



Archangel Michael, Feast, 11/8

St. Innocent Orthodox Church

✙ Founded in 1967 ✙ Moscow Patriarchal Parishes ✙

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NOVEMBER 6, 2016

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Rev. DANEIL SHIRAK † 313-295-3073

EPISTLE: Galatians 1:11– 19 (#200)

DEACON: Rev. Dn. Michael Comerford

GOSPEL: St. Luke 8:41 – 56 (#39)

SUBDEACON: Dr. Joshua Genig

TONE: 3

ATTACHED: Sister Ioanna

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Elizabeth Star Hatfield

READERS: Robert Joseph Latsko & George Hanoian

✙ 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✙

† 9:15AM — HOURS, AKATHIST and/or CANON & CONFESSIONS †

† 10am — DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM †

COMMEMORATED TODAY: Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenaries. St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (350). Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of Khutyn' (Novgorod—1192). Ven. Luke, Steward of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—13th c.). Repose of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1567). Ven. Barlaam of Keret Lake (16th c.). Ven. Luke of Sicily (800-820).

FOR THE REPOSE OF: Estelle & Joseph Star; Anna & John Witkowski; Michael Sr. & Margaret Rusko; Mary, Andrew, Daniel, Michael & Lottie Yakuber; Ross & Margaret Falsetti; Helen, John & Carole Andrayko; Peter & Theresa Harvilla; Betty Martell; Frances & Todd Smoly; Peter Glover; Irene Adams; Ethel Elizabeth & Wayne Joshua deVyver, David Horka; Michael Rusko; Anna Lichagina, Yelena & Zinaïda Korniyevskaya; Joseph Nossal; Michelle Tucker; Todd Comerford, John Manier, Jr.

MEMORY Steven Hanchar (*newly departed, 22 October*), St. Elias, Battle Creek

ETERNAL! Mary Starinshak, whose anniversary of her repose is Wednesday, 9 November (*by nephew Fr. Roman*)

Mary Nicholas, whose anniversary of her repose is Friday, 11 November (*by son, Nick & Jo Anne Nicholas*)

FOR THE HEALTH OF: Archimandrite Seraphim; Priest Daneil, Matushka Debra & Corrina Shirak; Deacon Michael, Matushka Mary Ellen & Julius Comerford; Matushka Mary Donahue; Subdeacon Joshua (*for Ordination as Deacon next Saturday*) & Abigail Genig; Reader Robert Latsko, Reader George & Betty Hanoian, Rose Nossal, Mary Glover, Nancy Cupp, Vasiliki Stamoulis, Gerald Martell, Azbehat, Donald Yakuber, Carl deVyver, Jo Anne Nicholas, Joan Rusko, Daria, Joseph Nossal, Ed Manier, Pat Harbut (*recovering from auto accident*).

ALSO FOR: Sister Ioanna, for the 15th Anniversary of her being made a Monastic, on Friday, 11 November

✙ **MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS!** ✙

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK (*regular Wednesday & Friday fasting*)

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| Saturday | 11/12 | 9:30am | VISITATION OF OUR BISHOP: Greeting & Vesting of the bishop |
| | | 10am | HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY, <i>followed by festive dinner in hall</i> |
| | | 4pm | GREAT VESPERS |
| Sunday | 11/13 | | 22nd Sunday After Pentecost & St. John Chrysostom Feastday |
| | | 9:15am | HOURS, AKATHIST &/or CANON; CONFESSIONS |
| | | 10am | DIVINE LITURGY; followed by Coffee Hour |

Feast days this week: Tuesday, November 8th, (Election day), Archangel St. Michael & Synaxis of all angels.

PROSPHORA FOR TODAY IS OFFERED BY: **Sister Ioanna**

In Memory Eternal of: Parents: Ethel Elizabeth & Wayne Joshua deVyver; Robert David Horka; Fr. Photius (11/1); Nina (11/13); all departed family & friends. **For the Health of:** Fr. Roman & Mat. Rose Marie, & all parishioners for the Bishop's Visitation, 11/12, & for the parish's Patronal Feast, 11/26; all those in need of the Lord's help; & all family & friends. And **in Thanksgiving for:** the 15th Anniversary of being made a monastic (11/11/01); Anniversary of the establishment of the St. Innocent Monastic Community (11/15/03); & all the Lord's countless blessings, especially on Thanksgiving Day, 11/24.

