

# Dormition of the Theotokos Orthodox Church (OCA)

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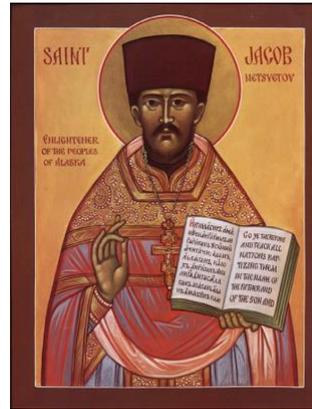
## July Liturgical Schedule/Information:

### **Feast Days:**

- St. Vladimir Fri. July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Holy Prophet Elijah Wed. July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Dormition of the Righteous Anna Mon. July 25<sup>th</sup>
- St. Jacob Netsvetov Tues. July 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Looking Ahead:**

- Dormition Fast: August 1<sup>st</sup>- August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Patronal Feast Day: August 15<sup>th</sup>



*“Rejoice, O righteous Jacob, who illumined Alaska with the lamp of your preaching, patiently guiding the people out from darkness into the light of knowledge of God! Now that you dwell with the Angels in unapproachable light, pray for us that our souls may be saved!”*

## Ministry Schedules:

### Altar Server

7/3 – Hans  
7/10 – Stavros  
7/17 – Andras  
7/24 – Hans  
7/31 – Stavros

### Reader

7/3 – A. Ellis  
7/10 – B. Franks  
7/17 – B. Sacksen  
7/24 – M. Mills  
7/31 – K. Rusnak

### Coffee Hour

7/3 – Potluck  
7/10 – Cummings/Riccio  
7/17 – Ellis/Rusnak  
7/24 – Diamantis  
7/31 – Carlson/Viljoen

### Propshora

July (6) – Riccio

Aug. (8) – Ellis

Sept. (7) – Combes

**If you are interested in signing up for one of the above ministries, please see a parish council member or Fr. Maximus!**



## July News & Notes:

### Vacation Church School:

- ◆ VCS will run August 8<sup>th</sup>- August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 8:00 pm.
  - Our VCS theme this year is the “Fruit of Thy Hands.” The children will be learning how we use our hands and talents God has given us to do good works in the church. If you are interested in volunteering or signing up your child(ren) please see Anastasia Ellis.

### Weekly Update:

- ◆ Did you know the church has a weekly newsletter that comes out via email which includes service schedule, upcoming events, and reminders? If you are not part of the weekly email and would like to subscribe, please see Jim Ellis.

### Summer Almsgiving Project:

- ◆ In years past, Dormition has partnered with the other local Orthodox churches to stuff backpacks for FOCUS Backpacks For Kids in Need service project. This year, we will be collecting money to stuff 80 backpacks for local schools in need. Please see Ben Saksen to see how you can help!

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries:

### Birthdays:

7/3 – Vasilisa Every  
7/4 – James Stapleton Jr.  
7/6 – Adale Martin  
7/15 – Anastasia Ellis

### Anniversaries:

none

*Birthdays and anniversaries are taken from the parish directory. If you are not in the directory, please see Steven Cumming to update your information.*

### Holy Prophet Elijah (7/20):

On the Feast Day of the Holy Prophet Elijah, it is customary to bless vehicles as Prophet Elias ascended as if into heaven in a fiery chariot.

Excerpt from the prayer for the Blessing of Automobiles

“O Lord our God, Who makes the clouds Thy chariot and Who walks on the wings of the wind, Who has sent to Thy servant, the Prophet Elias, a chariot of fire, Who has guided man to invent this (car, truck, motorcycle, etc.) which is as fast as the wind. We thank Thee for Thou hast provided Thy servants with this vehicle to serve their various needs. Therefore, O Master, pour out now upon it Thy heavenly blessings; assign to it a guardian angel to preserve it from all evil.”

