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Introduction
to Parents and Teachers

Dear Parents and Teachers,

This activity book was created with the intention of providing information and creative activities featuring twelve North American Saints who are widely recognized as shining examples of our Orthodox faith on this continent.

The materials were designed for both family and classroom use. Parents, older siblings or teachers can read the stories and work on the puzzle activities with children too young to read. In a classroom setting, this book can be used as supplemental reading and enhance other Orthodox curriculum materials you may be utilizing on this topic.

We encourage you to visit the website of the Orthodox Church in America at dce.oca.org where there is much more information about many other saints.

It is our hope that you will be inspired to learn more about each of the lives of these individual Saints. Coming from various backgrounds and situations and through many struggles, including persecutions and death, they remained ever faithful to the true faith.

May they always guide and protect us.

The Department of Christian Education
Orthodox Church in America
St. Alexander Hotovitzky
New Hieromartyr of Russia • Missionary to America

Commemoration Date: December 4th

On February 11, 1872, in the city of Kremenetz, Russia, St. Alexander was born. His father, Alexander, was an archpriest and the rector of the Volhynia Seminary. As a child, his parents taught him the importance of loving everyone and, especially, the Orthodox Church.

After his graduation from St. Petersburg Theological Academy, he began his missionary work in the Diocese of the Aleutians and North America. At that time this was the only diocese which covered all of North America. His first assignment was at St. Nicholas Church in New York City, where he was tonsured a reader.

At the age of twenty-four, following his marriage to Maria Scherbuhina, he was ordained to the diaconate. He was ordained to the priesthood on February 25, 1896 by Bishop Nicholas at the Diocesan Cathedral in San Francisco, California. Only a week after his ordination, he returned to St. Nicholas Church in New York where he accepted the assignment as the parish priest.

St. Alexander was a very successful missionary priest. He loved the people he met while traveling to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and to the many other towns and cities throughout North America. His missionary work was very dangerous. At times he was beaten and jailed because of his love for God, the Church, and for teaching young children religion.

On February 26, 1914, he said good-bye to the Orthodox Churches in North America and traveled to Helsinki, Finland. Three and half years later, he was assigned to Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow, Russia. While in Russia, a revolution occurred and the church was in danger. St. Alexander had to help the poor and save the sacred, religious items that were being taken from the churches and given to the government.

St. Alexander continued to fight for the Orthodox Church and in 1937 he was arrested for the last time because of his belief in God. Since his life ended due to his suffering for Christ, many people consider him a martyr.

He died at the age of 65 on August 19, 1937. The glorification services for Saint Alexander were held on December 4, 1994 in Moscow, Russia.
Elimination Game
St. Alexander Hotovitsky

For this activity, follow the directions below. After you are finished, place the remaining words in order on the lines below the instructions to complete the Epistle verse for the Feast of Hieromartyr Alexander.

1. Cross off the colors in each corner.
2. Cross off the odd numbers in rows 4, 6, and 8.
3. Cross off all the animals.
4. Cross off all of the foods.
5. Cross off the 3-letter words that rhyme and end with “et”.
6. Cross off the names of some of Jesus’ disciples.
7. Cross off the words opposite of “good.”

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices

Hebrews 13:16
SAINT
ALEXIS
TOTH

CONFESSOR AND DEFENDER OF ORTHODOXY IN AMERICA

THIS IS THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,
THIS IS THE TEACHING OF YOUR FAREFATHERS,
YOUR FATHERS,
THIS IS YOUR FAITH, THROUGH WHICH ALL OF US
WILL COME TO SALVATION, HOLD TO IT! AMEN.
St. Alexis Toth of Wilkes-Barre
Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy

Commemoration Date: May 7th

Alexis Toth was born to Father George and Matushka Cecilia Georgievich on March 18, 1854 in Austria-Hungary. His father was a Greek Catholic priest and his uncle was a bishop. Alexis was very poor, but he always helped the people that needed food, clothing or shelter.

He studied very hard and graduated with a Theology degree from the University of Prague. After his marriage to Rosalie Mihaluk, Alexis was ordained to the priesthood on April 18, 1878. Following his ordination, he taught Church History and Canon Law at the Presov Seminary.

Eleven years later in 1889, he traveled to the United States to lead immigrants to the Orthodox Faith. Father Alexis served his first service in the United States on Thanksgiving Day at St. Mary’s Orthodox Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For the next year, without getting paid, he worked with the parishioners to finish building their church and bought items needed to conduct the services. On March 25, 1891, Fr. Alexis and his parishioners were received into the Orthodox Church.

In 1893 he was transferred to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania where he served as the pastor of Holy Resurrection Cathedral and helped many people from Russia. St. Alexis received many awards, including one from St. Tikhon. He wrote a book and published other educational materials for his people so they could learn more about their Orthodox faith.

Father Alexis realized there were many children who needed a place to live. As a result, he became involved in building the orphanage on the grounds of St. Tikhon’s Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

On May 7, 1909 at the age of fifty-five, he died in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and was buried in a grave near St. Tikhon’s Monastery Church. Eighty-five years later on May 7, 1994, he was canonized a Saint at that Monastery. His burial shrine is located inside the Monastery Church where many people come each year to venerate the relics of Saint Alexis, the Defender of Orthodoxy in America.
Word Blanks
St. Alexis Toth

After reading the life of St. Alexis, answer the questions below. If you are not sure about an answer, just read through the story again. After answering the questions, cross out the words in the word bank. There are two words that appear twice, cross out only one. After that, place the remaining words in the blanks at the bottom of the page.

1. In what country was St. Alexis born? ____________________.
2. St. Alexis' father was a Greek ___________________ priest.
3. St. Alexis also became a ________________, just like his father.
4. St. Alexis came to ________________________ in 1889.
5. What ______ did St. Alexis serve as a mission priest? ________________.
6. St. Alexis decided to join the true Orthodox ____________________.
7. St. Alexis moved to Wilkes- Barre, ______________________________.
8. St. Alexis helped many people from _______________ and other countries who came to live in America.
9. St. Alexis wrote a ________________ to help people understand their Orthodox _____________.
10. St. Alexis received many awards, including one from St. ________________.
11. St. Alexis was buried at St. Tikhon's ______________________________.
12. St. Alexis was made a _________________ in May 1994.
13. St. Alexis' feast day is _______________ 7th.