✙ **CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! ✙ HE IS NOW & ALWAYS SHALL BE! ✙**

CANDLES FOR LAST SUNDAY, 30 OCTOBER

YEARLY CHURCH VIGIL LAMPS:

Royal Doors Lamp: In Memory of Husband, Joseph; Son, Kenneth; parents, Michael & Margaret Rusko, & John & Martha Nossal, *by Rose Nossal*

Altar Candelabra: In Memory of Parents, Nicholas and Susan Yakuber, *by son, Donald Yakuber*

Altar Candles (2): In Memory of Irene Adams, *by Goddaughter, Rose Ann Everhardt*

Iconostasis Lamps: In Memory of Parents, Ethel Elizabeth & Wayne Joshua; Robert David H; & Health of brother, Carl, *by Sister Ioanna*

Candles on the Solea: In Memory of Peter & Theresa Harvilla, Norman & Monica Holst, & Ricky Ellis, *by Jason & Debra Truskowski*

Table of Oblation Lamp: In Memory of Parents, Helen & John Andrayko, Sr. & sister, Carole Andrayko, *by John Andrayko, Jr.*

Reliquary-Icon Lamps: Sts. Innocent, Tikhon & Herman: Health of Joseph/Sue; Robert/Diane; Pat/John; Joseph B., Jared, Jay; Rachelle/Aaron, Gabriel; Tricia, Lindsey; & In Memory of sisters, Anna, Margaret, Theresa & Irene; & brothers, John, Edwin & Michael *by Rose Nossal*

Reliquary-Icon Lamps: Sts. Elizabeth & Raphael: Health of the Genig and the Just Families, *by Subdeacon Joshua & Abigail Genig*

Reliquary-Icon Lamps: St. Seraphim & St. Alexis: In Memory of Ross & Margaret Falsetti, *by daughters, Rose Ann Everhardt & Margie Martell*

Reliquary-Icon Lamps: St. Hilarion & Sts. Alexandra & Martha **(AVAILABLE)**

Reliquary-Icon Lamps: St. Nestor & St. Gerontius **(AVAILABLE)**

IN MEMORY OF (MEMORY ETERNAL!)

Joseph & Estelle Star, *by son Father Roman and family*

Paul & Alexandra Yupco, Basil & Ellen Starinshak, *by grandson, Father Roman and family*

John & Anna Witkowski, *by daughter, Matushka Rose Marie and family*

Samuel & Mary Kupec, *by granddaughter, Matushka Rose Marie and family* + + + Lev Chernukhin, *by Marianna Wess*

Parents, Helen & John Andrayko, and sister, Carole Andrayko, *by John Andrayko* + + + My husband, Michael Rusko, *by Joan Rusko*

My husband, Joe; my sisters, Margaret & Ross Falsetti, Anna & Mike Elascat, Theresa & Pete Harvilla, Irene, & brothers, Michael, John & Edwin Rusko; niece, Rose Mary & Dean Hough; Joe's brothers, Raymond & Walter Nossal, & sisters, Theresa, Florence & Helen Nossal, *by Rose Nossal* + + + Pete & Theresa Harvilla, *by Mary Ann Harvilla & Kay Truskowski* + + + Jaimie Truskowski, *by daughter Kay T.*

Parents, Ethel Elizabeth & Wayne Joshua; David H; Nina I; Marion P; Fr. Photius; Mo. Benedicta; Archm. Roman; Steve Hanchar, *by Sr Ioanna*

FOR THE HEALTH OF: (MANY YEARS!)

