

## ***APOSTLE MATTHIAS OF THE SEVENTY***

The Holy Apostle Matthias was born at Bethlehem of the Tribe of Judah. From his early life he studied the Law of God under the guidance of Saint Simeon the God-Receiver.

When the Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself to the world, St. Matthias believed in Him as the Messiah, followed constantly after Him and was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, whom the Lord “sent them two by two before His face” (Luke 10:1).

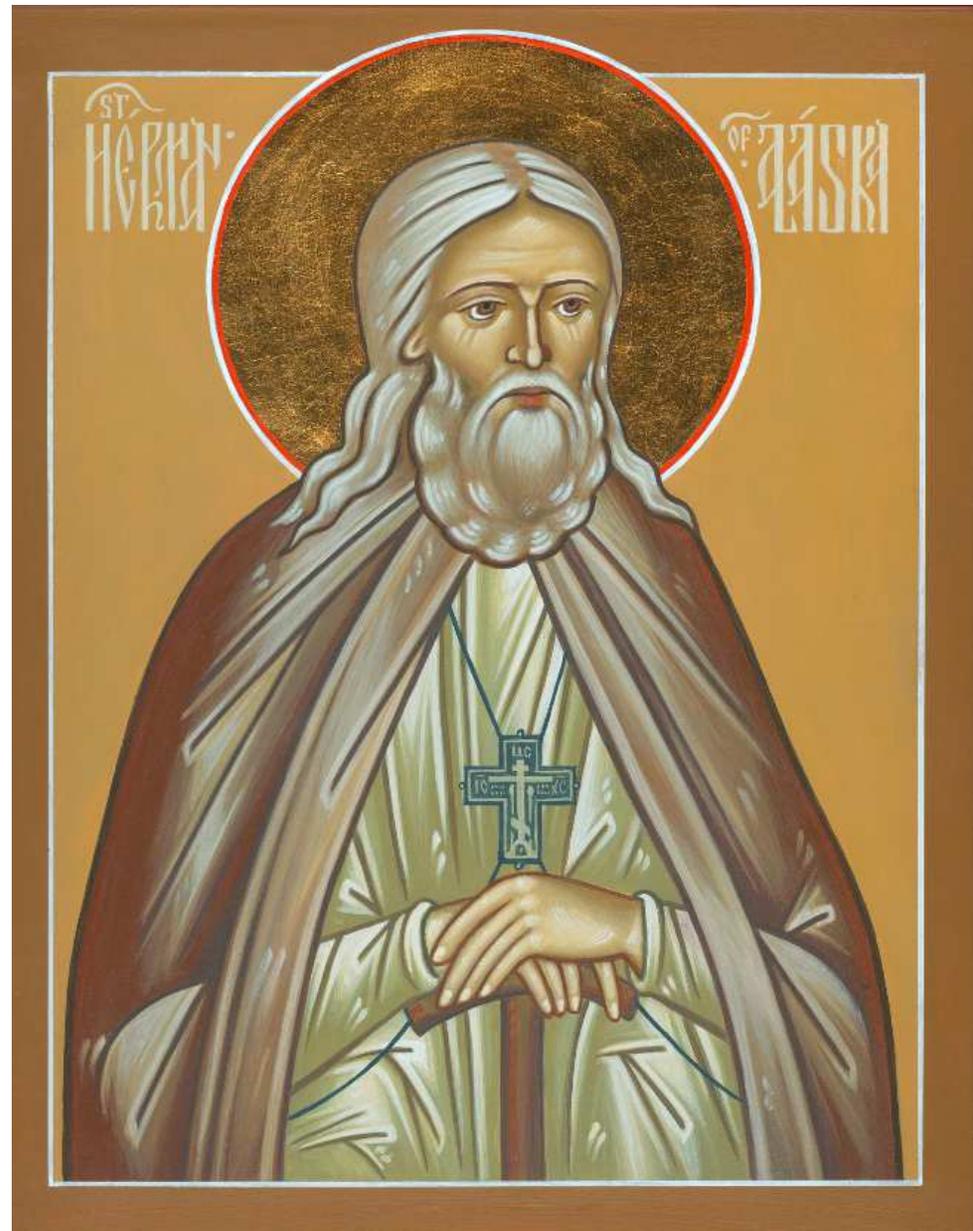
St. Matthias journeyed to Amasea, a city on the shore of the sea. During a 3-year journey of the Apostle Andrew, St. Matthias was with him at Edessa and Sebaste. He preached at Pontine Ethiopia and Macedonia. He was frequently subjected to deadly peril, but the Lord preserved him.

