



THREE ALASKAN SAINTS

FROM ITS HUMBLE BEGINNINGS IN 1794, WHEN A SMALL GROUP OF MISSIONARIES LANDED ON KODIAK ISLAND, ALASKA, ORTHODOXY IN AMERICA HAS EXPANDED TO COMPRISE A CHURCH OF MANY DIVERSE FAITHFUL. COME HEAR MORE ABOUT THREE ALASKAN SAINTS AND THEIR MISSIONARY SIGNIFICANCE FOR TODAY. WE WILL HEAR OF THE JOY AND COURAGE OF SAINT HERMAN, THE COMMITMENT AND VISION OF SAINT INNOCENT AND THE LONG-SUFFERING AND PASCHAL JOY OF SAINT JACOB AS ESSENTIAL TO OUR MISSIONARY TASK IN NORTH AMERICA.

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TALK AND Q AND A DURING COFFEE HOUR

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