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# BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 15, 2017

## SUNDAY/OCTOBER 15 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy Teen Class; Coffee Hour

## **TUESDAY/OCTOBER 17**

7:00p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY/OCTOBER 18 St. Luke the Evangelist St. Peter of Montenegro 8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

## THURSDAY/OCTOBER 19

6:30p.m. Compline 7-8:30p.m. Study Class: "Spiritual Health"

## SATURDAY/OCTOBER 21 Demetrios Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. Akathist for Departed; Confessions 5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

## SUNDAY/OCTOBER 22 Kazan Icon of the Theotokos

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy Church School; Coffee Hour 4:00p.m. Vespers 4-7:30p.m. Open House at Rectory on occasion of Fr. James Names Day— All are invited

MONDAY/OCTOBER 23 St. James, Brother of the Lord 8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy :THE SOWER OF GOOD SEEDS:



Offerings Week of October 15

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia, and Ivanna; in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; in memory of Andrew; for the protection of Gregory and in memory of David. Wine: for the health of Susan.

## Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Oct. 17, 1916 Yerzhy Golombus Oct. 17, 2016 Dorothy Macheska

Oct. 18, 1976 Paul Kuntzevich

Oct. 18, 2009 Mary Holovach Oct. 19, 1951 Peter Putyrske Oct. 19, 2002 Julia Pribish

Oct. 20, 1988 George Huzinec Oct. 20, 2005 Ann Lopec

## Coffee Hour Schedule

Coffee Hour Hosts please prepare foods that are simple enough, so you are not absent from the Divine Liturgy. It is only after Communion, that we should leave the church at attend to food preparations.

Oct. 15 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Erkman & Stone

Oct. 22 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri, Torrisi & Kachek

Oct. 29 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

#### Counters Schedule

Oct. 15 Irina S. & Lisa K.

Oct. 22 Larissa M. & Paulina N.

Oct. 29 Paulina N. & Rebecca O.

#### Ushers Schedule

Oct. 15 Dennis F. & Robert E.

Oct. 22 Edward S. & Kahka K.

Oct. 29 Edward S. & Kahka K.

## Sunday Readers Schedule

Oct. 15 Ciprian C. / Oct. 22 Daniel T.

# Adult Study Thursday Evenings 7-8:30p.m. Thursdays "The Science of Spiritual Medicine" Oct. 19 – Spiritual Health Oct. 26 – Spiritual Tuning

### Saturday, October 21st

This is Demetrius Memorial Saturday, at 9:30a.m. there will be the Akathist for the Departed. On this day, the Hawaiian Iveron Icon is scheduled to arrive at St. Grigol Georgian Church in Manville at 9:00a.m., with Divine Liturgy to follow 10:00a.m.

The Calendar – Check the Parish Website and Face Book for changes in the Schedule Oct. 22nd/Sun: Names Day Celebration of Fr. James – 4:00p.m. Vespers and Open House to follow 4:30-7:00p.m.

Oct. 29th/Sun: Question & Answer Period at Coffee Hour.

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>/Mon: 7:00p.m. Vespers to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of the First Martyr by Soviets and Former Missionary to America, St. John Kochurov.

Nov.  $1^{st}$ - $2^{nd}$ /Wed. & Thurs: Diocesan Assembly of NY-NJ Diocese in Endicott, NY.

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>/Sun: Synaxis of Holy Unmercenary Healers with Prayers for Those in Healing Ministries and Related Disciplines at the Divine Liturgy.

Nov. 8th/Wed: Study Class: "The 12 Steps - Addictions and Transformations"

Nov. 10th-12th/Fri-Sun: Diocesan Retreat for Girls at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY.

Nov. 15th/Wed: Beginning of 40 Day Nativity Lent.

Nov. 16th/Thurs: 7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting.

Confessions May Be Made
A times scheduled on the Monthly Calendar, usually Saturday mornings after the Akathist Saturday evenings, after the Vigil. For other time arrangements, please speak with Fr. James.

## Saint Innocent Veniaminov

## Equal to the Apostles and Evangelizer of North America

John Evseyevich Popov-Veniaminov was born August 8, 1797 in the village of Anginsoye in Irkutsk, Russia. His baptism took place in the local church [1]. His father was a church server, so it was natural that John began reading the Epistle during services at an early age [2].

When John was only six years old, his father died. Four years later, John entered the Irkutsk Theological Seminary. In 1817, he married, was ordained to the diaconate, and was assigned to serve at the Annunciation Church in Irkutsk. After his ordination to the priesthood in 1821, he taught catechism to children while serving the parish as its priest [3].