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Saint Alexis is the:

_________________________ ___________ ____________________ ____________
_________________________ ___________ ____________________ .
Below, is a verse taken from the first Old Testament reading for the Feast of St. Alexis. Your job is to write the letter of the alphabet that comes right after the one shown. The letter “a” is given for you.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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vhsgsgd r o h q h s.”
SAINT HERMAN OF ALASKA
Monk Herman was born in 1756 to a merchant class family in Serpukhov, Russia, part of the Moscow Diocese. As a young boy, he had a very prayerful life. At the age of sixteen, he decided to go to Holy Trinity Sergius Hermitage about twelve miles from St. Petersburg, Russia to study about the church.

From the time he was a young monk at the Monastery, many miracles began to occur in his life. He found a large sore on his neck that grew larger and larger and made it very difficult for him to swallow. His face became disfigured. He decided to lock himself inside his cell, a small room, and pray before the icon of the Theotokos. During the night, he dreamt the Theotokos healed him. When he awoke the next morning, the sore had disappeared.

He lived at the Hermitage for about five years and then decided to go to the Valaam Monastery near Finland. While Monk Herman was at the Monastery, he was chosen, along with nine other men, to go to Kodiak Island in North America. They walked across Russia and Siberia and then went by boat to Alaska. In 1794 his life on Kodiak Island began as he ministered to the Russian fur traders who had settled there.

About a mile and a half by water from Kodiak Island is Spruce Island. Monk Herman loved Spruce Island. It reminded him of Valaam. Spruce Island was covered with trees and for the first summer on the island Monk Herman lived in a cave he had dug by himself. After that summer, the Russian American Company built him a cell in which he lived for the next forty years.

He planted potatoes, cabbage, and many other vegetables and ate fish from the little river that ran through the middle of the island. Whether it was summer or winter, Father Herman wore the same clothes. This included a deerskin shirt without sleeves, shoes, klobuk, and a cassock. He slept on a wooden bench and his blanket was a wooden board.

While he was on the island, he loved to feed the animals by hand, especially the bears. He enjoyed giving advice to people that were having a hard life, and was especially concerned about the children. One day there was a flood on the island and everyone was frightened. The people asked Father Herman for help. He took the icon of the Theotokos, placed it on the ground and asked the people to pray. The water never went past the icon.

Another time, there was a forest fire on the island where Father Herman lived. He and his friend Ignatius dug a ditch and covered it with moss. The fire roared up the hill and stopped as soon as it reached the moss.

These are just some of the miracles that happened during Father Herman’s long life. On December 13, 1837, at the age of 81, he died in his cell on Spruce Island. On August 9, 1970, the Orthodox Church in America canonized Father Herman as the First American Saint.
Crossword Puzzle

St. Herman of Alaska

Fill in the answers to the crossword puzzle by placing the underlined words into the correct spaces. The words are taken from the Troparion (Tone 4) of the Akathist Service to St. Herman.

(6 down) O Blessed Father Herman

(5 across) North Star of Christ's Holy Church

(2 down) the light of your holy life and great deeds,

(4 down) guides those who follow the Orthodox way.

(5 down) Together we lift high the Holy Cross,

(3 down) you planted firmly in America.

(1 down) Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ,

(6 across) singing His Holy Resurrection.

Check out the music downloads for the North American Saints at www.oca.org.
Holy Father Herman Folk Hymn
St. Herman of Alaska

This folk hymn in honor of St. Herman, whose feast is celebrated on December 13 and August 9, was written by the sisters of the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration, Ellwood City, PA. It is sung to the same melody as the familiar folk hymn to St. Nicholas. Permission is granted to copy and distribute.

As we sail by canoe or boat You who are a Holy Fisherman
To the isle where you once abode Caught us in your net of wisdom
Spruces tall and evergreen Feed us with God’s Holy Word
Remember you for they have seen Guide us safely heaven-ward
Holy Father Herman! Holy Father Herman!

You who came to us from afar Lead us like a shepherd leads his sheep
As a guide and a bright North Star Show the light that we should keep
Giving Aleuts and us Lead us through our sins and wrongs
Orthodoxy’s sacred trust Help us sing a heavenly song
Holy Father Herman! Holy Father Herman!

Simple monk living on Spruce Island You who love Herman the lowly
Loving all with God thus united Give your life to our God wholly
“Let us love God above all.” For you Herman intercedes
May we heed your holy call Helping you in word and deeds
Holy Father Herman! Holy Father Herman!

Your pure prayer calmed the stormy seas You who lived in a hermit’s cell
Intercede for us in our needs. Came with you Hosts and Saints to dwell
With our hearts we praise you here “Christ is Risen”, Herman sang
With you close we need not fear Joined by angels, heaven rang!
Holy Father Herman! Holy Father Herman!

You who love children as your own
Pray for us now before God’s throne
Shield us from all evil darts
Help us love God with our hearts
Holy Father Herman!
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Find the Correct Letters
St. Herman of Alaska

For this puzzle, fill in the blank spaces by finding the correct letters in the grid. To help get you started, the first letter will be filled in. When finished, you will see a verse taken from the Epistle lesson for the Feast of St. Herman.

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\[ \text{Galatians 5:25} \]
Grid Puzzle
St. Herman of Alaska

Below is the Troparion that is taken from the Akathist Service for St. Herman. Using the grid, match the letters with the numbers to fill in the blanks. To help get you started, we will give you the first two letters.

O Blessed ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ Herman of ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
c2               c5    b3   a4                           c5    e2   c5    e2   b4    c5
North Star of Christ’s ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___.
e1    c4   a3   a3   e3        d4    e1    b5   a4    d4    e1
the ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ of your ___ ___ ___ ___ life and great deeds,
a3    e4    a5   e1    e3       c4    a3   a3   e3
guides those who follow the ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ Way.
c4    a4    d3    d4    c4    c1
Together we ___ ___ ___ ___ high the Holy ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
a3    e4    c2    d3       d4    a4    c4    e2    e2
___ ___ ___ planted firmly in America.
e3    c4    e5
Let all behold and ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ Jesus Christ,
a5    a3    c4    a4    e4    c2    e3
singing His Holy Resurrection.
**Missing Link**
**St. Herman of Alaska**

In the activity below, there is one missing letter from each row. Fill in the space with a letter that will form the word. When finished, these words can be found in the Epistle lesson for the Feast of St. Herman of Alaska (Galatians 5:22-23). If you need some help, check the word bank. Good Luck!