Once, pagans forced him to drink poison. He drank it, and not only did he himself remain unharmed, but he also healed other prisoners who had been blinded by the potion. When St. Matthias left the prison, the pagans searched for him in vain, for he had become invisible to them. Another time, when the pagans had become enraged, intending to kill the Apostle, the earth opened up and engulfed them.

He returned to Judea and continued enlightening his countrymen with Christ’s teachings. He worked great miracles in the Lord’s name and converted a great many to faith in Christ. The Jewish High Priest Ananias ordered Apostle Matthias arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin. There Ananias blasphemed the Lord. Using the Old Testament prophecies, St. Matthias demonstrated that Christ is the True God, the promised Messiah, the Son of God, Consubstantial and Coeternal with God the Father. After these words, he was sentenced to death and stoned.

The Apostle Matthias received the martyr’s crown of glory in the year 63.

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## ***NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***Afterfeast of the Transfiguration***

***Apostle Matthias***

***Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America***

***Martyr Anthony of Alexandria; Ven. Psoi of Egypt;***

***Martyrs Julian, Marcian, John, Jacob, Alexius, Demetrius, Photius,***

***Peter, Leontius and Mary, of Constantinople***

“Joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, guiding all people to the heavenly Kingdom; teacher and Apostle of the True Faith; intercessor and defender of the oppressed; adornment of the Orthodox Church in America; blessed Father Herman of Alaska, pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!”

Troparion, Tone VII

“Your words went out to the farthest extremes of the world, O holy Apostle and wonderworker, Matthias, enlightening the nations as does the sun itself, and dispensing the grace of faith to the whole Church.”

Kontakion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 3:9-17  
GALATIANS 5:22-6:2

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-34  
LUKE 6:17-23

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Today, August 9	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:00 a.m. 40th Day Memorial Service for Joanne Podojil
Friday, August 14	6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Saturday, August 15	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - <b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b> 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, August 10	I Corinthians 15:12-19	Matthew 21:18-22
Tuesday, August 11	I Corinthians 15:29-38	Matthew 21:23-27
Wednesday, August 12	I Corinthians 16:4-12 II Corinthians 1:1-7	Matthew 21:28-32 Matthew 21:43-46
Thursday, August 13	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	Matthew 5:14-19
Friday, August 14	II Corinthians 1:12-20 Romans 15:30-33	Matthew 22:23-33 Matthew 17:24-18:4
Saturday, August 15	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

<p><b><u>CHAIRS AVAILABLE!</u></b>          There are several hundred steel folding chairs in the basement of our Fellowship Hall that are no longer of any use here. Perhaps some parishioners can use a couple of such chairs at your home. They are available for the asking, but a nominal donation would be appreciated.</p> <p><b><u>THANK YOU!</u></b>          Many thanks to all parishioners for their continuing support during this pandemic. Even though attendance in church has diminished for health-concern reasons, the mailed-in donations have made it possible to pay the necessary bills and keep the parish functioning. In addition, your donations make it possible to do the needed repairs and projects which summer weather permits.</p>	<p><b><u>CHURCH SCHOOL:</u></b>          Please remember the ongoing Church School program presented on the OCA website. High School meets Tuesdays at 3:30; Grades 3-5 meet Wednesdays at 3:30; and Grades 6-8 meet Thursdays at 3:30.</p> <p><b><u>KITCHEN UPDATE:</u></b>          Progress continues on renovations in the kitchen, which we hope to finish by the end of the summer. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! Please note “kitchen” when designating funds for this purpose in your weekly donation envelope.</p> <p><b><u>TRINTARIAN COVERS:</u></b>          The covers today are offered by Claudia Virosteck in memory of Fr. Dn. George Virosteck and other departed members of the Virosteck and Koscianski Families.</p>
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Take a look at yourself, therefore, and see how bound you are by your desire to humor yourself and only yourself. Your freedom is curbed by the restraining bonds of self-love, and thus you wander, a captive corpse, from morning till eve. “Now I will drink,” “now I will get up,” “now I will read the paper.” Thus you are led from moment to moment in your halter of preoccupation with self, and kindled instantly to displeasure, impatience or anger if an obstacle intervenes.