Elizabeth & Lawrence, Caitlin & Zachary, *by parents & grandparents, Father Roman & Matushka Rose Marie*

Gregory & Tamiko Star, *by parents, Father Roman & Matushka Rose Marie*

Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren; Monk Fr. Sdn. Tikhon (Dade); *by Rose Nossal*

Father Roman & Matushka & family; Sister Ioanna; John Andrayko; Nancy; Mary G; Jo Anne N; Grandson Joey (*in the Navy Reserves*) & all people in the Armed Forces; & all St. Innocent Church parishioners, *by Rose Nossal* + + + Family & Friends, *by Mary Ann Harvilla & Kay*

Brother, Greg & Donna; nephew, Gregory & Liz; & nephew, Alex, *by Mary Ann Harvilla & Kay* + + + Ed Manier, *by Mary Ann Harvilla & Kay*

Archimandrites Nafanail, Gregory & Seraphim; Fr. Roman & Mat. Rose Marie; Fr. Lawrence & fam; Fr. Laurence & fam; Fr. Daneil & fam;

Dcn. Michael & fam; Mat. Mary D; Carl; Monk Fr. Tikhon; Sdn Andrew; Sdn Joshua, Abigail & children; Rdr Robert; Robert M; David Samuel/Sky & Avi; JoAnne/Nick; Athanasius; John A; Ed/Tiffany & fam; Kim & fam; Vasiliki; Rose; Emil/Rozana; Billy/Fonda, *by Sr Ioanna*

John Andrayko (May God watch over him), *by Rose Nossal* + + + Rose Nossal, *by John Andrayko* + + + Sdn. Joshua Genig, *by Genig Family*

Jason, Marianna, Amilia, Liliana & Andrew Wess + + + Galina & Oleg Chernukhin + + + Patricia, Eric, Randy Wess, *by Marianna Wess*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) ★ Please make sure that you plan to be present THIS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th at 9:30am for a very important occasion. Our bishop, His Grace, Bishop John, will be making his first archpastoral visitation to St. Innocent. Not only will he will preside at a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, but he will also Ordain as a Deacon our Subdeacon Dr. Joshua Genig. Subdeacon Joshua had been a Lutheran minister for seven years prior to his coming into the Orthodox Church, so he experienced and educated. It is hard to emphasize enough how extremely important it is for **all parishioners to be present** when our bishop comes to visit, because he is our Archpastor, and a successor to the Holy Apostles, by means of the Apostolic Succession. Please don't embarrass Fr. Roman by not coming, and please do be prepared to receive Holy Communion from your bishop. The Greeting of the Bishop is at 9:30, followed by the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy. A celebration dinner will follow.

(2) OUR ANNUAL FALL BLANKET DRIVE CONTINUES. Every year we collect blankets and donate them to the homeless and poor. We now are giving them to the Redford Interfaith Relief (RIR). **Thank you to everyone who has already donated money** for the blankets. As a result, we have been able to purchase 100 blankets, and deliver them to RIR. The need is so great, that they are given out as fast as we can deliver them. We want to buy at least another 50 blankets at \$6 each at Walmart. **PLEASE HELP**, as much as you can. See Mary Ann Harvilla.

(3) THANKS TO KIM & DAUGHTER CLAIRE HANHOCK, who cleaned in the hall & bathrooms this week, in prep for our Bishop's visit.

(4) UP-COMING SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sunday, November 13th, Visitation of Bishop John to **St. Michael's, Redford**, Hierarchal Divine Liturgy for Patronal Feast Day, 11/8

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 25th-26th, **St. John Chrysostom, Grand Rapids**, Vigil, Divine Liturgy & banquet; celebration of **100th Anniversary**

Saturday, Nov. 26th, **St. Nicholas is Santa Claus**, 11-2:30, St. George Greek Church, Bloomfield Hills; Live reindeer, live St. Nicholas, **FREE**

5) WEEKLY "ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX STUDY GROUP," most Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:30 at St. Innocent Church hall.

