

VARIABLES
GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION
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26th July, 2020
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 6

Saints of the Day: Martyr Paraskeva of Rome (2nd century); Hieromartyr Hermolaus and Martyrs Hermippus and Hemocrates at Nicomedia (c305); St. Jacob Netsvetov, missionary to the Yupik Eskimos (Alaska 1864).

After the Little Entrance;

Troparion for the Resurrection, Tone 6

When Mary came in search of Your pure body, * she found the guards in shock and terror, * and all about your tomb the radiant powers of heaven. * To her You revealed Yourself, * after making hell a captive, * for it had tried in vain to overcome You. * Glory to You, O risen Lord and source of light.

Troparion for St Jacob, Tone 4

O righteous Father Jacob, * adornment of Atka and the Yukon Delta; * you offered yourself as a living sacrifice to bring light to a searching people. * Offspring of Russian America, * flower of brotherly unity, * healer of sickness and terror of demons: * O Holy Father Jacob, // * pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Troparion for the Good Shepherd, Tone 4

O Christ our God * The Good Shepherd of Your people; * Grant that when we hear Your voice * we may know You, Who calls us by name, * and follow where You lead; * O Christ our God, risen from the dead, * glory be to You.

Kontakion for the Theotokos, Tone 2

“O protection of Christians and faithful advocate before the Creator, * do not ignore us now as we prayerfully entreat you in all our sinfulness, * for you never fail to meet our expectations. * In your goodness, come to our aid as we appeal to you in faith; * be quick to further our prayers by your own, * for you are always ready to come to the aid of those who revere you, * O Theotokos.”

EPISTLE
Romans 15:1-7

(7th Sunday after Pentecost)

Brethren, we who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbour for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please Himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:27-35 (RSV)

(7th Sunday of Matthew)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread His fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marvelled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.