

**Repose of St. Yakov (Jacob) Netsvetov,  
Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska**

*"Lord I Call..." Tone 6*

*Tone 6 (Obikhod Stichera):*

Rejoice, O A-las-ka,  
and exult, O North A-mer-i-ca,  
for a lamp bearing the Light of the Sun of Right-eous-ness  
has gloriously ap-peared in you!  
Father Jacob, wise in God,  
who enlightened the north-ern lands  
with the joyous message of the Gos-pel of Christ,  
now shines forth in all the world.  
Therefore we sing prais-es to Christ,//  
Who is won-drous in His saints.

O you lovers of the feasts,  
let us hasten together to honor the righteous Ja-cob,  
who poured out his life for the Church!  
In countless sorrows and af-flic-tions  
and in pain and depri-va-tion,  
he bore all things, as the A-pos-tles of old.  
We celebrate thy mem-or-y,  
O saint cho-sen by God  
as a help to those in dis-tress,//  
Jacob our Fa-ther.

Like the Patriarch Ja-cob of old,  
our holy Father Jacob fled from the com-forts of this life  
and was granted a vis-ion.  
A ladder from hea-ven ap-peared  
in the wilds of A-las-ka  
that the people might as-cend to God.  
With patience and love and the labor of ma-ny years,  
he obtained the longed-for Bride:  
the Holy Church of Christ, shining forth in his na-tive land.  
Therefore we cry a-loud to Him:  
“O holy Father Ja-cob,  
entreat the Lord for us//  
that our souls may be saved!”

The Holy Prophet Mo-ses  
raised up a tabernacle on Mount Hor-eb,  
and there he spoke with God face to face,  
as one might speak with a friend.  
The righteous Jacob pitched a tent in the Alaskan wil-der-ness,  
where he celebrated the mys-teries of Christ//  
for the sanctification of the faith-ful.

*Tone 2 (Obikhod Stichera):*

Born on the remote island of At-ka,  
thou wast called to become a wit-ness to Christ,  
not by the glo-rious path of mar-tyr-dom,  
but by humbly accepting the div-ine call  
to enter the holy priest-hood,  
preach-ing, healing, counseling, praying to God  
and ten-ding thy flock//  
for forty years in the Alaskan wil-der-ness.

As a missionary teacher of the Atkan A-le-uts,  
thou didst translate the Word of God and didst found schools for them,  
con-tin-ing the missionary efforts of the Holy Hierarch In-no-cent.  
Following his example, thou didst journey to re-mote lands,  
bringing the Gospel to the Yup'iks and Atha-bas-cans,  
bap-tiz-ing them to love and unity in Christ,//  
sanctifying them and bestowing the bless-ings of peace.

*Glory... Tone 3 (Kievan Stichera):*

To-day the assembly of the faith-ful  
re-joic-es in the memory of our Father Ja-cob,  
the boast of Alaska and glo-ry of priests,  
wise preach-er of the Gos-pel of Christ,  
sure pill-ar of the Church, fellow citizen with the An-gels,  
e-qual of the Apostles and Proph-ets.  
O ho-ly Jacob, blessed Fa-ther,//  
entreat Christ our God *that our* souls may be saved!

*Aposticha -- Glory ...Tone 2 (Obikhod stichera)*

O Father **Ja-cob**,  
thou hast been revealed as a true **lov**-er of **Christ**,  
as a **faith**-ful servant at the **Al-tar**;  
and as a **priest** of the **Lord**,  
an instructor in prayer and perse-**ver-ance**,  
an inter-**ces**-sor for the Old World and the **New**.//  
Pray for peace and great **mer**-cy **for our souls**!

*Troparion -- Tone 4 (Troparion):*

O righteous Father Ja-cob,  
adornment of Atka and the Yukon Del-ta;  
thou didst offer thyself as a living sac-ri-fice  
to bring light to a searching peo-ple.  
Offspring of Russian A-mer-i-ca,  
flower of brotherly u-ni-ty,  
healer of sickness and terror of de-mons:  
O Holy Father Ja-cob,//  
pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

*Kontakion -- Tone 3 (Troparion)*

O Holy Fa-ther Ja-cob,  
teacher of the know-ledge of God,  
thou didst re-veal thy love for thy peo-ple,  
taking up thy cross and fol-lowing Christ,  
enduring hardships like the A-pos-tle Paul. //  
Pray on our behalf to Christ our God to grant us great mer-cy!