



# St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost. All Saints.  
Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2  
Gospel: St. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30  
Ven. Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at  
Constantinople.  
Apostles' Fast begins Monday

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Today's bulletin has been sponsored by Stephen and Marra Boyd  
In loving memory of Dr. Jesse L. Boyd III on the one year anniversary of his death.  
May his memory be eternal!

## Sunday, May 30, 2010

### Today's Announcements

- Following Veneration of the Cross, prayers will be held for the repose of the souls of Mark E. Mesonka and Catherine G. Saluga, requested by Cliff Hermankevich. May their memory be eternal!

### Saturday – June 5

- Vespers – 7 pm. Please note change to Summer schedule.

### Next Sunday – June 6

- Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am – Please note change to Summer schedule.
- Parish Survey – following Divine Liturgy – See Priest Selection Process note.

### Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- Women's Association Meeting – June 8 – 7 pm
- Pierogi Workshop – June 10-11
- Parish Graduates honored – June 13
- Retirement dinner for Fr. Paul – July 25
- Church School Summer Camp – July 26-30
- Women's Association Golf Classic – July 30

**Previously Noted:** The Women's Association is planning to clean and organize the church hall. We need to find a place for the wooden chairs and tables that we no longer use. Therefore, we would like to offer our parishioners a chance to purchase these items. A suggested price is \$5 for 2 wooden chairs, or \$10 for 5 wooden chairs; tables are being given away for free. If you are interested please contact Sandy Pysh by June 14.

### Parish Priest Selection Process Update

Bishop Melchisedek desires our new Parish Priest to begin serving Sunday, September 5. He is therefore establishing the following selection process in the hope that a consensus of the best candidate will emerge over the course of the Summer.

1. A survey is being developed which will be administered to parish members on Sunday, June 6 following Divine Liturgy. The survey will assess the personal and professional qualities desired in our new priest, as well as parish goals, strengths and improvement opportunities. Although we hope to accommodate those who are unable to attend Liturgy that day, we are asking that everyone make every effort to attend on that date. Your survey will be anonymous, and profile results will be provided to parishioners. The survey will provide input to Bishop Melchisedek in developing a set of interview questions to be asked of each candidate.
2. Candidate priests will visit St. Alexander Nevsky on selected Sundays during June, July, and August. We will provide you with the dates of these visits as they become available. Candidates will serve Saturday Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy with sermon, and will be interviewed by parishioners following Divine Liturgy. Parishioners will be asked to complete an assessment form following each interview. Assessments will be reviewed by Fr. Paul Ziatyk, Fr. Paul Suda, Ray Steeb, Ed Markoff, Roy Glisan, and Frank Namisnak and submitted to Bishop Melchisedek.
3. The following priests have been submitted for consideration: Fr. Michael Senyo, Fr. John Mikita, and Fr. John Soucek. Other priests may be considered as well. The name of any possible candidate should be provided to the Bishop directly, or to Fr. Paul Ziatyk. The Bishop must be the first contact for any candidate priests, so please submit any names as indicated and do not contact the possible candidate priest directly.

**Today we commemorate the Venerable Isaac.** During the reign of Emperor Valens there was a great persecution against Orthodoxy on the part of the Arians which the emperor assisted. Hearing about this persecution, a hermit Isaac, somewhere from the east, left the wilderness and came to Constantinople to encourage the right-believers and to denounce the heretics. Precisely at that time, the Emperor Valens departed to the north with his army against the Goths, who had come down from the Danube toward Thrace. Isaac came before the emperor and said to him: "O Emperor, open the churches of the right-believers and God will bless your path." The emperor ignored the elder and proceeded on his way. The following day, Isaac ran out again before the emperor and again he repeated his warning and the emperor almost heeded the elder were it not that a certain advisor of his, a follower of the Arian heresy, prevented him. Isaac ran out before the emperor on the third day, grabbed the emperor's horse by the reins and begged the emperor to grant freedom to the Church of God and threatened him with the punishment of God if he acts contrary to his petition. The enraged emperor ordered that the elder be thrown into a chasm of mud and thorns. But three angels appeared and pulled the elder out of the chasm. The fourth day Isaac came before the emperor and prophesied a terrible death for him if he does not grant freedom to the Orthodox: "I am speaking to you O emperor, you will lead the army against the barbarians but you will not be able to sustain their attack. You will flee from them but you will be captured and burned alive." Thus, it happened. The barbarians cut down the Greek army as grass but the emperor, with his Arianite advisor, fled and hid in a basket. The barbarians arrived at that place and learning where the emperor was, surrounded the basket and set it afire and both the emperor and his advisor were burned alive. Following this, Theodosius the Great was crowned emperor. Theodosius, who heard about the prophecy of Isaac and its fulfillment, summoned Isaac and prostrated himself before him.