In 1823, Father John embarked on a great adventure. The Bishop of Irkutsk had been instructed to send a priest to Unalaska in Alaska's Aleutian Islands. The clergy all refused to go – all, that is, except Father John. In May 1823, he and his wife, their infant son Innocent, and his mother and brother Stefan began the perilous journey. Fourteen months later they arrived on Unalaska Island [4] where he and his family lived in an earthen hut they had constructed themselves. A multi-talented man, he trained a group of local faithful in construction techniques and helped them build Holy Ascension Church, which they completed in 1826 [5].



Father John made numerous missionary journeys around Unalaska and the neighboring Fox and Pribilof Islands. He frequently traveled by dogsled or canoe, his tiny craft buffeted by storms in the Gulf of Alaska [6]. In 1834, he was transferred to New Archangel, later renamed Sitka, where he dedicated himself to ministering to the Tlingits. He studied their language and customs and produced scholarly notes and a dictionary. Among his other journeys was that he undertook in 1836, when he visited Fort Ross north of San Francisco and northern California's Spanish missions.

In 1838, Father John returned to Russia to report on his missionary efforts. While there, he received the sad news that his wife had died. After some time, he decided to enter monastic orders with the name Innocent, in honor of the sainted missionary Bishop of Irkutsk. Two years later, he was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka and the Kurile Islands and the Aleutian Islands at the Cathedral of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God in Saint Petersburg [7]. After his return to Alaska as the first resident Bishop in America, Bishop Innocent continued his missionary journeys, during which he proclaimed the Gospel in ways the people could easily understand and remember [8].

During one of his missionary journeys, Bishop Innocent encountered dangerously rough waters off Kodiak Island. Turning in the direction of Spruce Island, where Saint Herman of Alaska lived and was buried, he fervently entreated Saint Herman pray to God for assistance. Within minutes, the waters became calm [9]. His ongoing travels helped him to master local languages and dialects. He also developed alphabets for previously unwritten languages and translated Scripture and other works into Unagan and Yakut [10].

In 1848, Bishop Innocent had the joy of consecrating Saint Michael Cathedral in Sitka, which he used his talents to design and build [11]. The cathedral still serves as the main cathedral for the Diocese of Alaska. In recognition of his exceptional ministry, he was elevated to the dignity of Archbishop in 1850.

Archbishop Innocent was elected Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomna in 1868 [12]. As Metropolitan, he worked diligently to uplift the faithful spiritually and improve the living conditions of the clergy. He fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879 and was buried in the Church of the Holy Spirit at the Trinity-Saint Sergius Lavra in Sergeiv Posad, near Moscow [13]. He was canonized in 1977 by the Church of Russia during the tenure of Patriarch Pimen of Moscow [14].

O Holy Father Innocent, pray to God for us! ■

# Saint Innocent Veniaminov

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- 2 He began reading during the services at a very early age.
- 3 After his ordination, he was assigned pastor of Irkutsk's Annunciation Church.

- 1 Born John Evseyevich Popov-Veniaminov near Irkutsk, Russia, St. Innocent was baptized in his family's parish church.
- 5 In 1825-1826, Fr. John guided the local faithful in constructing Unalaska's Holy Ascension Church.
- 7 After the death of his wife, he was consecrated in Russia to serve as Alaska's first resident Bishop in 1840.
- 9 During a storm at sea, Bishop Innocent prayed to St. Herman for help, and the storm subsided.
- 11 In 1848, Bishop Innocent consecrated the cathedral of St. Michael in New Archangel [Sitka]. Again, he used his building skills to design and construct the cathedral – a landmark to this day.



- 12 In 1848, he was elected Metropolitan of Moscow in the Kremlin's historic Dormition Cathedral. He worked very hard to build up the Church and its clergy.
- 13 St. Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879 and was buried in the Church of the Holy Spirit in the Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra near Moscow.

- 4 In 1923, after all other clergy refused, Fr. John accepted assignment to Unalaska, Alaska. The journey took 14 months.
- 6 He visited his flock across Unalaska and the Fox and Pribilof Islands by dogsled and canoe.
- 8 Returning to Alaska, he continued his travels, preaching in terms people could easily understand.
- 10 He used his linguistic talents to learn and translate Scripture and other works into local languages.
- 14 He was glorified by the Orthodox Church in Russia in 1977 and is honored by faithful there and in America as "Equal to the Apostles" for his deep devotion to the evangelistic ministry.