(6) NEW ON OUR CHURCH WEBSITE: (a) Photo-slide-show, Henry Joseph Hancock's Chrismation, 10/23: http://stinnocentchurch.com/10_23_16_chrismation_henryhancock.html; (b) Photo-slide-show, St. Elias Church, Battle Creek, 50th Anniversary Celebration, 10/15, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Cross Procession & Banquet: http://stinnocentchurch.com/2016_stelias_50thanniversary.html

(7) LISTEN EACH SUNDAY TO THE COCC'S DETROIT'S OWN ORTHODOX RADIO HOUR [DOOR] ON WNZK 690-AM, 4-5pm ON YOUR RADIO, OR LIVE ON COMPUTER AT <http://www.doorradio.org>. You can also listen to their archives of past programs at the same website. Our Subdn. Josh Genig is doing a weekly segment for the program about the "Saints' Lives." The programs are always superb!

THE ESSENTIAL TRUTH

By Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky

"Thoughts in Christ," oca.org, 2/5/12

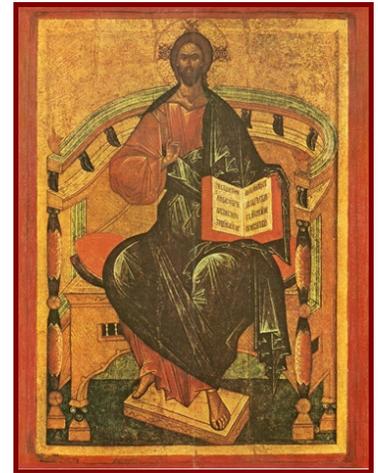
"I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of Egypt and out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods besides Me" (Deuteronomy 5:6)

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37)

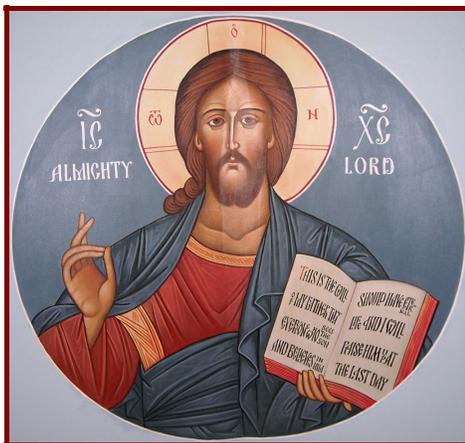
"I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things" (Nicene Creed)

We recite it so simply and quickly, as though it is so obvious that it needs no discussion; however, we live in a world that challenges that fundamental truth and imposes the implications of its significance throughout society. Our culture emphasizes the rights of the individual to such an extent that we have all but lost the contrasting truth of unity in oneness of conviction.

The Hebrew people led out of Egypt by Moses were taught by the great prophet the essentials of their faith. Above all else was the absolute belief in one God. They could and did dispute the laws of the Almighty, His rules and obligations, but never the truth that God is one and there is no other. He is a jealous God and will not share authority with another. When Jesus Christ calls His followers to love the Lord more than any human relation including parents, children or spouse, He is lifting up the implications of that exclusive love for God.



When the human being sets himself or herself in the first place before the Lord Almighty, which is generally called "humanism," what follows is a rearrangement of values. When I ask the meaning of life for me – why am I living, what is the root from which I draw my morals and actions, what is the basis for making any and all decisions, right and wrong are not absolute but rather determine what is good for me at any moment of time. God may be the Creator of all that exists, including me. He may have a plan that caused me to be brought into the world and live with some purpose in His mind. However, unless I can understand or figure out what that purpose is all about, it really doesn't motivate me to try to direct my life as though I can or should know. Let the Church say that I am alive only by the grace of the Holy Spirit, I thank the Spirit, even the Father and Christ Jesus, but it has no absolute significance regarding the decisions I make or the pathway that I follow.



The above may describe the vast majority of people with whom we share the present time and space. On the other hand, if I take the gospel of Christ seriously at face value and seek to learn the hidden message underlying the words and actions of my Lord [and I have no right to call Him that unless I accept the conditions of being first a servant, then a disciple, and ultimately the friend of Jesus], I should begin by accepting the basic truth: I believe in one God. Nothing that exists is outside of the orbit of His creation, including myself. Every thing – each atom and molecule – is part of His plan, and while I do not understand much of it, I believe in His grand plan. I accept it in faith. I shall do my utmost to diminish self-reliance and reach out to unity with my Lord, directly in prayer and indirectly through unity with all others. I do not need to even know my true name – God

knows it, just as He can see where I am headed and how far or near I am to fulfilling His idea of whom I should be.