If you look into the depths of your consciousness, you meet the same sight. You recognize it readily by the unpleasant feeling you have when someone contradicts you. Thus we live in thralldom. But “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (II Corinthians 3:17).

How can any good come out of such orbiting around the ego? Has not our Lord bidden us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to love God above all? But do we? Are not our thoughts instead always occupied with our own welfare?

No, be convinced that nothing good can come from yourself. And should, by chance, an unselfish thought arise in you, you may be sure that it does not come from you but is scooped up from the well-spring of goodness and bestowed upon you: it is a gift from the Giver of life. Similarly, the power to put the good thought into practice is not your own, but is given you by the Holy Trinity.

From “The Way of the Ascetics” by Tito Colliander

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, 8/2/20	\$ 1655.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	105.00
BUILDING FUND	385.00
CANDLES	97.00
SPECIAL PROJECT FUND	140.00
IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS LESNICK	133.00
IN MEMORY OF MATHEW LOBAS	20.00

**ST. HERMAN'S LETTER**  
**TO HIS SPIRITUAL FATHER FROM ALASKA**

*The first group of eight Orthodox missionaries arrived in Alaska on September 24, 1794. To get there from Moscow took them nine months! At first they came to the remote Aleutian Islands but eventually settled on the larger Kodiak Island, closer to the mainland. It was from their base in Kodiak that missionaries would travel out to evangelize. Eventually only one of the original group of eight would remain in Alaska, St. Herman, passing away in 1837. Today, August 9, is one of two feast days for St. Herman; his canonization in 1970. That was notable as the first such official act of the “new” Orthodox Church in America, which had received the independent status of “autocephaly” in April, 1970. In his honor, we here offer a portion of an interesting letter he wrote to his spiritual father after arriving in Alaska.*

By the Grace of Almighty God and the help of your devout prayers we reached the shores of America safely, all eight of us; time does not allow for a full and detailed account of such a long journey; we were under way for almost a whole year; the episodes worthy of note were few, apart from our impressions of new places and means of transport. If you like, for the lovers of conversation, one can say that on the road to Okhotsk, as we rode on horseback, we were attacked by bears, and that at sea we came across various sea animals: whales, sea-cats, sea-pigs, seals and others in great numbers. There were no great storms except for one.

The Americans came very eagerly to be baptized, just under 7,000 have taken the faith. On Unalaska, during our journey through the Aleutian Islands, we were driven against our will into one bay by unfavorable winds, and the Aleuts there caused us great amazement by their kindness to us in distress and their willingness to be baptized. At the present time, Fr. Makary is setting out to preach and baptize on the Aleutian and Fox Islands, and soon after, Fr. Juvenaly will go to the mainland, and beginning at Kenai, will visit the Chugach, the distant Kolosh, and other tribes. O! Here I am, anguished in spirit, with all the scarcity of time.

To go on, I must break my story for a brief moment. Caught as I am between the devil and the deep blue sea, joy and anguish, plenty and need, satiety and hunger, warmth and cold, with all my tribulations, I must relate something which amused me when I heard conversations between the brothers about preaching, and the various divisions of labor, especially the debate between the Hieromonks Makary and Juvenaly. On one occasion as I happened to be with these two hieromonks, we were walking about the harbor and sat down facing the ocean. They began to discuss who should go in which direction to preach. An argument arose between them which I, in my humble way, found cheering and amusing. Fr. Makary began by saying that he intends to go to the Aleutian Islands and to Aliaska. But Fr. Juvenaly, hearing the word Aliaska, broke in eagerly, “Aliaska really belongs to my area.” When Fr. Makary heard this, he was much saddened, and pleaded, “No, Father, do not press me; you know yourself that Aliaska is linked to the Aleutian chain, therefore it is my area. You may have the whole of the southern part of Alaska, there’s enough there for your whole life!” Listening to them discreetly, I was overjoyed! Both Hieromonks Makary and Juvenaly are always so fervent, almost like fanatics wanting to rush off in all directions to do their missionary labors!

*From a letter by St. Herman written in Kodiak, Alaska, May, 1795*