he wanted to be a monastic, but St. Innocent encouraged him to continue his missionary work. Through his work, he converted and baptized both the leader and all of the people in the village.

On July 26, 1864, he died in Sitka, Alaska. The glorification services for St. Jacob were held in Anchorage, Alaska on October 15-16, 1994.

St. Jacob Netsvetov's Travels



Leapfrog Activity

St. Jacob Netsvetov

For this activity, we are going to play leapfrog with letters. For example, you will see $M+2$. The answer will be the letter "O" because we are counting forward two letters. You will have to either count forward or backwards because there is also some subtraction. We have the alphabet below to help you play leapfrog. Once you are finished, you will see the Bible verse.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

$\overline{P+2}$ $\overline{B+3}$ $\overline{K-1}$ $\overline{R-3}$ $\overline{G+2}$ $\overline{B+1}$ $\overline{I-4}$

$\overline{H+1}$ $\overline{Q-3}$ $\overline{Q+3}$ $\overline{J-2}$ $\overline{D+1}$ $\overline{I+3}$ $\overline{N+1}$ $\overline{T-2}$ $\overline{C+1}$

$\overline{B-1}$ $\overline{O-1}$ $\overline{B+2}$ $\overline{D-2}$ $\overline{H-3}$ $\overline{D+3}$ $\overline{H+4}$ $\overline{C-2}$ $\overline{G-3}$

$\overline{S-4}$ $\overline{V+3}$ $\overline{R-3}$ $\overline{X-3}$

$\overline{V-4}$ $\overline{F+3}$ $\overline{E+2}$ $\overline{K-3}$ $\overline{W-3}$ $\overline{C+2}$ $\overline{J+5}$ $\overline{Y-4}$ $\overline{R+1}$

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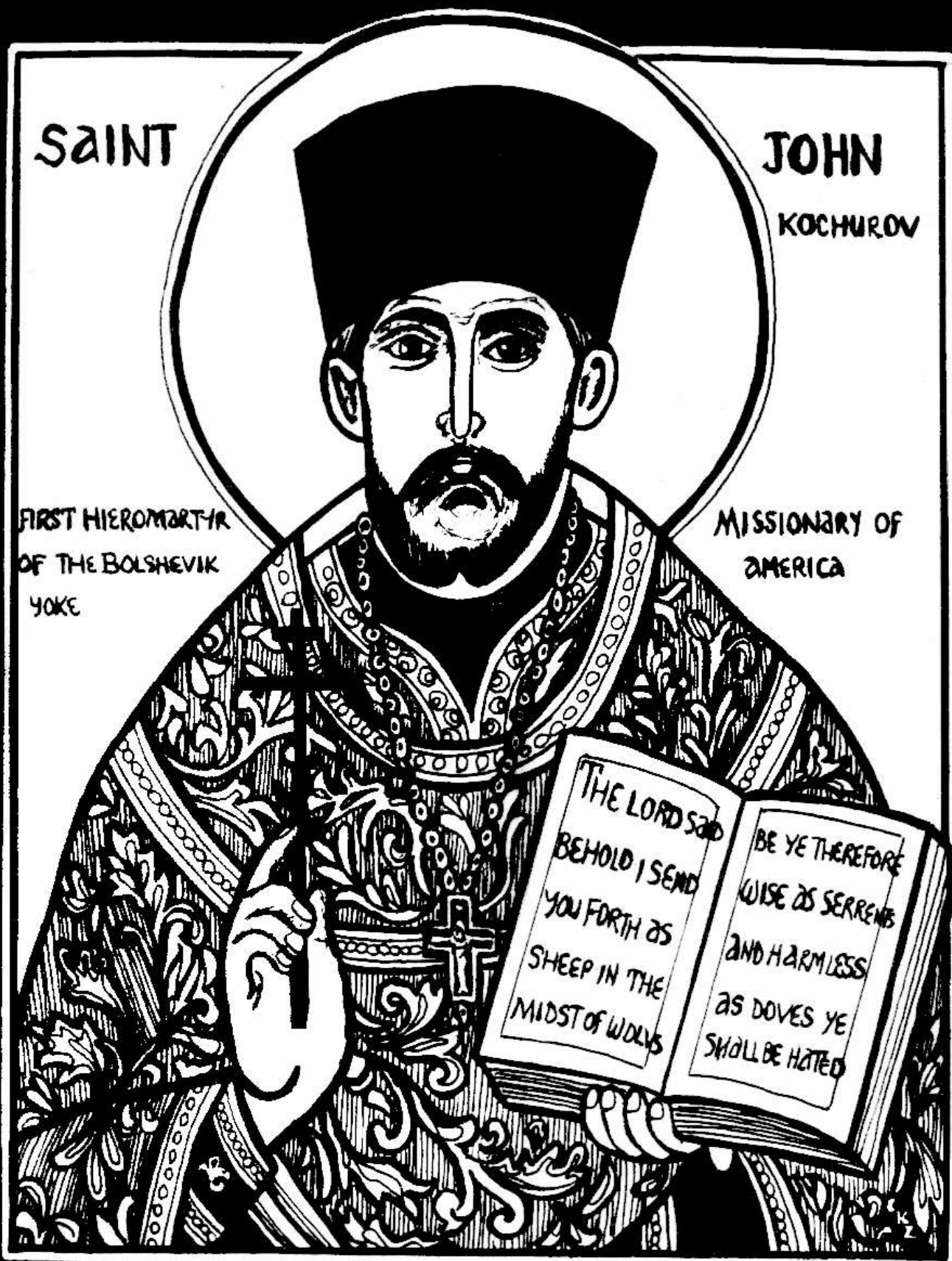
SAINT

JOHN

KOCHUROV

FIRST HIEROMARTYR
OF THE BOLSHIEVIK
YOKE

MISSIONARY OF
AMERICA



St. John Kochurov

Missionary to America • First Hieromartyr under the Bolshevik Yoke

Commemoration Date: October 31st

Alexander and Anna Kochurov gave birth to a son John, on July 1, 1871, in Russia. His father was a priest and inspired John to serve the church. John was an excellent student, both at the Ryazan Seminary and the St. Petersburg Theological Academy. In 1895 John graduated from the Academy and married Alexandra Chernisheva. A few months later, he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Alexander Nevsky Church in St. Petersburg, Russia.

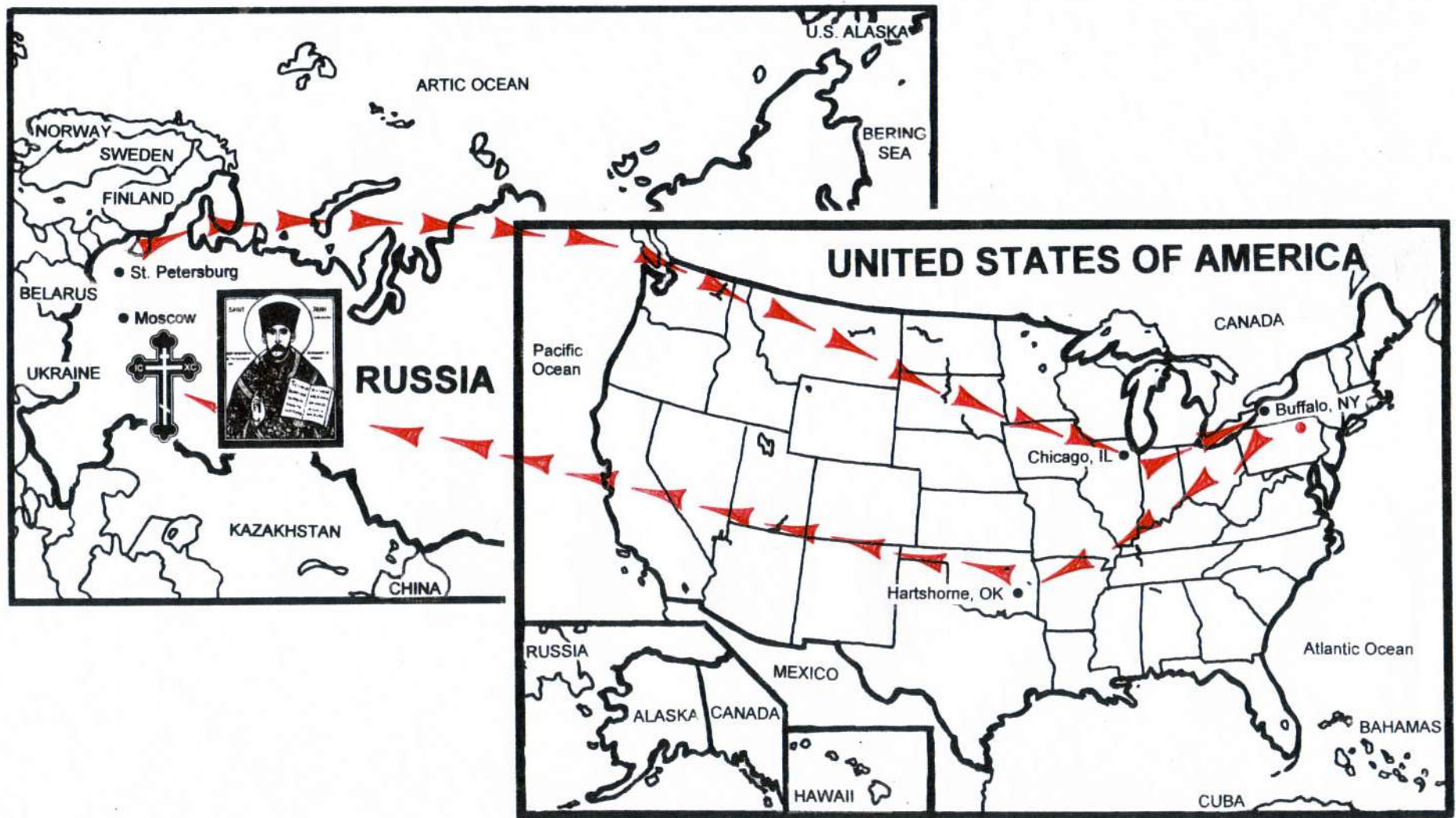
He always wanted to be a missionary priest in the United States and in 1895 his wish came true. He became the parish priest at St. Vladimir's Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois. Since the parish did not have a church building, Fr. John hired an architect and with the help of Bishop Tikhon (St. Tikhon), the church was built and consecrated. The church cost \$50,000. Today, the church is known as Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral.