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**WORD BANK**

KINDNESS  JOY  GOODNESS

SELF-CONTROL  PEACE  GENTLENESS

LOVE  FAITHFULNESS  PATIENCE
Word Scramble
St. Herman of Alaska
Part 1

Instead of scrambled eggs, there are scrambled words below. Your job is to match the scrambled words on the left by drawing a line to the correctly spelled words on the right. The words below describe or tell us more about St. Herman and how special he was. After finding the correct words, place them in the numbered spaces on the next page. (Part 2) Hint: Look carefully at the scrambled letters and find those same letters in the correctly spelled words.

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The hymn below is taken from the Litya part of the Vespers service for St. Herman.

“Rejoice, _________________ of the northern wilderness!

Rejoice, __________________________ of the Church in America!

Rejoice, joyful __________________________ on Spruce Island!

Rejoice, __________________________ of the Church of the Resurrection!

Rejoice, _________________ of the defenseless!

Rejoice, __________________________ for those in need!

Rejoice, __________________________ of the wise!

Rejoice, wonder- __________________________ of the North!

Rejoice, first __________________________ of the Orthodox in America

Rejoice, blessed __________________________ Herman of Alaska!”

Accessed from www.oca.org
Below is the Ninth Ikos that is sung during the Akathist Service to St. Herman of Alaska. After you are finished reading this beautiful hymn, there is a word search puzzle you will have to help us solve. Starting with Rejoice, each verse will have a number at the end. This number will tell you which word you have to find in the verse. First, circle the correct word, and then find it in the word search.

**Ninth Ikos**

Who can enumerate the miracles witnessed by your people?
The waves of the sea and a fire in the forest were calmed by your prayers.
When there was a great tidal wave, you caused the stormy seas to cease by your prayers before the Mother of God, saying, “The water shall not go beyond this line.” Therefore, we sing to you thus:
Rejoice, wondrous pacifier of the waters;  (6th word)
Rejoice, deliverer from the threat of fire    (7th word)
Rejoice, safe harbor for the hierarch Innocent who called to you from from the sea;  (3rd word)
Rejoice, for through your prayers the wind at sea was calmed;  (9th word)
Rejoice, source of many miracles during your life;  (8th word)
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  (5th word)
America’s most glorious doer of wonders.   (6th word)

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http://www.oca.org/PDF/Music/Nasts/sthermanakathist-reader.pdf
St. Innocent
Metropolitan of Moscow · Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas

Commemoration Dates: October 6th & March 31st

John Veniaminov was born on August 26, 1797 in a rural village of the Irkutsk province in Russia. His father was a church server and taught John to read the Epistle at a very young age. When he was six years old he was orphaned.

At the age of ten, John was assigned to the Irkutsk Theological Seminary. He was a very hard worker and an outstanding student. He was also very humble and kind. When he was 20, he was married and ordained to the diaconate. Following graduation from the seminary, he became a teacher at the parish school and was ordained to the priesthood.

He served as a parish priest for two years in Irkutsk and in 1824 he volunteered to do missionary work in Alaska. When he was 26 years old Father John and his family traveled over 2,000 miles on a fourteen-month journey to Unalaska, in the Aleutian Islands. There he lived in a hut with his wife, elderly mother, baby son Innocent, and brother. At Unalaska he taught the natives of the islands to be carpenters, blacksmiths, and bricklayers. In return, they helped him build a church, which they named Holy Ascension.

Father John continued to travel to remote areas throughout Alaska by canoe, dog sled, and even reindeer. In order to talk to the natives, he learned six different native languages. To help them learn about the church, he translated the Scriptures and other church books into their languages.

After spending fourteen years in Unalaska and Sitka, he returned to Russia to ask for more support and money for his work in Alaska. When he arrived there, he got the sad news that his wife had died. He made the decision to stay in Russia, and was tonsured a monk and given the name Innocent. On December 15, 1840, he was consecrated Bishop at Kazan Cathedral in St. Petersburg, Russia.

As Bishop he returned to Alaska and spent many years traveling throughout his diocese. He continued to build churches, guide the priests under his care, and bring the Gospel to the native Alaskan people.

After his appointment as Metropolitan of Moscow in 1867, he continued to raise money so priests would have a better life and a place to live after they got older.

On March 31, 1879, Innocent died at the age of 82. He was canonized a saint on October 6, 1977.
St. Innocent's Travels
Number Squeeze Puzzle
St. Innocent Enlightener and Apostle to America

Below is a Bible verse from the Gospel lesson for the Feast of St. Innocent. To help solve this puzzle, your job is to figure out, under each line, which number has been squeezed out from the rest. Then write the matching word in the word bank on the spaces below. After you are finished, read the verse taken from St. John’s Gospel. (John 10:11)

1. SHEEP  2. THE  3. LAYS  4. I  5. SHEPHERD
12. LIFE  13. GOOD  14. SHEPHERD  15. GOOD

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SAINT

JACOB

NETSVETOY

ENLIGHTENER
OF THE PEOPLES
OF ALASKA

Go ye therefore
and teach all
nations bap-
tizing them
in the name
of the Father,
and of the Son,
and Holy Spirit.
St. Jacob Netsvetov  
Enlightener of the Native People of Alaska 

**Commemoration Date: July 26**

In 1802, on an Aleutian Island in Alaska, Yeager and Maria Netsvetov became the parents of a son named Jacob. He was the oldest of four children. He had a sister Elena and two brothers Osip and Antony. During his young life, his parents moved to Siberia, Russia.

His parents were very poor, but worked hard to help their children. Rather than going to the Naval Academy like his brothers, Jacob wanted to learn more about the church, so he went to school at the Irkutsk Theological Seminary.