MESSAGE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Thursday, October 06, 2016, Livonia, MI

To our beloved Orthodox Christians throughout the United States of America:

Forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:3)

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord,

We, the members of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, gathered in Detroit, Michigan, for our seventh annual meeting on October 4-6, 2016 greet you with love in Christ as we offer glory and thanksgiving to Him.

Forty-one hierarchs assembled in order to recognize and reinforce our unity in the Orthodox faith. We express our deep gratitude to all those who planned and prepared for this year's Assembly, which officially opened with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia, Michigan. The hierarchs were welcomed by host Bishop Anthony.



We remembered and prayed for our brother hierarchs kidnapped in Syria, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Paul Yazigi (brother of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch) and the Syriac Orthodox Archbishop John Ibrahim....

...We agreed on the following with regard to the society in which we exercise our archpastoral ministry:

1) We affirm our full support for the preservation of marriage as a life-long sacramental union of a man and a woman. We stress the importance of parenthood and family as unshakeable foundations of every society. As family originates from our Heavenly Father (Ephesians 3:15), it finds perfection in the iconic likeness of the intercommunion of the Holy and Life-creating Trinity.

2) We unequivocally continue to denounce the violence and bloodshed in our country and throughout the world, especially in the Middle East and Africa, where hostility and brutality are occurring among members of different religions, sometimes supposedly in the name of religion, and also Ukraine. We pray for a just and enduring peace in the Middle East, for protection of Christian and other vulnerable communities against acts of genocide, in Syria, Iraq, and Palestine as well as for the cessation of terrorism and persecution, intimidation and displacement, racial discrimination and religious fanaticism.

3) Furthermore, we recognize and lament: the crises in civil discourse, the polarization of society, the persistence of poverty, the challenges to religious liberty, the resurgence of racism, and the escalation of violence in our communities. The Assembly will study these and other pressing issues in order to prepare appropriate responses and to advocate before government and civil leaders to avert and alleviate these societal problems.

In conclusion, we continue to offer our paternal prayers, interceding that the Lord our God will not *let us grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all humankind* (Gal. 6:9-10).

May the abundant blessings of our all merciful God in Trinity be with you all. *(Signed by all bishops present.)*

Source: <http://assemblyofbishops.org/news/2016/message-2016-assembly>

HISTORIC BELLS ONCE AGAIN PROCLAIM ALASKAN COMMUNITY'S FAITH, HERITAGE

KING COVE, AK [OCA], November 1, 2016

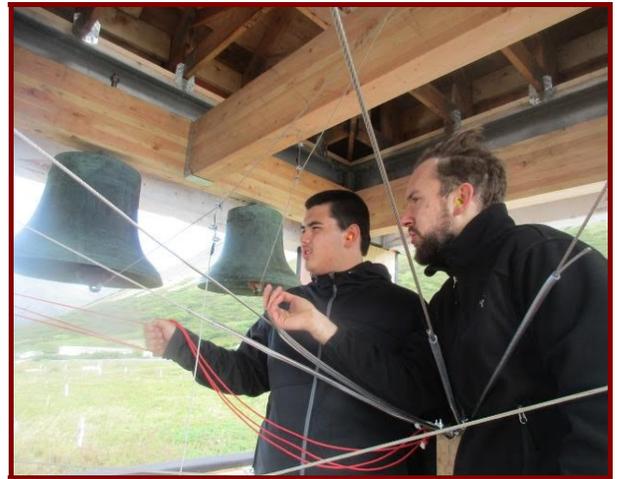
It was literally music to the ears of many residents of King Cove, a remote Aleut fishing community of about 950 year-round residents on the Pacific side of the Alaska Peninsula, when the bells of Saint Herman Church were installed and rang for the first time several weeks ago.