Father John loved working for the church and continued to establish churches in Chicago and the surrounding cities. He also helped to establish churches in Buffalo, New York and Hartshorne, Oklahoma. Father John worked with Father Alexis Toth (St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre) to help the new immigrants that came to America. They founded the Orthodox Mutual Aid Society that gave money to help immigrants to live in America.

At a meeting of the diocesan clergy at St. Michael's Church in Old Forge, Pennsylvania, Father Rafla (St. Raphael) presented Father John with the gold cross, a special award for clergy. He received this award because of his missionary work throughout America.

In 1907, he went back to Narva, Russia and taught religious education in the schools. Because there were wars when he returned to Russia, many people came to the churches and wanted the clergy to conduct services. Some of the people fighting the wars didn't want this. As a result, Fr. John was arrested and killed on October 18, 1917. He became the first clergy martyr. The Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church canonized St. John on December 4, 1994.

St. John Kuchurov's Travels



Word Search Part - 1

St. John Kochurov

On the second Sunday after Holy Pentecost our church celebrates All Saints of America. For this activity, fill in the blanks with the correct answer. To help we will give you the first and last letters of the missing word. After you are finished, find the words in the word bank.

Word Bank

thirst earth mercy sons men kingdom
God glad pure spirit mourn heaven great

"Blessed are the poor in s _ _ _ _ t, for theirs is the kingdom of h _ _ _ _ n. (Matthew 4:3.)

"Blessed are those who m _ _ _ n, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 4:4.)

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the e _ _ _ h. (Matthew 4:5.)

"Blessed are those who hunger and t _ _ _ _ t for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 4:6.)

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain m _ _ _ y. (Matthew 4:7.)

"Blessed are the p _ _ e in heart, for they shall see G _ _ d. (Matthew 4:8.)

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the s _ _ _ s of God. (Matthew 4:9.)

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the k _ _ _ _ _ _ m of heaven. (Matthew 4:10.)

"Blessed are you when m _ _ n revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. (Matthew 4:11.)

"Rejoice and be g _ _ _ d, for your reward will be g _ _ _ _ t in heaven..." (Matthew 4:12.)

Part of the Gospel lesson for the Feast of All Saints of America.
Matthew 4:25-5:12

Word Search - Part 2

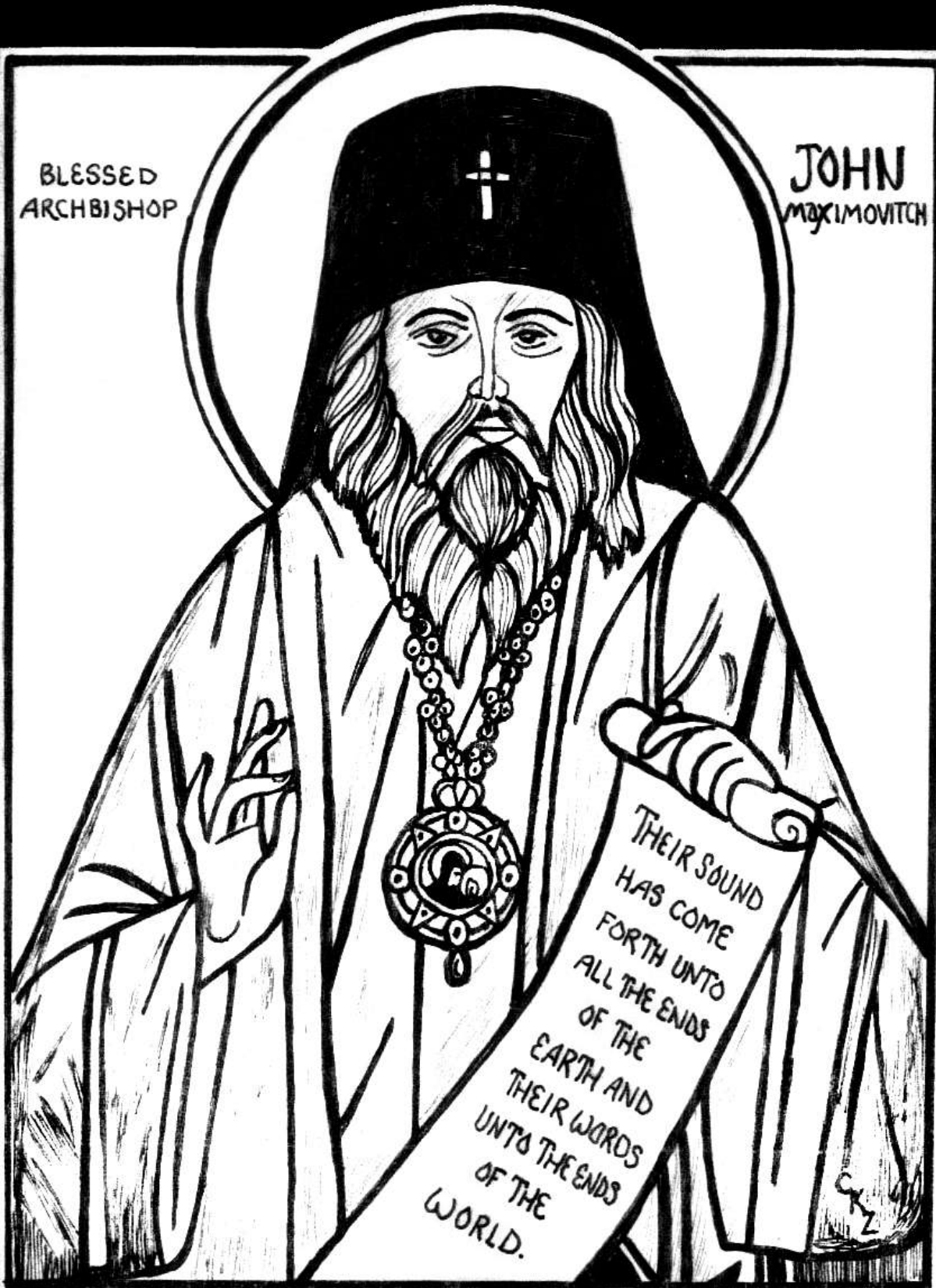
2nd Sunday after Pentecost • All Saints of America

Look at the Word Search - Part 1 that you just completed
for clues to help you solve this Word Search activity.

S	P	I	R	I	T	M	Y	U	W	K
M	E	R	C	Y	P	O	O	B	F	E
G	R	E	A	T	L	U	P	I	E	S
B	L	P	T	S	J	R	R	B	I	S
R	H	G	B	H	O	N	M	E	E	X
X	M	E	L	K	I	N	G	D	O	M
Z	E	A	A	A	H	R	S	O	L	W
F	N	R	Z	V	D	F	S	P	D	N
E	G	T	N	O	E	J	U	T	O	W
L	K	H	R	O	D	N	W	F	J	C
E	F	J	B	D	Q	V	R	G	M	X

BLESSED
ARCHBISHOP

JOHN
MAXIMOVITCH



THEIR SOUND
HAS COME
FORTH UNTO
ALL THE ENDS
OF THE
EARTH AND
THEIR WORDS
UNTO THE ENDS
OF THE
WORLD.

St. John Maximovitch

St. John of San Francisco & Shanghai

Commemoration Date: July 2nd

On June 4, 1896, Michael Maximovitch was born in the village of Adamovka in southern Russia. He had two brothers and a sister. As a young child, he was very sick and hated to eat. He believed Archangel Michael was his heavenly protector and he prayed to him for help. At the age of eleven, Michael entered the Poltava Military Academy. Eleven years later he graduated from Kharkov Imperial University with a Law Degree.

In 1921, during a war in Russia, Michael's family had to move to Belgrade, Serbia. In order to pay for his education at Belgrade University, Michael sold newspapers. He graduated from the university with a degree in theology in 1925. One year later, he was tonsured a monk and given the name John. During the same year, he was ordained to the priesthood. On May 8, 1934 he was consecrated a Bishop and was assigned to the Diocese of Shanghai.

Because of his love for children, he opened an orphanage to help the sick and suffering children from the streets of Shanghai that were poor or didn't have a family. He served over 1,500 children while he was in charge of the orphanage. He always prayed to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk to protect the children. Shortly after he opened the orphanage, the land surrounding it was attacked. St. John decided to bring the children to America.