When he was twenty years old, he married a girl named Anna. He was then tonsured a sub-deacon. On March 4, 1828, he received the Sacrament of Ordination from Archbishop Michael, the same Archbishop that ordained St. Innocent.

After his ordination, Father Jacob wanted to return to Alaska and teach the people about God. So he began his long journey from Siberia to Alaska with his wife and father. After traveling by land and sea for 13 months and 14 days, he reached Alaska.

Father Jacob loved his parishioners so much that neither sickness nor weather would stop him from visiting. He spoke two languages, making it very easy for him to talk to the people he served.

Since there was no church building when he arrived, he held all of the services in a tent. Father Jacob would pack up his tent and take it with him on all of his missionary trips. He finally decided it was important to have a church, so he built the church of St. Nicholas. Once the church was completed, he constructed a school for the children. He taught the children to read and write in both Russian and Unagan Aleut, the native language of many people on the island. With the help of St. Innocent, he translated the Holy Scriptures and other important writings into the language of the Native Alaskans.

After his wife and father died, he wanted to be a monastic, but St. Innocent encouraged him to continue his missionary work. Through his work, he converted and baptized both the leader and all of the people in the village.

On July 26, 1864, he died in Sitka, Alaska. The glorification services for St. Jacob were held in Anchorage, Alaska on October 15-16, 1994.
Leapfrog Activity
St. Jacob Netsvetov

For this activity, we are going to play leapfrog with letters. For example, you will see M+2. The answer will be the letter “O” because we are counting forward two letters. You will have to either count forward or backwards because there is also some subtraction. We have the alphabet below to help you play leapfrog. Once you are finished, you will see the Bible verse.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

P+2   B+3   K-1   R-3   G+2   B+1   I-4

H+1   Q-3

Q+3   J-2   D+1

I+3   N+1   T-2   C+1

B-1   O-1   B+2

D-2   H-3

D+3   H+4   C-2   G-3

S-4   V+3   R-3   X-3

V-4   F+3   E+2   K-3   W-3   C+2   J+5   Y-4   R+1

Epistle Alleluia Verse for the Feast of All Saints of America taken from the Rubrics.
SAINT JOHN KOCHourov

FIRST HIEROMARTYR OF THE BOLSHEVIK YOKE

MISSIONARY OF AMERICA

THE LORD SAID: "BEHOLD, I SEND YOU FORTH AS SHEEP IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES. BE YE THEREFORE WISE AS SERPENTS AND HARMLESS AS DOVES; YET SHALL YE BE HATED."
St. John Kochurov

Missionary to America • First Hieromartyr under the Bolshevik Yoke

Commemoration Date: October 31st

Alexander and Anna Kochurov gave birth to a son John, on July 1, 1871, in Russia. His father was a priest and inspired John to serve the church. John was an excellent student, both at the Ryazan Seminary and the St. Petersburg Theological Academy. In 1895 John graduated from the Academy and married Alexandra Chernisheva. A few months later, he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Alexander Nevsky Church in St. Petersburg, Russia.

He always wanted to be a missionary priest in the United States and in 1895 his wish came true. He became the parish priest at St. Vladimir’s Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois. Since the parish did not have a church building, Fr. John hired an architect and with the help of Bishop Tikhon (St. Tikhon), the church was built and consecrated. The church cost $50,000. Today, the church is known as Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral.

Father John worked for the church and continued to establish churches in Chicago and the surrounding cities. He also helped to establish churches in Buffalo, New York and Hartshorne, Oklahoma. Father John worked with Father Alexis Toth (St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre) to help the new immigrants that came to America. They founded the Orthodox Mutual Aid Society that gave money to help immigrants to live in America.

At a meeting of the diocesan clergy at St. Michael’s Church in Old Forge, Pennsylvania, Father Rafla (St. Raphael) presented Father John with the gold cross, a special award for clergy. He received this award because of his missionary work throughout America.

In 1907, he went back to Narva, Russia and taught religious education in the schools. Because there were wars when he returned to Russia, many people came to the churches and wanted the clergy to conduct services. Some of the people fighting the wars didn’t want this. As a result, Fr. John was arrested and killed on October 18, 1917. He became the first clergy martyr. The Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church canonized St. John on December 4, 1994.
Word Search Part - 1
St. John Kochurov

On the second Sunday after Holy Pentecost our church celebrates All Saints of America. For this activity, fill in the blanks with the correct answer. To help we will give you the first and last letters of the missing word. After you are finished, find the words in the word bank.

Word Bank

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“Blessed are the poor in s___ ___ ____ t, for theirs is the kingdom of h___ ___ ____ n. (Matthew 4:3.)

“Blessed are those who m___ ___ ____ n, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 4:4.)

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the e___ ___ ____ h. (Matthew 4:5.)

“Blessed are those who hunger and t___ ____ ____ t for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 4:6.)

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain m____ ____ y. (Matthew 4:7.)

“Blessed are the p___ ____ e in heart, for they shall see G___ d. (Matthew 4:8.)

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the s___ ____ s of God. (Matthew 4:9.)

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the k___ ____ ____ ____ m of heaven. (Matthew 4:10.)

“Blessed are you when m____ n revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. (Matthew 4:11.)

“Rejoice and be g____ ____ d, for your reward will be g____ ____ ____ t in heaven…” (Matthew 4:12.)

Part of the Gospel lesson for the Feast of All Saints of America.
Matthew 4:25-5:12
Word Search – Part 2
2\textsuperscript{nd} Sunday after Pentecost • All Saints of America

Look at the Word Search – Part 1 that you just completed for clues to help you solve this Word Search activity.

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BLESSED ARCHBISHOP JOHN MAXIMOVICH

Their sound has come forth unto all the ends of the earth and their words unto the ends of the world.
St. John Maximovitch
St. John of San Francisco & Shanghai

Commemoration Date: July 2nd

On June 4, 1896, Michael Maximovitch was born in the village of Adamovka in southern Russia. He had two brothers and a sister. As a young child, he was very sick and hated to eat. He believed Archangel Michael was his heavenly protector and he prayed to him for help. At the age of eleven, Michael entered the Poltava Military Academy. Eleven years later he graduated from Kharkov Imperial University with a Law Degree.