The bells had been cast in San Francisco in the 1880s and subsequently were installed in Holy Resurrection Church in Belkofski, a once-thriving Aleut village 12 miles by boat from King Cove, explains Priest Andrei Tepper, Rector of Saint Herman Church. Over time, Belkofski's residents moved to King Cove and neighboring villages due to improved economic opportunities. The Belkofski church's bells, along with its rich collection of liturgical items—a classic iconostasis featuring icons from Russia, the altar table, banners, and candle stands—were transferred to Saint Herman's, which was built in the 1980s.

“Many King Cove residents trace their family history to Belkofski, where the church was a very important part of village life,” Father Andrei continued. “Villagers loved the church, attended services regularly and contributed generously to its upkeep.



Constantine Stade and Derek Wilson fabricate brackets by which to hang the bells at Wilson's welding shop.



Constantine Stade teaches King Cove teen Anthony Reeve to ring the recently installed bells.

“Over three decades later, Alaska's Rasmuson Foundation helped breathe new life into the church after awarding a grant of \$24,422.00 toward the construction of the Elders' Bell Tower at Saint Herman's,” Father Andrei added. “Through fund-raising and appeals, the remaining funds were secured to move forward with the project, and construction commenced in July 2016.”

The entire community—parishioners and neighbors alike—mounted a team effort to build the tower and install the six original bells and three new ones from Russia. The King Cove Harbor delivered building materials and provided tools, while city crews excavated the foundation and assisted with grading the lot. A local resident offered his own heavy equipment and provided labor required to lift the steel columns and roof into place.

“People brought other necessary materials, such as cable for the bells, tools, and ladders,” said Father Andrei. “Volunteers provided lunches to feed the workers, and Peter Pan Seafoods offered the use of a crane in addition to providing meals. The King Cove Corporation offered hotel rooms, PenAir and Grant Aviation donated air travel, and the Belkofski Tribal Council sponsored a bell ringing and installation expert from Chicago, Constantine Stade. We appreciate the way the community responded to our call for help.”

Prior to installing the bells in September, local residents Warren Wilson and his son Derek restored the older bells at their welding shop. Lifting and installing the largest bells—one weighing in at 882 pounds, the other over 400 pounds—was completed with the use of a telescopic forklift.

“Holes were pre-drilled in the beams, and it took precision to guide the rods into the holes,” Father Andrei explained. “The operators and crew used incredible teamwork to communicate and get the job done safely, making a very difficult job look easy. Meanwhile, Stade constructed a ringing station using strings, cables and pedals.”

For Belkofski’s former residents, hearing their church bells ring anew brought back many fond memories.

“We’re mighty pleased to hear the sound of the bells again,” said Irene Christiansen, an Elder and lay reader. “It brought good memories of our Elders and ceremonies during which bells rang as we processed around the church. It sounded good and bright to hear the bells again.”

Father Andrei is intent on instructing the community’s younger generation in the art of bell ringing.

“Stade taught Anthony Reeve, a local teenager whose grandmother had lived in Belkofski, how to ring them,” Father Andrei added. “On a recent Sunday, he and some younger boys rang the bells at the service. Another teen, Elia Lind, also is learning how to ring the bells, and he too is doing a great job.”



The historic bells and clappers were transported to the church on a flatbed truck.

Father Andrei is confident that additional donations will make it possible to complete the tower, which awaits siding, a dome and a cross.

“Supporters are encouraged to donate funds, if they can,” he said. “Without the generous grant from the Rasmuson Foundation, as well as donations from individuals, parishes and organizations throughout Alaska and the Lower 48, we could not have built the tower at this time. So many supportive people pitched in to help us with our project, and we are very grateful.”



King Cove residents once again enjoy hearing the bells in the soon-to-be-completed Elders’ Bell Tower.

As soon as the tower is complete, it will be blessed and dedicated in memory of the community’s Elders.

“The Christian faith has been central in the lives of our people for generations, Father Andrei concluded. “Our Elders embody that faith in God and service to the local community as a way of life in rural Alaska. The restoration of the bells is a sign of recognition of and appreciation for our Elders, as well as a call to our youth—and to all of us—to continue the tradition of living faith in our own lives.”

Those wishing to assist in completing the Elders’ Bell Tower may send donations to Saint Herman Church, P.O. Box 169, King Cove, AK 99612.