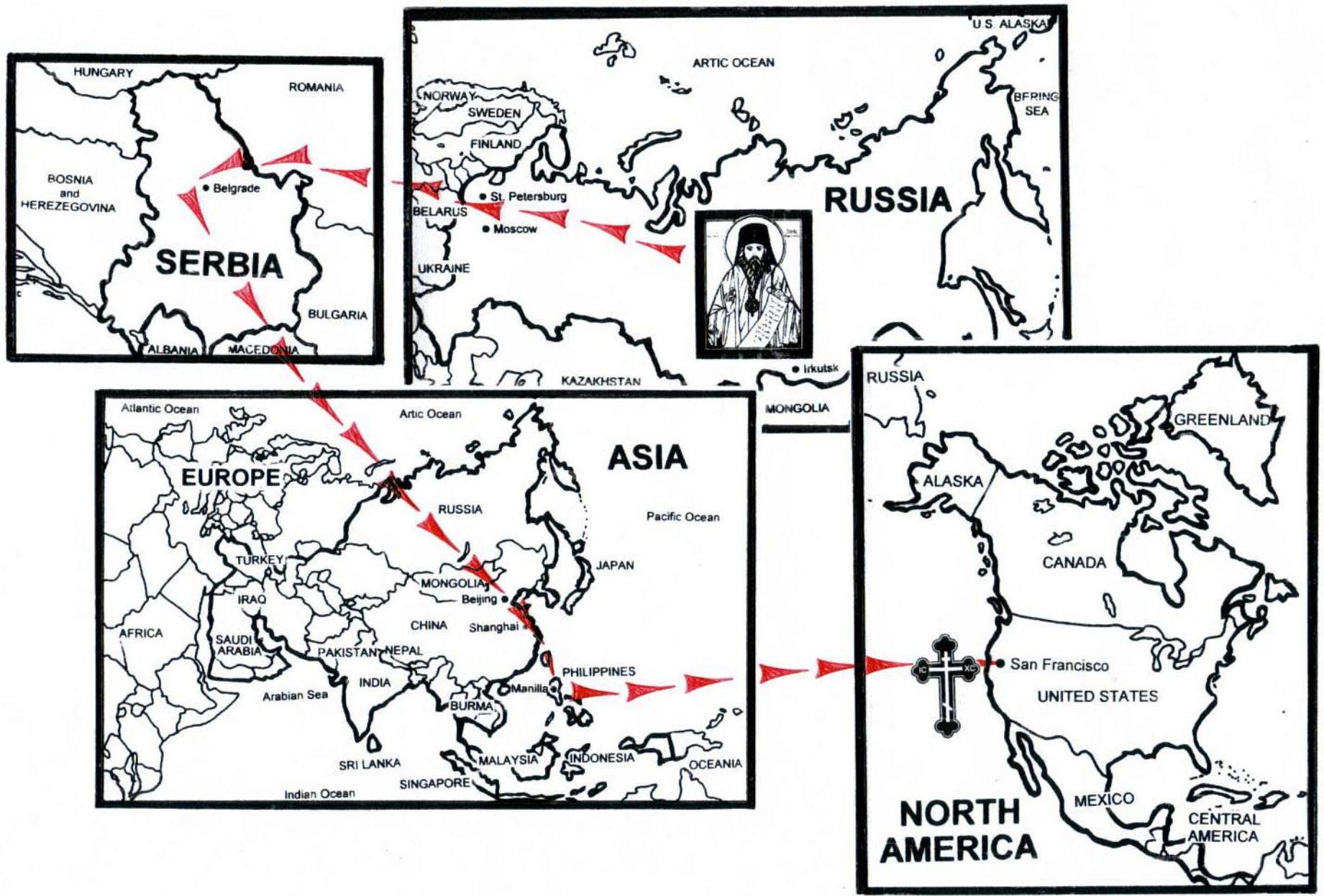
St. John became a teacher at the seminary and many nights he would stay up very late and cover the seminarians with their blankets that had fallen to the floor. He would then make the sign of the cross over each seminarian.

St. John was known for his special deeds. In 1949, 5000 Russians were forced to leave China. They went to an island in the Philippines that was often struck by typhoons. While St. John was on the island, the typhoon would often move in another direction and miss the homes of the people there. As soon as the people moved to the United States and Australia, the island was destroyed by a typhoon.

On November 21, 1962, the Feastday of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, St. John was sent to the Cathedral in San Francisco, California. Under his direction, the building of the cathedral was finished.

Fr. John died on July 2, 1966 a few hours after serving the Divine Liturgy. Twenty-eight years after his death, he was canonized and became known as St. John of San Francisco and Shanghai.

St. John Maximovitch's Travels



What Comes Next?

St. John Maximovitch

Below you will see a bunch of jumbled letters, but don't let that scare you. To solve, write down the letter of the alphabet that comes right after the one that is shown. *Hint:* the letter A will replace the letter Z. Once you have completed this task, you will see the names of some famous monasteries and what is included for daily living. The first letter will be given to help get you started. Good Luck!

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1.) L N M Z R S D Q X

M

2.) B N M U D M S

3.) S Q Z O D Y Z

4.) Q D E Q D B S N Q X

5.) R J D S D

6.) B G T Q B G

7.) B D K K R

8.) L N T M S Z S G N R

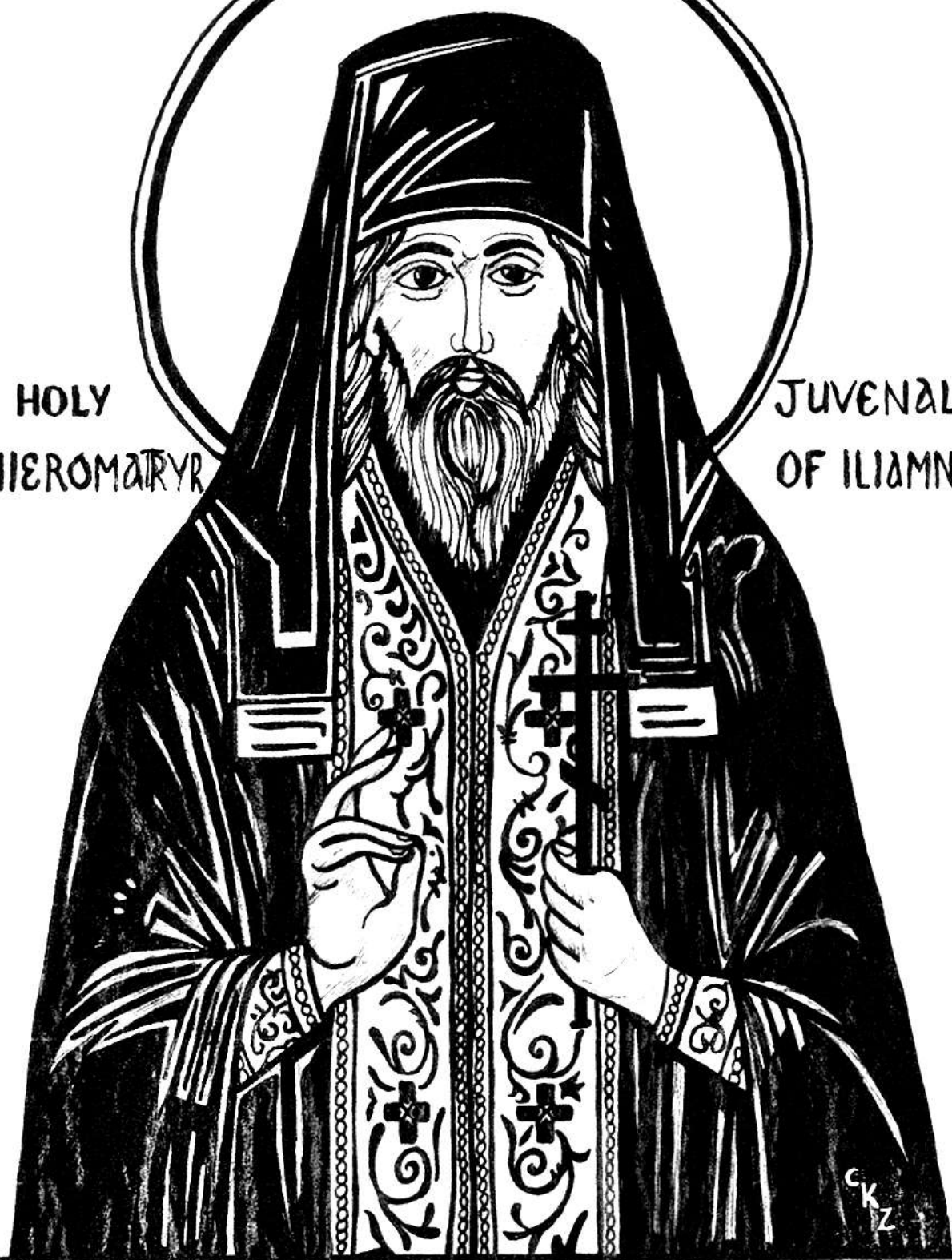
9.) R Z H M S S H J G N M

10.) M D V R J D S D

11.) G N K X S Q Z M R E H F T Q Z S H N M

HOLY
HIEROMARTYR

JUVENALY
OF ILIAMNA



St. Juvenaly

Hieromartyr of Iliamna • Protomartyr of America

Commemoration Dates: September 24th & December 12th

John Feodorovich Hovorukhin was born in Nerchinsk, Siberia in 1761. John worked as an engineer in the mines.

After his wife died in 1791, he entered the monastery at St. Petersburg. He was tonsured a monk and given the name Juvenaly. Later, he was ordained to the diaconate and then to the priesthood. Three years later he traveled to Alaska as a missionary.

On September 24, 1794, after traveling 8,000 miles across Asia, Siberia, and the northern Pacific Ocean, Juvenaly's missionary group, including St. Herman, arrived on Kodiak Island, Alaska. When they arrived, there were no supplies or food. The missionaries worked tirelessly. Within two years, the missionary group converted more than 12,000 Alaskans to Orthodox Christianity.

Hieromonk Juvenaly continued to travel throughout Alaska in boats made of various types of animal skins. He helped more Alaskan Natives than all of the other missionaries that traveled through Alaska. He baptized over 700 people at Nushek. One day as he was traveling by boat, he came to the mouth of a river. Some native Eskimo hunters, who were not Christians, saw him. They did not understand his gestures in making the sign of the cross. They killed him by arrows and spears.