In 1921, during a war in Russia, Michael's family had to move to Belgrade, Serbia. In order to pay for his education at Belgrade University, Michael sold newspapers. He graduated from the university with a degree in theology in 1925. One year later, he was tonsured a monk and given the name John. During the same year, he was ordained to the priesthood. On May 8, 1934 he was consecrated a Bishop and was assigned to the Diocese of Shanghai.

Because of his love for children, he opened an orphanage to help the sick and suffering children from the streets of Shanghai that were poor or didn’t have a family. He served over 1,500 children while he was in charge of the orphanage. He always prayed to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk to protect the children. Shortly after he opened the orphanage, the land surrounding it was attacked. St. John decided to bring the children to America.

St. John became a teacher at the seminary and many nights he would stay up very late and cover the seminarians with their blankets that had fallen to the floor. He would then make the sign of the cross over each seminarian.

St. John was known for his special deeds. In 1949, 5000 Russians were forced to leave China. They went to an island in the Philippines that was often struck by typhoons. While St. John was on the island, the typhoon would often move in another direction and miss the homes of the people there. As soon as the people moved to the United States and Australia, the island was destroyed by a typhoon.

On November 21, 1962, the Feastday of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, St. John was sent to the Cathedral in San Francisco, California. Under his direction, the building of the cathedral was finished.

Fr. John died on July 2, 1966 a few hours after serving the Divine Liturgy. Twenty-eight years after his death, he was canonized and became known as St. John of San Francisco and Shanghai.
St. John Maximovitch’s Travels
Below you will see a bunch of jumbled letters, but don’t let that scare you. To solve, write down the letter of the alphabet that comes right after the one that is shown. *Hint:* the letter A will replace the letter Z. Once you have completed this task, you will see the names of some famous monasteries and what is included for daily living. The first letter will be given to help get you started. *Good Luck!*

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1.) L N M Z R S D Q X

2.) B N M U D M S

3.) S Q Z O D Y Z

4.) Q D E Q D B S N Q X

5.) R J D S D

6.) B G T Q B G

7.) B D K K R

8.) L N T M S Z S G N R

9.) R Z H M S S H J G N M

10.) M D V R J D S D

11.) G N K X S Q Z M R E H F T Q Z S H N M

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St. Juvenaly
Hieromartyr of Iliamna • Protomartyr of America

Commemoration Dates: September 24th & December 12th

John Feodorovich Hovorukhin was born in Nerchinsk, Siberia in 1761. John worked as an engineer in the mines.

After his wife died in 1791, he entered the monastery at St. Petersburg. He was tonsured a monk and given the name Juvenaly. Later, he was ordained to the deaconate and then to the priesthood. Three years later he traveled to Alaska as a missionary.

On September 24, 1794, after traveling 8,000 miles across Asia, Siberia, and the northern Pacific Ocean, Juvenaly’s missionary group, including St. Herman, arrived on Kodiak Island, Alaska. When they arrived, there were no supplies or food. The missionaries worked tirelessly. Within two years, the missionary group converted more than 12,000 Alaskans to Orthodox Christianity.

Hieromonk Juvenaly continued to travel throughout Alaska in boats made of various types of animal skins. He helped more Alaskan Natives than all of the other missionaries that traveled through Alaska. He baptized over 700 people at Nushek. One day as he was traveling by boat, he came to the mouth of a river. Some native Eskimo hunters, who were not Christians, saw him. They did not understand his gestures in making the sign of the cross. They killed him by arrows and spears.

He became the first Orthodox Christian in America to receive the Cross of Martyrdom. His feast day is celebrated on July 2nd.
Oops, I typed the words backwards. The trick to solving this puzzle is to read the words from right to left, instead of left to right. I will help you with the first one. Good Luck and have fun!

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\text{Prokeimenon Tone 4 for the Martyrs}
\text{Taken from the Rubrics}
St. Nicholas of Ochrid & Zicha
St. Nicholas of South Canaan

Commemoration Date: March 18th

Nicholai Velimirovich was born into a large peasant family on December 23, 1880 in Lelich, Serbia. He began his education in the village and later went to the capital city of Belgrade where he attended St. Sava Theological Seminary. He graduated in 1902.

Nicholai went on to study further at the Theological Faculty in Bern, Switzerland. In 1909 he received one of many degrees he would earn over his years of study. Nicholai returned to Serbia and was tonsured a monk. He was 29 years old. Within a short period of time, he was ordained to the priesthood and eventually elevated to the rank of Archimandrite. He became a teacher at St. Sava Seminary, the same school from which he graduated.

At the age of thirty-nine, in the Church of Serbia, Archimandrite Nicholas was consecrated Bishop of Zicha. In 1921 and 1922 he came to the United States and served as a missionary bishop. He created and took care of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese in the United States and Canada. He returned to Serbia where he was the bishop for two dioceses, Ochrid and Zicha.

During World War II, Bishop Nicholas was arrested in the Monastery of Zicha. For the next three years, he was held captive in two different monasteries. After World War II, Bishop Nicholas traveled throughout Serbia and England and finally returned to the United States in 1946.

While he was in the United States, he taught at St. Sava’s Serbian Orthodox Seminary in Libertyville, Illinois, St. Vladimir’s Seminar in Crestwood, New York and St. Tikhon’s Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. He began as a professor at St. Tikhon’s and eventually became the rector. On many fall evenings while at St. Tikhon’s, he could be heard playing his flute, which made him cry and think of his life in Serbia.

On March 18, 1956, at the age of seventy-six, Bishop Nicholas fell asleep in the Lord at St. Tikhon’s Monastery. Ten days later his body was buried at St. Sava’s Serbian Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois. In 1991, his body was taken back to Yugoslavia where he lay in state in many cities and towns. He was buried in his native village of Lelich in Serbia next to his parents. The Serbian Orthodox Church canonized him on May 19, 2003.
St. Nicholas of Zichas’ Travels
# Math Puzzle

**St. Nicholas of Zhicha**

Here are some math problems to solve. After you are finished, write the words on the numbered spaces below. You will see the names of two books St. Nicholas wrote.

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Missing Blanks Activity
St. Nicholas of Zicha and South Canaan

After reading the story of St. Nicholas, fill in the missing blanks with the correct words to complete the sentences. Here is your challenge: try not to look back at the story and see how well you do.

