

OCTOBER 6, 2019

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Saint Innocent, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas

Saint Innocent (Veniaminov), Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomensk (August 26, 1797—March 31, 1879), was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church on October 6, 1977. He was born in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese. The Apostle of America and Siberia proclaimed the Gospel “even to the ends of the earth”: in the Aleutian islands (from 1823), in the six dialects of the local tribes on the island of Sitka (from 1834), among the Kolosh (Tlingit); in the remotest settlements of the extensive Kamchatka diocese (from 1853); among the Koryak, Chukchei, Tungus in the Yakutsk region (from 1853) and North America (in 1857); in the Amur and the Usuriisk region (from 1860).

Having spent a large part of his life in journeys, Saint Innocent translated a Catechism and the Gospel into the Aleut language. In 1833, he wrote in this language one of the finest works of Orthodox missionary activity INDICATION OF THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

In 1859, the Yakut first heard the Word of God and divine services in their native language. Twice (in 1860 and 1861) Saint Innocent met with Saint Nicholas the Apostle to Japan (February 3), sharing with him his spiritual experience. A remarkable preacher, Saint Innocent said, “Whoever abounds in faith and love, can have mouth and wisdom, and the heart cannot resist their serving it.”

Having begun his apostolic work as a parish priest, Saint Innocent completed it as Metropolitan of Moscow (January 5, 1868—March 31, 1879). He obeyed the will of God all his life, and he left behind a theme for the sermon to be preached at his funeral: “The steps of a man are rightly ordered by the Lord” (Ps 36/37:23).

The Scripture Readings Epistle - 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Gospel - Luke 5:1-11

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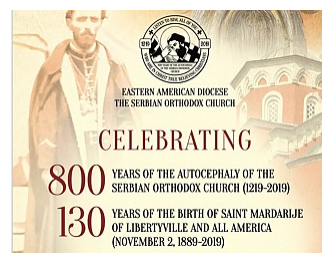
Visits: Elizabeth Zernich – At Home/Stevan Drobac - At Home/Patty Shorak - Trinity Oaks/
Esther Milich - Rochester Manor

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FUNERAL: Give rest O Lord to thy departed servant **MILDRED RALICH** and make her memory to be eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to her family kumovi and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**

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**Eastern American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church
Celebrating 800 years of the Autocephaly
of the Serbian Orthodox Church and 130 years of the birth
of Saint Mardarije of Libertyville**



Friday and Saturday - November 1st and 2nd 2019 - St Sava Cathedral, Boston, MA

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**You are cordially invited to join us for our
90th Slava Celebration of the
SVETA PETKA KOLO
Sunday, October, 27th, 2019**

Lunch to be served at the American Serbian Club at 12:30 p.m.

Honored Kumovi this year are **Julie Taylor and Joann Ludovico**

For reservations please call Diane Baron at 724-378-8979 - Donation is \$20.00

Since this is on a Sunday, we encourage all of you to join us to help us celebrate this milestone event

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**FOOD FESTIVAL CONTINUES TODAY... PLEASE JOIN US! IF YOU CAN WORK A FEW HOURS IT WILL BE APPRECIATED!
If you cannot work or stay for lunch donations are always welcome!**