He became the first Orthodox Christian in America to receive the Cross of Martyrdom. His feast day is celebrated on July 2nd.

St. Juvenaly's Travels



Backwards Puzzle

St. Juvenaly

Oops, I typed the words backwards. The trick to solving this puzzle is to read the words from right to left, instead of left to right. I will help you with the first one. Good Luck and have fun!

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e h T d r o L s a h n w o h s

l l a e h t s r e d n o w f o s i H

l l i w o t l l a e h t

s t n i a S n i s i H d n a l

Prokeimenon Tone 4 for the Martyrs
Taken from the Rubrics

SAINT
NICHOLAS

OF
ŽICA



St. Nicholas of Ochrid & Zicha

St. Nicholas of South Canaan

Commemoration Date: March 18th

Nicholai Velimirovich was born into a large peasant family on December 23, 1880 in Lelich, Serbia. He began his education in the village and later went to the capital city of Belgrade where he attended St. Sava Theological Seminary. He graduated in 1902.

Nicholai went on to study further at the Theological Faculty in Bern, Switzerland. In 1909 he received one of many degrees he would earn over his years of study. Nicholai returned to Serbia and was tonsured a monk. He was 29 years old. Within a short period of time, he was ordained to the priesthood and eventually elevated to the rank of Archimandrite. He became a teacher at St. Sava Seminary, the same school from which he graduated.

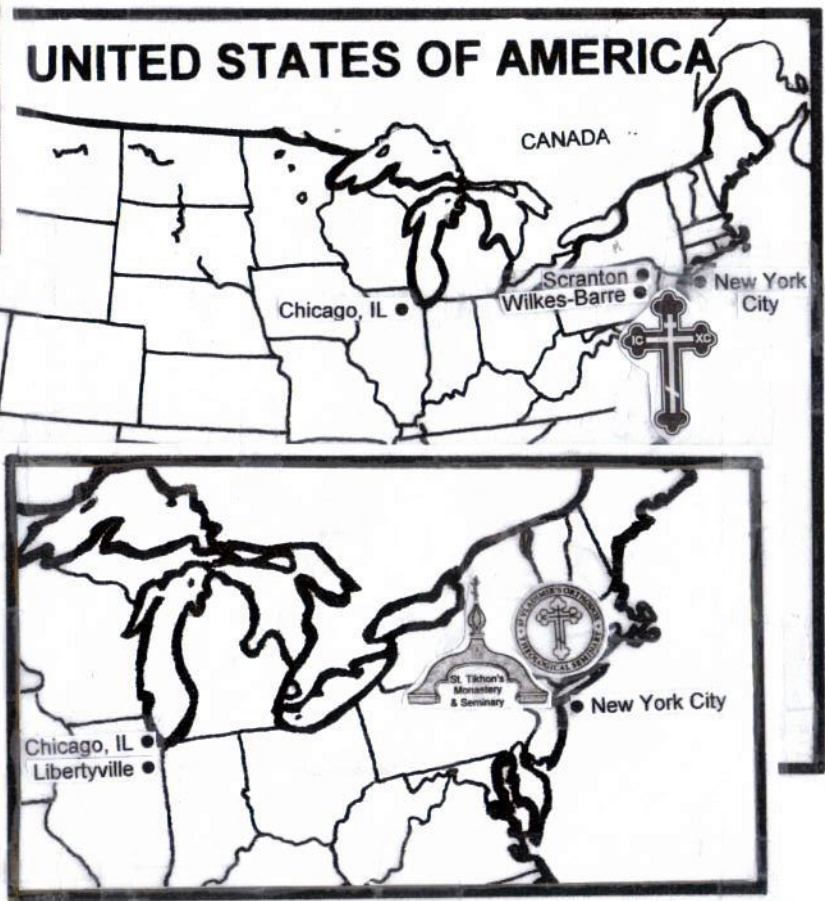
At the age of thirty-nine, in the Church of Serbia, Archimandrite Nicholas was consecrated Bishop of Zicha. In 1921 and 1922 he came to the United States and served as a missionary bishop. He created and took care of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese in the United States and Canada. He returned to Serbia where he was the bishop for two dioceses, Ochrid and Zicha.

During World War II, Bishop Nicholas was arrested in the Monastery of Zicha. For the next three years, he was held captive in two different monasteries. After World War II, Bishop Nicholas traveled throughout Serbia and England and finally returned to the United States in 1946.

While he was in the United States, he taught at St. Sava's Serbian Orthodox Seminary in Libertyville, Illinois, St. Vladimir's Seminar in Crestwood, New York and St. Tikhon's Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. He began as a professor at St. Tikhon's and eventually became the rector. On many fall evenings while at St. Tikhon's, he could be heard playing his flute, which made him cry and think of his life in Serbia.

On March 18, 1956, at the age of seventy-six, Bishop Nicholas fell asleep in the Lord at St. Tikhon's Monastery. Ten days later his body was buried at St. Sava's Serbian Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois. In 1991, his body was taken back to Yugoslavia where he lay in state in many cities and towns. He was buried in his native village of Lelich in Serbia next to his parents. The Serbian Orthodox Church canonized him on May 19, 2003.

St. Nicholas of Zichas' Travels



Math Puzzle

St. Nicholas of Zhicha

Here are some math problems to solve.
After you are finished, write the words on the numbered spaces below.
You will see the names of two books St. Nicholas wrote.

$12 - 7 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ Life}$

$8 - 6 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ from}$

$9 - 6 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ Ochrid}$

$7 + 3 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ Treasury}$

$10 + 2 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ Serbian}$

$3 + 3 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ of}$

$5 + 2 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ St.}$

$5 + 6 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ of}$

$10 - 9 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ Prologue}$

$4 + 4 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ Sava}$

$11 - 2 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ A}$

$9 + 4 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ Spirituality}$

$5 - 1 = \underline{\quad\quad} \text{ The}$

$1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

and

$4 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 5 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 6 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 8 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}},$

$9 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 11 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 12 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$13 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Missing Blanks Activity

St. Nicholas of Zicha and South Canaan

After reading the story of St. Nicholas, fill in the missing blanks with the correct words to complete the sentences. Here is your challenge: try not to look back at the story and see how well you do.

1. On _____ 23, 1980, _____ Velimirorich was born into a large _____ family that lived in _____.
a.) Serbia b.) Nicholai c.) December d.) peasant
2. In 1902, he graduated _____ St. _____ Theological _____.
a.) Sava b.) Seminary c.) from
3. In 1909, _____ was tonsured a _____ at the age of 29 and was _____ the name _____.
a.) Nicholai b.) he c.) given d.) monk
4. Within a _____ period of time, he was ordained to the _____ and became a _____ at St. Sava Seminary where he was once a _____.
a.) student b.) priesthood c.) short d.) teacher
5. In 1921 and 1922, he served as a missionary _____ in _____. He _____ the Serbian Orthodox in both the United States and _____.
a.) helped b.) bishop c.) America d.) Canada
6. He taught at the Serbian Orthodox Seminary in Libertyville, _____; St. Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, _____; and St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, _____.
a.) New York b.) Illinois c.) Pennsylvania
7. On many _____ evenings, at the Seminary, he would play his _____. Many times, he would _____ while playing his flute, because he would think of his life in _____.
a.) cry b.) flute c.) fall d.) Serbia
8. The _____ of St. _____ was held on _____ 19, 2003, by the _____ Orthodox Church.
a.) May b.) Nicholai c.) canonization d.) Serbian

**SAINT
PETER**
THE ALEUT

HOLY MARTYR
✠



St. Peter the Aleut

Holy Martyr of San Francisco

Commemoration Date: September 24th

A native of Kodiak Island in Alaska, the child Tchounagnak was given the name Peter at his baptism into the Orthodox Faith by the monks from St. Herman's missionary party.