1. On ____________ 23, 1980, ____________ Velimirorich was born into a large ____________ family that lived in ____________ .
   a.) Serbia    b.) Nicholai      c.) December  d.) peasant

2. In 1902, he graduated ____________ St. ____________ Theological ____________ .
   a.) Sava       b.) Seminary      c.) from

3. In 1909, ____________ was tonsured a ____________ at the age of 29 and was ____________ the name ____________ .
   a.) Nicholai   b.) he            c.) given     d.) monk

4. Within a _________ period of time, he was ordained to the ____________ and became a ____________ at St. Sava Seminary where he was once a ____________ .
   a.) student    b.) priesthood    c.) short      d.) teacher

5. In 1921 and 1922, he served as a missionary ____________ in ____________ .
   He ________ the Serbian Orthodox in both the United States and ________ .
   a.) helped    b.) bishop         c.) America  d.) Canada

6. He taught at the Serbian Orthodox Seminary in Libertyville, ____________ ; St. Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, ____________ ; and St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, ____________ .
   a.) New York    b.) Illinois      c.) Pennsylvania

7. On many ________ evenings, at the Seminary, he would play his ____________ .
   Many times, he would ____________ while playing his flute, because he would think of his life in ____________ .
   a.) cry        b.) flute         c.) fall      d.) Serbia

8. The ____________ of St. ____________ was held on ____________ 19, 2003, by the ____________ Orthodox Church.
   a.) May        b.) Nicholai      c.) canonization  d.) Serbian
SAINT PETER
THE ALEUT
HOLY MARTYR
A native of Kodiak Island in Alaska, the child Tchounagnak was given the name Peter at his baptism into the Orthodox Faith by the monks from St. Herman’s missionary party.

Peter was a fur-hunter. In 1815, a hunting party of fourteen Aleuts, including Peter, were nearing the California shoreline by ship. Back in 1812, the Russian American Trading Company had built Fort Ross, which was located about 50 miles north of San Francisco. They wanted this to be a trading post and a place to raise crops and cattle in the warmer climate. The food and cattle would help support the villages in Alaska. Spain owned California at this time and they were suspicious about what the Russians might do. They were afraid the Russians might attack them and try to take over San Francisco.

When Peter’s party of young fur hunters came near Fort Ross, they were captured by Spanish sailors and taken to San Francisco for a mock trial. During his captivity, Peter was asked to leave the Orthodox Faith for another religion. He refused! As a result, two of his toes were cut off.

Again, Peter was asked to deny his Orthodox Faith and again he refused. Finally, his two hands were cut off. At the age of fifteen, he became the third martyr for the Orthodox Faith in America. When the Spaniards were ready to start on the next Aleut they received word to stop the trial. The story of Peter’s martyrdom to the Orthodox faith was told by the other Aleut fur hunters who were finally released.

When St. Herman, who was still on Kodiak Island, was told of Peter’s death, he turned to his icon and crossed himself and said, “Holy New Martyr Peter, Pray to God for Us!” In 1980, Peter the Aleut was glorified as a saint.
**Knowing Our Ones and Tens Place**

St. Juvenaly and St. Peter the Aleut

This activity will help sharpen our number place values skills even more. Write the correct number being asked. Then solve the puzzle by placing the words next to their matching numbers below. The answer is the Prokeimenon for the Divine Liturgy for the New Martyrs of Alaska.

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St. Raphael Hawaweeny
Bishop of Brooklyn

Commemoration Date: February 29th

On November 20, 1860, Rafla Hawaweeny was born in Damascus, Syria. He was baptized in Beruit, Lebanon on the Feast of Theophany, the same day the church celebrates the Baptism of Jesus Christ. As an elementary student, he worked very hard and received very good grades. This helped him to receive a scholarship to study at the School of Theology in Halki Island, Turkey.

After Rafla was ordained a deacon on December 8, 1885, he wanted to learn even more about the church, so he continued his studies at the Theological Academy in Kiev, Ukraine. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1889. Six years after his ordination, he arrived in Brooklyn, New York.

In the summer of 1896, he began traveling across the United States. While traveling 3,000 miles between New York and California, he visited people in thirty different cities. At each place he visited, he talked about God. During the visits, he also performed many Sacraments of the church.

In 1904, on the third Sunday of Great Lent, the Sunday of the Cross, Saint Raphael became the very first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Both Archbishop Tikhon of Moscow (St. Tikhon) and Bishop Innocent performed the consecration of the new Bishop in New York City.

Bishop Raphael thought it was very important for children to learn about the church and he established evening schools for children. In order for church services and church books to be easier to understand, St. Raphael believed English should be the language used in those books.

While he served as Auxiliary Bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church in America, he helped establish thirty parishes across the country and in July of 1905 he blessed the land on which St. Tikhon’s Monastery is located.

On February 27, 1915, at the age of 55, St. Raphael died. In 1989, his relics were taken to the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. In March 2000, the Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America canonized St. Raphael. On Memorial Day weekend of May 2000, his glorification services were held at St. Tikhon’s Monastery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania.
Coloring Puzzle
St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

Color **red** all the blocks that have an odd number (1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19).
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On January 16, 1865, Basil Belavin was born in Toropets, a region in Russia. His father, Ioann, was a parish priest. He had two brothers. As a young boy he showed his love for the church and those around him by helping the peasants with their work.

After he graduated from the Pskov Seminary and the St. Petersburg Academy, he became a teacher. In 1896 he was tonsured a monk and given the name Tikhon.

On October 19, 1897, Tikhon was consecrated as Bishop of the Kholm Diocese and, in September 1898, he became the Bishop of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska. His home was Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in San Francisco, California.

Using dogsleds and kayaks, Bishop Tikhon traveled through the Alaskan wilderness to visit his flock. During his travels, he encouraged both the clergy and the lay people to develop mission parishes. It did not take long for the parishes in the diocese to increase from 15 to 70.

Bishop Tikhon was a gentle man who loved everyone. He believed it was important to help people to adjust to life in America. As a result, he decided to move to New York City to help the immigrants arriving from Europe. With the help of St. Alexander, Bishop Tikhon supervised the construction of St. Nicholas Cathedral in New York City.