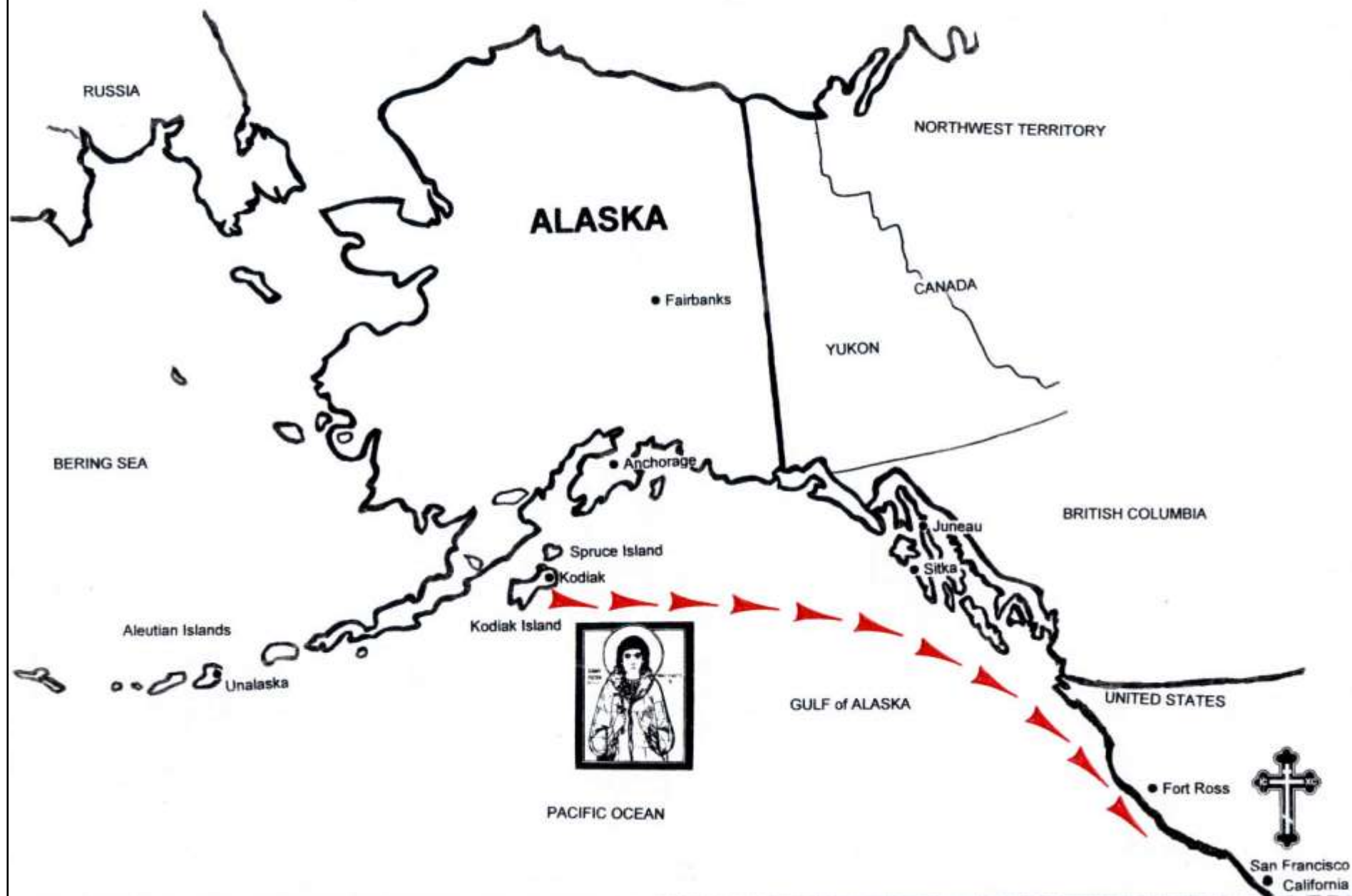
Peter was a fur-hunter. In 1815, a hunting party of fourteen Aleuts, including Peter, were nearing the California shoreline by ship. Back in 1812, the Russian American Trading Company had built Fort Ross, which was located about 50 miles north of San Francisco. They wanted this to be a trading post and a place to raise crops and cattle in the warmer climate. The food and cattle would help support the villages in Alaska. Spain owned California at this time and they were suspicious about what the Russians might do. They were afraid the Russians might attack them and try to take over San Francisco.

When Peter's party of young fur hunters came near Fort Ross, they were captured by Spanish sailors and taken to San Francisco for a mock trial. During his captivity, Peter was asked to leave the Orthodox Faith for another religion. He refused! As a result, two of his toes were cut off.

Again, Peter was asked to deny his Orthodox Faith and again he refused. Finally, his two hands were cut off. At the age of fifteen, he became the third martyr for the Orthodox Faith in America. When the Spaniards were ready to start on the next Aleut they received word to stop the trial. The story of Peter's martyrdom to the Orthodox faith was told by the other Aleut fur hunters who were finally released.

When St. Herman, who was still on Kodiak Island, was told of Peter's death, he turned to his icon and crossed himself and said, "Holy New Martyr Peter, Pray to God for Us!" In 1980, Peter the Aleut was glorified as a saint.

St. Peter the Aleut's Travels



Knowing Our Ones and Tens Place

St. Juvenaly and St. Peter the Aleut

This activity will help sharpen our number place values skills even more. Write the correct number being asked. Then solve the puzzle by placing the words next to their matching numbers below. The answer is the Prokeimenon for the Divine Liturgy for the New Martyrs of Alaska.

Five ones
Lord = ____

Two tens
the = ____

Zero ones
will = ____

Four tens
land = ____

Nine tens
has = ____

Seven tens
are = ____

Seven ones
of = ____

one ten
in = ____

Eight ones
who = ____

Two ones
His = ____

Nine ones
has = ____

5 tens
His = ____

Three ones
shown = ____

Three tens
to = ____

Eight tens
saints = ____

Four ones
wonders = ____

Six tens
The = ____

Six ones
all = ____

_____ 60	_____ 5	_____ 9	_____ 3		
_____ 6	_____ 20	_____ 4	_____ 7		
_____ 2	_____ 0	_____ 30	_____ 20	_____ 80	_____ 8
_____ 70	_____ 10	_____ 50	_____ 40		

SAINT
BISHOP

RAFAEL
OF BROOKLYN



St. Raphael Hawaweeny

Bishop of Brooklyn

Commemoration Date: February 29th

On November 20, 1860, Rafla Hawaweeny was born in Damascus, Syria. He was baptized in Beirut, Lebanon on the Feast of Theophany, the same day the church celebrates the Baptism of Jesus Christ. As an elementary student, he worked very hard and received very good grades. This helped him to receive a scholarship to study at the School of Theology in Halki Island, Turkey.

After Rafla was ordained a deacon on December 8, 1885, he wanted to learn even more about the church, so he continued his studies at the Theological Academy in Kiev, Ukraine. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1889. Six years after his ordination, he arrived in Brooklyn, New York.

In the summer of 1896, he began traveling across the United States. While traveling 3,000 miles between New York and California, he visited people in thirty different cities. At each place he visited, he talked about God. During the visits, he also performed many Sacraments of the church.

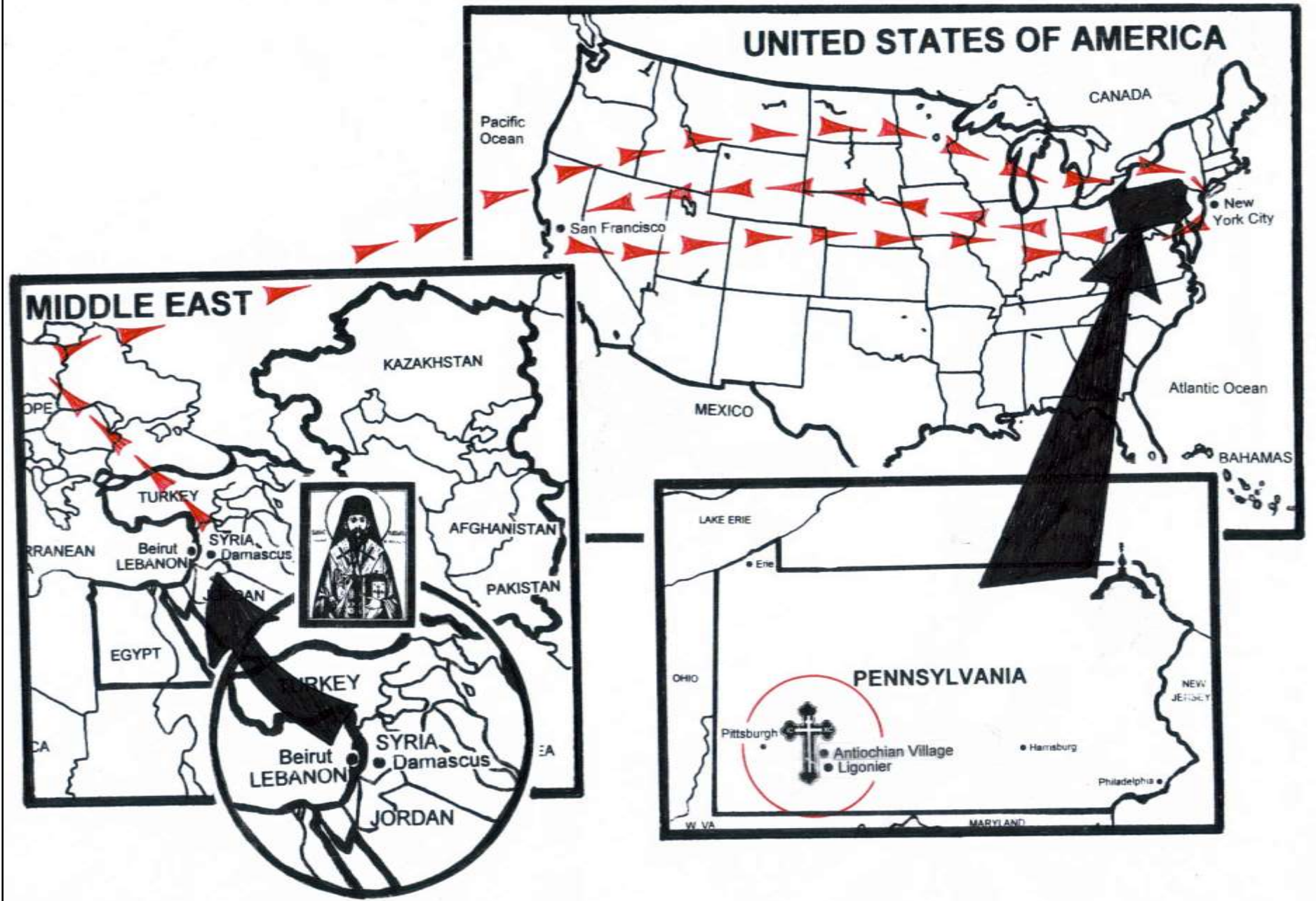
In 1904, on the third Sunday of Great Lent, the Sunday of the Cross, Saint Raphael became the very first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Both Archbishop Tikhon of Moscow (St. Tikhon) and Bishop Innocent performed the consecration of the new Bishop in New York City.

Bishop Raphael thought it was very important for children to learn about the church and he established evening schools for children. In order for church services and church books to be easier to understand, St. Raphael believed English should be the language used in those books.

While he served as Auxiliary Bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church in America, he helped establish thirty parishes across the country and in July of 1905 he blessed the land on which St. Tikhon's Monastery is located.

On February 27, 1915, at the age of 55, St. Raphael died. In 1989, his relics were taken to the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. In March 2000, the Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America canonized St. Raphael. On Memorial Day weekend of May 2000, his glorification services were held at St. Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

St. Raphael Hawaweeny's Travels



Coloring Puzzle

St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

Color **red** all the blocks that have an odd number (1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19).
After all of the odd blocks have been colored, fill in the spaces with the remaining letters, in order, to reveal the message.

3 G	2 H	5 Y	1 M	8 O	11 A	2 L	7 W	11 H	8 Y
14 F	3 A	4 A	9 M	16 T	13 E	12 H	1 D	6 E	12 R
7 S	8 R	1 E	2 A	6 P	17 C	18 H	20 A	6 E	12 L
19 A	7 Z	5 J	14 P	9 H	5 E	6 R	13 L	4 A	4 Y
5 B	10 T	3 R	7 V	1 X	4 O	9 O	11 A	5 D	13 V
6 C	10 H	1 W	15 P	16 R	9 N	8 I	13 C	2 S	4 T
9 L	3 R	17 Y	19 B	18 O	9 X	4 U	5 A	15 A	10 R
7 Z	3 K	9 J	4 G	1 V	8 O	11 A	3 S	9 U	20 D
6 F	7 P	5 J	7 J	11 S	12 O	3 L	6 R	11 R	5 Z
15 Y	19 H	8 U	17 I	3 O	5 U	4 S	15 F	5 W	9 M

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Jumbled Numbers and Words

St. Raphael Hawaweeny, Bishop of Brooklyn

What a mess! We have a bunch of mixed up numbers and words that do not make any sense. To read the Gospel verse, match the numbers (with their matching words) on the spaces below, starting with the odd (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15) numbers. After the number 15, continue on using the even (2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16) numbers.

9 shepherd	5 the	6 his	10 for
8 life	2 lays	3 am	12 the
14 sheep	4 down	7 good	15 shepherd
13 good	11 The	1 I	16 John

1 3 5 7

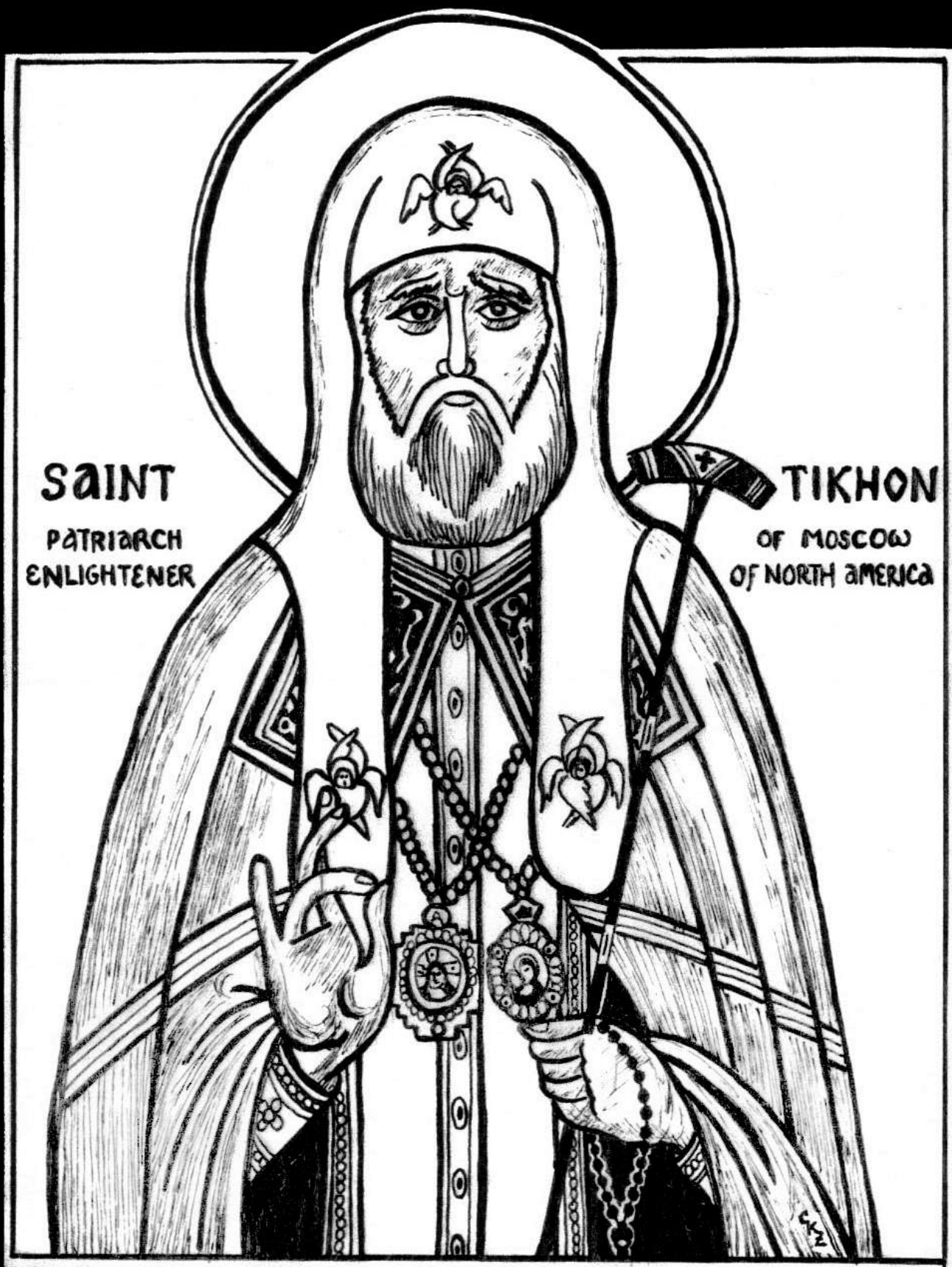
9 11 13

15 2 4

6 8 10 12

14

16 10:11



St. Tikhon

PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW • APOSTLE TO AMERICA

Commemoration Dates: April 7th & October 9th

On January 16, 1865, Basil Belavin was born in Toropets, a region in Russia. His father, Ioann, was a parish priest. He had two brothers. As a young boy he showed his love for the church and those around him by helping the peasants with their work.

After he graduated from the Pskov Seminary and the St. Petersburg Academy, he became a teacher. In 1896 he was tonsured a monk and given the name Tikhon.

On October 19, 1897, Tikhon was consecrated as Bishop of the Kholm Diocese and, in September 1898, he became the Bishop of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska. His home was Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in San Francisco, California.

Using dogsleds and kayaks, Bishop Tikhon traveled through the Alaskan wilderness to visit his flock. During his travels, he encouraged both the clergy and the lay people to develop mission parishes. It did not take long for the parishes in the diocese to increase from 15 to 70.

Bishop Tikhon was a gentle man who loved everyone. He believed it was important to help people to adjust to life in America. As a result, he decided to move to New York City to help the immigrants arriving from Europe. With the help of St. Alexander, Bishop Tikhon supervised the construction of St. Nicholas Cathedral in New York City.

In 1905, two years before he left America, he blessed the Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. In 1907, he moved to Russia and, after ten years, he was elected as the first Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

On April 7, 1925, at the age of sixty, Patriarch Tikhon died and was buried in the Cathedral of the Donskoy Monastery. Patriarch Tikhon was canonized a saint by the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church on October 19, 1989 at St. Daniel's Monastery in Moscow, Russia.

St. Tikhon's Travels



Word Bank

St. Tikhon

Please help us to put the Word Bank words in ABC order. After you have done this place the words into the sentences to learn more about St. Tikhon. The alphabet is here to help you. Careful, as there are two words that begin with the same letter, so you will have to look at the second letter in the words to get them into the correct order. Good Luck and have fun!

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Word Bank

saint
Orthodox
America
He
seminary
bishops
Russia
people
Monastery

Correct ABC order

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

St. Tikhon was born in _____ in 1865. He was one of the first
Orthodox _____ in the United States. He traveled all over
_____ and visited many Orthodox _____. He started
a _____ and also brought other _____ to America.
He started St. Tikhon's _____ 100 years ago. It is the oldest
_____ monastery in _____. _____
Patriarch of Russia. He was made a _____ in 1989.

Word Find Puzzle

St. Tikhon

After reading the story of St. Tikhon, look for some of the words from the story in this word find puzzle. Circle the words when you find them.

Hint: All of the answers will be straight across →.

M	V	B	R	O	T	H	E	R	S	L	W
G	C	S	P	E	A	S	A	N	T	S	B
B	C	H	U	R	C	H	O	L	W	Q	I
T	E	A	C	H	E	R	D	C	Z	R	E
G	T	O	N	S	U	R	E	D	L	V	B
K	X	O	O	C	D	D	M	M	O	N	K
S	K	T	I	K	H	O	N	W	I	A	Y
J	V	D	K	B	I	S	H	O	P	A	A
M	G	A	L	A	S	K	A	P	D	H	V
A	J	N	Q	P	M	F	L	O	C	K	X
A	P	R	I	L	N	P	T	E	L	D	N
G	S	J	I	O	C	T	O	B	E	R	R

Glossary

Archimandrite: the head of a large monastery or group of monasteries.

Architect : a person who designs buildings and advises in their construction.

Archpriest: a priest of preeminent rank.

Canonize: to make a deceased person an officially recognized saint.

Captivity: to be held in a place against your will.

Cassock: an ankle-length (black) garment worn by the clergy and lay people who help with the church services.

Consecrate: to make or declare something is sacred and for the worship of God.

Convert: to change from one religious belief to another.

Deeds: things a person does.