In 1905, two years before he left America, he blessed the Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. In 1907, he moved to Russia and, after ten years, he was elected as the first Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

On April 7, 1925, at the age of sixty, Patriarch Tikhon died and was buried in the Cathedral of the Donskoy Monastery. Patriarch Tikhon was canonized a saint by the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church on October 19, 1989 at St. Daniel’s Monastery in Moscow, Russia.
St. Tikhon’s Travels
Please help us to put the Word Bank words in ABC order. After you have done this place the words into the sentences to learn more about St. Tikhon. The alphabet is here to help you. Careful, as there are two words that begin with the same letter, so you will have to look at the second letter in the words to get them into the correct order. Good Luck and have fun!

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He started St. Tikhon’s _______________ 100 years ago. It is the oldest 4 _______________ monastery in _______________. _______________

Patriarch of Russia. He was made a _______________ in 1989. 8

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Word Find Puzzle
St. Tikhon

After reading the story of St. Tikhon, look for some of the words from the story in this word find puzzle. Circle the words when you find them.

*Hint:* All of the answers will be straight across →.

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**Glossary**

**Archimandrite**: the head of a large monastery or group of monasteries.

**Architect**: a person who designs buildings and advises in their construction.

**Archpriest**: a priest of preeminent rank.

**Canonize**: to make a deceased person an officially recognized saint.

**Captivity**: to be held in a place against your will.

**Cassock**: an ankle-length (black) garment worn by the clergy and lay people who help with the church services.

**Consecrate**: to make or declare something is sacred and for the worship of God.

**Convert**: to change from one religious belief to another.

**Deeds**: things a person does.

**Hermitage**: a secluded and private place where a monk or nun lives.

**Immigrant**: a person(s) who comes from another country to live here.

**Glorification Services**: the series of worship services that take place when a man or a woman is being canonized (declared a saint by the Church.) The services include hymns to the saint and the unveiling of his or her icon.

**Kayak**: an Eskimo canoe (boat) made of a wood frame covered with skins of animals.

**Klobuk**: worn by monastics, this is a stiff black headcovering which is round and flat on top, with a veil that covers it and hangs down over the shoulders and back.

**Martyr**: a person who voluntarily suffers death as the penalty for witnessing to and refusing to renounce a religion.

**Miracle**: an extraordinary or extremely unusual event of divine intervention.

**Missionary**: a person(s) who goes out to explain about God to other people, usually in a foreign country.

**Monastic**: an unmarried man, known as a monk, or an unmarried woman, known as a sister, who live a life of seclusion away from the world we live in. Men and women can both be referred to as “monastics”.
Ordination: the act of being set aside to serve the Church in the capacity of a deacon or a priest.

Orphanage: a place for children who have no parents or relatives that can take care of them.

Reader: a male who is set aside and appointed to read the Psalms and Holy Scripture during the Church services.

Rector: a priest who is in charge of a mission or parish.

Relic: an object that is esteemed and venerated because of its association with a Saint or Martyr.

Revolution: the overthrow of a government or a social system to replace it with Another.

Sacrament: a Christian rite, such as Baptism or Eucharist, that is believed to be ordained by Christ and is held to because of its divine grace.

Seminarian: a student (male or female) who studies about the life of the Church.

Theology: the study of God and his relation to the world through practice, faith, and experiences.

Tonsure: to cut or shave the head of a person as an offering to God.

Translate: to change words or a text from one language to another.

Venerate: to kiss or show respect to a scared object.
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Answer Keys

Elimination Game Answer Key
St. Alexander Hotovitsky

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Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

Word Blanks Answer Key
St. Alexis Toth

1. In what country was St. Alexis born? **Austria**
2. St. Alexis’ father was a Greek **Catholic** priest.
3. St. Alexis also became a **priest**, just like his father.
4. St. Alexis came to **America** in 1889.
5. What city did St. Alexis serve as a mission priest? **Minneapolis**.
6. St. Alexis decided to join the true Orthodox Church.
7. St. Alexis moved to Wilkes-Barre, **Pennsylvania**.
8. St. Alexis helped many people from **Russia** and other countries who came to live in America.
9. St. Alexis wrote a book to help people understand their Orthodox faith.
10. St. Alexis received many awards, including one from **St. Tikhon**.
11. St. Alexis was buried at St. Tikhon’s **Monastery**.
12. St. Alexis was made a **Saint** in May 1994.
13. St. Alexis’ feast day is **May 7th**.

Saint Alexis is the:
Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America.

Word Code Answer Key
St. Alexis Toth

"I shall! hrgkk
instruct you hmrqsqtbs xnt
in truth, so hm sqtsgrn
that your hope sgstxntqgnad
will be in the vhkkaadmgsd
Lord and you knqcmcxnt
shall be filled rgkkaademkkdc
with the spirit." vhsgsgdrolqhs

Crossword Puzzle Answer Key
St. Herman of Alaska

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**Answer Keys**

**Find the Correct Letters Answer Key**

St. Herman of Alaska

IF WE LIVE
D5 B3 C5 D1 A4 D5 B2 D1

BY THE SPIRIT
E1 D3 B4 B1 D1 A2 E2 D5 E3 D5 B4

LET US ALSO WALK
A4 D1 B4 A5 A2 D2 A4 A2 C1 C5 D2 A4 A1

BY THE SPIRIT
E1 D3 B4 B1 D1 A2 E2 D5 E3 D5 B4

Galatians 5:25

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**Grid Puzzle Answer Key**

St. Herman of Alaska

O Blessed FATHER Herman of ALASKA

c2 c5 d3 e1 b3 a4
c5 a3 c5 e2 b4 c5

North Star of Christ's HOLY CHURCH,
e1 c4 a3 e3
d4 e1 b5 a4 d4 e1

the LIGHT of your HOLY life and great deeds,
a3 e4 a5 e1 d3
e1 c4 a3 e3
guides those who follow the ORTHODOX Way.
c4 a4 d3 e1 c4 d2 c4 a1

Together we LIFT high the Holy CROSS,
a3 e4 c2 d3
d4 a4 c4 e2 e2

YOU planted firmly in America.
e3 c4 e5

Let all behold and GLORIFY Jesus Christ,
a5 a3 c4 a4 e4 c2 e3
singing His Holy Resurrection.