Hermitage: a secluded and private place where a monk or nun lives.

Immigrant: a person(s) who comes from another country to live here.

Glorification Services: the series of worship services that take place when a man or a woman is being canonized (declared a saint by the Church.) The services include hymns to the saint and the unveiling of his or her icon.

Kayak: an Eskimo canoe (boat) made of a wood frame covered with skins of animals.

Klobuk: worn by monastics, this is a stiff black headcovering which is round and flat on top, with a veil that covers it and hangs down over the shoulders and back.

Martyr: a person who voluntarily suffers death as the penalty for witnessing to and refusing to renounce a religion.

Miracle: an extraordinary or extremely unusual event of divine intervention.

Missionary: a person(s) who goes out to explain about God to other people, usually in a foreign country.

Monastic: an unmarried man, known as a monk, or an unmarried woman, known as a sister, who live a life of seclusion away from the world we live in. Men and women can both be referred to as “monastics”.

Ordination: the act of being set aside to serve the Church in the capacity of a deacon or a priest.

Orphanage: a place for children who have no parents or relatives that can take care of them.

Reader: a male who is set aside and appointed to read the Psalms and Holy Scripture during the Church services.

Rector: a priest who is in charge of a mission or parish.

Relic: an object that is esteemed and venerated because of its association with a Saint or Martyr.

Revolution: the overthrow of a government or a social system to replace it with Another.

Sacrament: a Christian rite, such as Baptism or Eucharist, that is believed to be ordained by Christ and is held to because of its divine grace.

Seminarian: a student (male or female) who studies about the life of the Church.

Theology: the study of God and his relation to the world through practice, faith, and experiences.

Tonsure: to cut or shave the head of a person as an offering to God.

Translate: to change words or a text from one language to another.

Venerate: to kiss or show respect to a sacred object.

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Answer Keys

Elimination Game Answer Key

St. Alexander Hotovitsky

	A	B	C	D
1	red	let	pizza	green
2	get	are	Philip	giraffe
3	wicked	Peter	banana	met
4	five	dog	John	pleasing
5	sinful	apple	lion	Andrew
6	cat	to	evil	seven
7	set	wrong	James	pasta
8	purple	eleven	God	blue

Do not neglect to do good and to share
what you have, for such sacrifices
are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16

Word Blanks Answer Key

St. Alexis Toth

1. In what country was St. Alexis born? Austria
2. St. Alexis' father was a Greek Catholic priest.
3. St. Alexis also became a priest, just like his father.
4. St. Alexis came to America in 1889.
5. What city did St. Alexis serve as a mission priest?
Minneapolis.
6. St. Alexis decided to join the true Orthodox
Church.
7. St. Alexis moved to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
8. St. Alexis helped many people from Russia and
other countries who came to live in America.
9. St. Alexis wrote a book to help people understand
their Orthodox faith.
10. St. Alexis received many awards, including one
from St. Tikhon.
11. St. Alexis was buried at St. Tikhon's Monastery.
12. St. Alexis was made a Saint in May 1994.
13. St. Alexis' feast day is May 7th.

Saint Alexis is the:

Confessor and Defender of
Orthodoxy in America.

Word Code Answer Key

St. Alexis Toth

"I s h a l l
h r g k k

i n s t r u c t y o u
h m r s q t b s x n t

i n t r u t h, s o
h m s q t s g r n

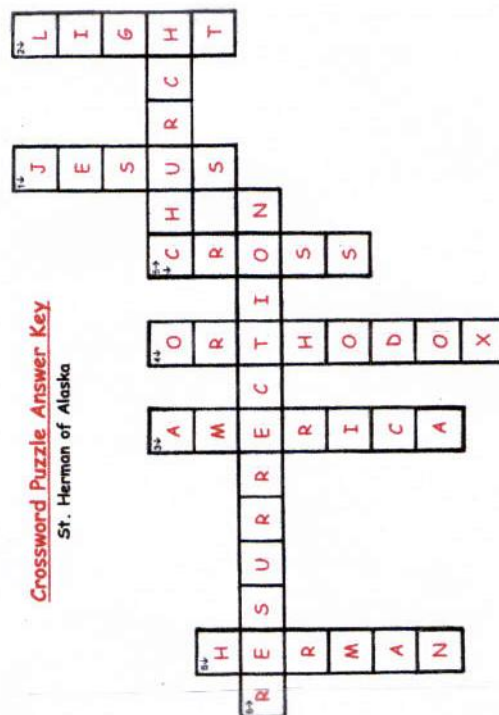
t h a t y o u r h o p e
s g s x n t q g n o d

w i l l b e i n t h e
v h k k a d h m s g d

L o r d a n d y o u
k n q c m c x n t

s h a l l b e f i l l e d
r g k k a d e h k k d c

w i t h t h e s p i r i t.
v h s g s g d r o h q h s



Crossword Puzzle Answer Key
St. Herman of Alaska

Answer Keys

Find the Correct Letters Answer Key

St. Herman of Alaska

I F W E L I V E
D5 B3 C5 D1 A4 D5 B2 D1

B Y T H E S P I R I T
E1 D3 B4 B1 D1 A2 E2 D5 E3 D5 B4

L E T U S A L S O W A L K
A4 D1 B4 A5 A2 D2 A4 A2 C1 C5 D2 A4 A1

B Y T H E S P I R I T
E1 D3 B4 B1 D1 A2 E2 D5 E3 D5 B4

Galatians 5:25

Grid Puzzle Answer Key

St. Herman of Alaska

O Blessed F A T H E R Herman of A L A S K A
c2 c5 d3 e1 b3 a4 c5 a3 c5 e2 b4 c5

North Star of Christ's H O L Y C H U R C H,
e1 c4 a3 e3 d4 e1 b5 a4 d4 e1

the L I G H T of your H O L Y life and great deeds,
a3 e4 a5 e1 d3 e1 c4 a3 e3

guides those who follow the O R T H O D O X Way.
c4 a4 d3 e1 c4 d2 c4 a1

Together we L I F T high the Holy C R O S S,
a3 e4 c2 d3 d4 a4 c4 e2 e2

Y O U planted firmly in America.
e3 c4 e5

Let all behold and G L O R I F Y Jesus Christ,
a5 a3 c4 a4 e4 c2 e3
singing His Holy Resurrection.

Missing Link Answer Key

St. Herman of Alaska

S	Q	A	Z	C	V	K	L	O	V	E	Y	J	G	D
I	O	P	D	A	J	O	J	O	Y	T	H	N	N	E
A	S	D	F	I	P	E	A	C	E	H	J	K	L	Z
X	C	P	A	T	I	E	N	C	E	V	B	N	M	Q
W	E	R	T	E	K	I	N	D	N	E	S	S	U	I
O	P	G	O	O	D	N	E	S	S	L	M	J	Y	H
F	A	I	T	H	F	U	L	N	E	S	S	E	P	B
B	G	T	R	F	G	E	N	T	L	E	N	E	S	S
C	D	E	S	E	L	F	C	O	N	T	R	O	L	W

WORD BANK

KINDNESS JOY GOODNESS

SELF-CONTROL PEACE GENTLENESS

LOVE FAITHFULNESS PATIENCE

Answer Keys

Leapfrog Activity Answer Key

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints of America

R E J O I C E
P+2 B+3 K-1 R-3 G+2 B+1 I-4

I N T H E L O R D
H+1 Q-3 Q+3 J-2 D+1 I+3 N+1 T-2 C+1

A N D B E G L A D
B-1 O-1 B+2 D-2 H-3 D+3 H+4 C-2 G-3

O Y O U
S-4 V+3 R-3 X-3

R I G H T E O U S
V-4 F+3 E+2 K-3 W-3 C+2 J+5 Y-4 R+1

REJOICE IN THE LORD
AND BE GLAD
O YOU RIGHTEOUS

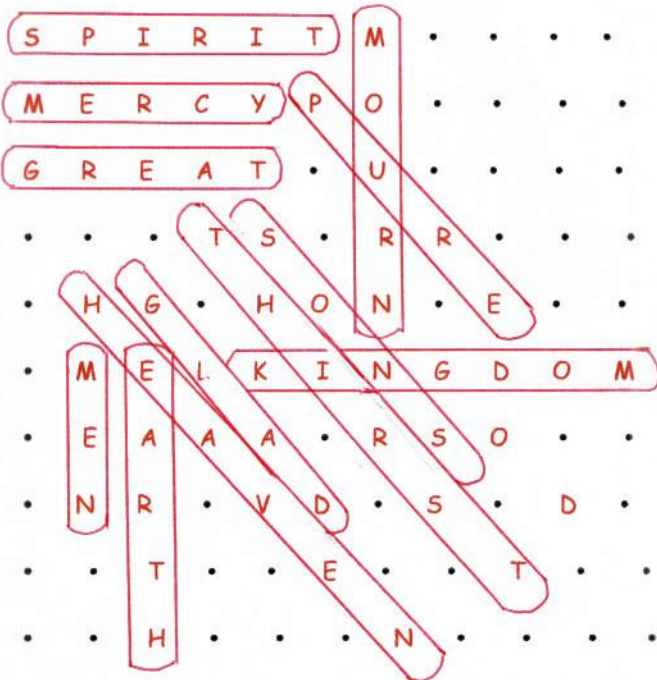
Word Search Part 1 Answer Key

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 4:3.)
- "Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 4:4.)
- "Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 4:5.)
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 4:6.)
- "Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy. (Matthew 4:7.)
- "Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God. (Matthew 4:8.)
- "Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the sons of God. (Matt. 4:9.)
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 4:10.)
- "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my
account. Matthew 4:11.)
- Rejoice and be glad, for your reward
will be great in heaven..." (Matthew 4:12.)

Word Search Part 2 Answer Key

2nd Sunday after Pentecost ♦ All Saints of America



What Comes Next? Answer Key

- 1.) LNMZ RSDQX
- 2.) BNMUDMS
- 3.) SQZODYZ
- 4.) QDEQDBSNQX
- 5.) RJDSD
- 6.) BGTQBG
- 7.) BDKKR
- 8.) LNTMS ZSGNR
- 9.) RZHMS SHJGNM
- 10.) MDV RJDSD
- 11.) GNKX SQZMREHFTQZSHNM

MONASTERY
CONVENT
TRAPEZA
REFRECTORY
SKETE
CHURCH
CELLS
MOUNT ATHOS
SAINT TIKHON
NEW SKETE
HOLY
TRANSFIGURATION

Answer Keys

Word Scramble Answer Key

St. Herman of Alaska
Part 2

- "Rejoice, flower of the northern wilderness!
8
Rejoice, adornment of the Church in America!
10
Rejoice, joyful laborer on Spruce Island!
7
Rejoice, founder of the Church of the Resurrection!
6
Rejoice, defender of the defenseless!
5
Rejoice, intercessor for those in need!
2
Rejoice, teacher of the wise!
4
Rejoice, wonder- worker of the North!
9
Rejoice, first saint of the Orthodox in America!
1
Rejoice, blessed Elder Herman of Alaska!"
3

Word Scramble Answer Key - Part 1

St. Herman of Alaska

Scrambled Words

Correct Spelling

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| 1. intsa | founder |
| 2. treorinssce | worker |
| 3. redIE | laborer |
| 4. htecaer | teacher |
| 5. dnrefede | Elder |
| 6. nuredof | flower |
| 7. alrreob | adornment |
| 8. rewolf | intercessor |
| 9. krowe | saint |
| 10. nemtaodrn | defender |

Word Search Puzzle Answer Key

St. Herman of Alaska

- Rejoice, wondrous pacifier of the waters; (6th word)
Rejoice, deliverer from the threat of fire (7th word)
Rejoice, safe harbor for the hierarch Innocent
who called to you from the sea; (3rd word)
Rejoice, for through your prayers the wind at sea was
calmed; (9th word)
Rejoice, source of many miracles during your life;
(8th word)
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,
(5th word)
America's most glorious doer of wonders. (6th word)



Number Squeeze Puzzle Answer Key

St. Innocent Enlightener and Apostle to America

1. SHEEP 2. THE 3. LAYS 4. I 5. SHEPHERD
6. HIS 7. THE 8. AM 9. FOR 10. THE 11. DOWN
12. LIFE 13. GOOD 14. SHEPHERD 15. GOOD

- | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|--|
| <u>I</u> | | <u>AM</u> | |
| 6 5 4 3 2 | 5 6 7 8 9 10 | | |
| <u>THE</u> | | <u>GOOD</u> | |
| 12 11 10 9 8 | 12 13 14 15 16 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| <u>THE</u> | | <u>GOOD</u> | |
| 9 8 7 6 5 | 13 14 15 16 17 | 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 | |
| <u>LAYS</u> | | <u>DOWN</u> | |
| 2 3 4 5 6 | 8 9 10 11 12 | 7 6 5 4 3 | |
| <u>FOR</u> | | <u>THE</u> | |
| 7 8 9 10 11 12 | 0 1 2 3 4 5 | 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 | |

Answer Keys

Backwards Puzzle Answer Key

St. Juvenaly

The Lord has shown
ehT droL sah nwohs

all the wonders of His
lla eht srednow fo siH

will to all the
lliw ot lla eht

Saints in His land.
stniaS ni siH dnaI

Math Puzzle Answer Key

St. Nicholas of Zhicha

12 - 7 = 5 Life
9 - 6 = 3 Ochrid
10 + 2 = 12 Serbian
5 + 2 = 7 St.
10 - 9 = 1 Prologue
11 - 2 = 9 A
5 - 1 = 4 The

8 - 6 = 2 from
7 + 3 = 10 Treasury
3 + 3 = 6 of
5 + 6 = 11 of
4 + 4 = 8 Sava
9 + 4 = 13 Spirituality

1 = Prologue 2 = from 3 = Ochrid

and

4 = The 5 = Life 6 = of 7 = St. 8 = Sava ,

9 = A 10 = Treasury 11 = of 12 = Serbian

13 = Spirituality

Missing Blanks Activity Answer Key

St. Nicholas of Zicha and South Canaan

- On December 23, 1980, Nicholai Velimirorich was born into a large peasant family that lived in Serbia.
a.) Serbia b.) Nicholai c.) December d.) peasant
- In 1902, he graduated from St. Sava Theological Seminary.
a.) Sava b.) Seminary c.) from
- In 1909, he was tonsured a monk at the age of 29 and was given the name Nicholai.
a.) Nicholai b.) he c.) given d.) monk
- Within a short period of time, he was ordained to the priesthood and became a teacher at St. Sava Seminary where he was once a student.
a.) student b.) priesthood c.) short d.) teacher
- In 1921 and 1922, he served as a missionary bishop in America. He helped the Serbian Orthodox in both the United States and Canada.
a.) helped b.) bishop c.) America d.) Canada
- He taught at the Serbian Orthodox Seminary in Libertyville, Illinois; St. Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, New York; and St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, Pennsylvania.
a.) New York b.) Illinois c.) Pennsylvania
- On many fall evenings, at the Seminary, he would play his flute. Many times, he would cry while playing his flute, because he would think of his life in Serbia.
a.) cry b.) flute c.) fall d.) Serbia
- The canonization of St. Nicholai was held on May 19, 2003, by the Serbian Orthodox Church.
a.) May b.) Nicholai c.) canonization d.) Serbian

Knowing Our Ones and Tens Place

St. Juvenaly and St. Peter the Aleut

Five ones Lord = <u>5</u>	Two tens the = <u>20</u>	Zero ones will = <u>0</u>	Four tens land = <u>40</u>
Nine tens has = <u>90</u>	Seven tens are = <u>70</u>	Seven ones of = <u>7</u>	one ten in = <u>10</u>
Eight ones who = <u>8</u>	Two ones His = <u>2</u>	Nine ones has = <u>9</u>	5 tens His = <u>50</u>
Three ones shown = <u>3</u>	Three tens to = <u>30</u>	Eight tens saints = <u>80</u>	
Four ones wonders = <u>4</u>	Six tens The = <u>60</u>	Six ones all = <u>6</u>	

The Lord has shown
60 5 9 3

all the wonders of
6 20 4 7

His will to the saints who
2 0 30 20 80 8

are in His land.
70 10 50 40

Answer Keys

Coloring Puzzle Answer Key

St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

3 G	2 H	5 Y	1 M	8 O	11 A	2 L	7 W	11 H	8 Y
14 F	3 A	4 A	9 M	16 T	13 E	12 H	1 D	6 E	12 R
7 S	8 R	1 E	2 A	6 P	17 C	18 H	20 A	6 E	12 L
19 A	7 Z	5 J	14 P	9 H	5 E	6 R	13 L	4 A	4 Y
5 B	10 T	3 R	7 V	1 X	4 O	9 O	11 A	5 D	13 V
6 C	10 H	1 W	15 P	16 R	9 N	8 I	13 C	2 S	4 T
9 L	3 R	17 Y	19 B	18 O	9 X	4 U	5 A	15 A	10 R
7 Z	3 K	9 J	4 G	1 V	8 O	11 A	3 S	9 U	12 D
6 F	7 P	5 J	7 J	11 S	12 O	3 L	6 R	11 R	5 Z
15 Y	19 H	8 U	17 I	3 O	5 U	4 S	15 F	5 W	9 M

HOLY FATHER RAPHAEL PRAY TO
CHRIST OUR GOD FOR US.

Word Bank Answer Key

St. Tikhon

Jumbled Numbers and Words Answer Key

St. Raphael Hawaweeny, Bishop of Brooklyn

9 shepherd	5 the	6 his	10 for
8 life	2 lays	3 am	12 the
14 sheep	4 down	7 good	15 shepherd
13 good	11 The	1 I	16 John

I am the good shepherd.
1 3 5 7 9
The good shepherd lays down
11 13 15 2 4
his life for the sheep
6 8 10 12 14

John 10:11

16

Word Bank

saint
Orthodox
America
He
seminary
bishops
Russia
people
Monastery

Correct ABC order

1. America
2. bishops
3. He
4. Monastery
5. Orthodox
6. people
7. Russia
8. saint
9. seminary

St. Tikhon was born in Russia in 1865.

7
He was one of the first Orthodox bishops in the United States.

2
He traveled all over America and visited many Orthodox people.

1 6
He started a seminary and also brought other bishops to America.

9 2
He started St. Tikhon's Monastery 100 years ago.

4
It is the oldest Orthodox monastery in America.

5 1
He was Patriarch of Russia. He was made a Saint in 1989.

3

8

Answer Keys

Word Find Puzzle Answer Key

St. Tikhon

M	V	B	R	O	T	H	E	R	S	L	W
G	C	S	P	E	A	S	A	N	T	S	B
B	C	H	U	R	C	H	O	L	W	Q	I
T	E	A	C	H	E	R	D	C	Z	R	E
G	T	O	N	S	U	R	E	D	L	V	B
K	X	O	O	C	D	D	M	M	O	N	K
S	K	T	I	K	H	O	N	W	I	A	Y
J	V	D	K	B	I	S	H	O	P	A	A
M	G	A	L	A	S	K	A	P	D	H	V
A	J	N	Q	P	M	F	L	O	C	K	X
A	P	R	I	L	N	P	T	E	L	D	N
G	S	J	I	O	C	T	O	B	E	R	R