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**Missing Link Answer Key**

St. Herman of Alaska

S Q A Z C V K L O V E Y J G D

I O P D A J O J O Y T H N N E

A S D F I P E A C E H J K L Z

X C P A T I E N C E V B N M Q

W E R T E K I N D N E S S S U I

O P G O O D N E S S L M J Y H

F A I T H F U L N E S S E P B

B G T R F G E N T L E N E S S

C D E SELF CONTROL W

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**Word Bank**

KINDNESS JOY GOODNESS

SELF-CONTROL PEACE GENTLENESS

LOVE FAITHFULNESS PATIENCE
Answer Keys

Leapfrog Activity Answer Key
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints of America

REJOICE
P+2 B+3 K-1 R-3 G+2 B+1 I-4

IN THE LORD
H+1 Q+3 J-2 D+1 I+3 N+1 T-2 C+1

AND BE GLAD
B-1 O-1 B+2 D-2 H-3 D+3 H+4 C-2 G-3

O YOU
S-4 V+3 R-3 X-3

RIGHTOUS
V-4 F+3 E+2 K-3 W-3 C+2 J+5 Y-4 R+1

REJOICE IN THE LORD
AND BE GLAD
O YOU RIGHTOUS

Word Search Part 1 Answer Key
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

"Blessed are the poor in *spirit*,
for theirs is the kingdom of *heaven*. (Matthew 4:3.)

"Blessed are those who *mourn*,
for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 4:4.)

"Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the *earth*. (Matthew 4:5.)

"Blessed are those who hunger and *thirst* for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 4:6.)

"Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain *mercy*. (Matthew 4:7.)

"Blessed are the *pure* in heart,
for they shall see *God*. (Matthew 4:8.)

"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the *sons* of *God*. (Matt. 4:9.)

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake
for theirs is the *kingdom* of *heaven*. (Matthew 4:10.)

"Blessed are you when *men* revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my
account. Matthew 4:11.)

Rejoice and be *glad*, for your reward
will be *great* in heaven..." (Matthew 4:12.)

Word Search Part 2 Answer Key
2nd Sunday after Pentecost • All Saints of America

SPIRIT

MERCY

GREAT

...T...R...E...

HIGH

KNIGHT

...E...A...R...S...

...N...E...D...S...

...T...E...

...H...


What Comes Next? Answer Key

1) LNMZRSDXQ
2) BNMDMS
3) SQZYDYZ
4) QDQDBSNQX
5) RJDSD
6) BGTBG
7) BDKKR
8) LNTS ZSGNR
9) RZHI MS HIGNM
10) MDV RJDSD
11) ANXX SQZMREHFTQSHNM

MONASTERY
CONVENT
TRAPEZA
REFECTORY
SKETE
CHURCH
CELLS
MOUNT ATHOS
SAINT TIKHON
NEW SKETE
HOLY
TRANSFIGURATION
**Answer Keys**

**Word Scramble Answer Key**
St. Herman of Alaska
Part 2

"Rejoice, flower of the northern wilderness!"
8
Rejoice, adornment of the Church in America
10
Rejoice, joyful laborer on Spruce Island!
7
Rejoice, founder of the Church of the Resurrection!
6
Rejoice, defender of the defenseless!
5
Rejoice, intercessor for those in need!
2
Rejoice, teacher of the wise!
4
Rejoice, wonder—worker of the North!
9
Rejoice, first saint of the Orthodox in America
1
Rejoice, blessed Elder Herman of Alaska!"
3

**Word Search Puzzle Answer Key**
St. Herman of Alaska

Rejoice, wondrous pacifier of the waters: (6th word)
Rejoice, deliverer from the threat of fire (7th word)
Rejoice, safe harbor for the hierarch Innocent who called to you from the sea! (3rd word)
Rejoice, for through your prayers the wind at sea was calmed: (9th word)
Rejoice, source of many miracles during your life; (8th word)
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska, (5th word)
America’s most glorious doer of wonders. (6th word)

**Number Squeeze Puzzle Answer Key**
St. Innocent Enlightener and Apostle to America

1. SHEEP 2. THE 3. LAYS 4. I 5. SHEPHERD
12. LIFE 13. GOOD 14. SHEPHERD 15. GOOD

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**Answer Keys**

**Backwards Puzzle Answer Key**

St. Juvenaly

The Lord has shown
ehT droL sah nwohs

all the wonders of His
lla eht srednow fo siH

will to all the
lliw ot lla eht

Saints in His land.
stnias ni siH dnaI

**Missing Blanks Activity Answer Key**

St. Nicholas of Zicha and South Canaan

1. On December 23, 1980, Nicholai Velimirovich was born into a large peasant family that lived in Serbia.
   a.) Serbia  b.) Nicholas  c.) December  d.) peasant

2. In 1902, he graduated from St. Sava Theological Seminary.
   a.) Sava  b.) Seminary  c.) from

3. In 1909, he was tonsured a monk at the age of 29 and was given the name Nicholai.
   a.) Nicholai  b.) he  c.) given  d.) monk

4. Within a short period of time, he was ordained to the priesthood and became a teacher at St. Sava Seminary where he was once a student.
   a.) student  b.) priesthood  c.) short  d.) teacher

5. In 1921 and 1922, he served as a missionary bishop in America. He helped the Serbian Orthodox in both the United States and Canada.
   a.) helped  b.) bishop  c.) America  d.) Canada

6. He taught at the Serbian Orthodox Seminary in Libertyville, Illinois; St. Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, New York; and St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, Pennsylvania.
   a.) New York  b.) Illinois  c.) Pennsylvania

7. On many fall evenings, at the Seminary, he would play his flute. Many times, he would cry while playing his flute, because he would think of his life in Serbia.
   a.) cry  b.) flute  c.) fall  d.) Serbia

8. The canonization of St. Nicholai was held on May 19, 2003, by the Serbian Orthodox Church.
   a.) May  b.) Nicholai  c.) canonization  d.) Serbian

**Math Puzzle Answer Key**

St. Nicholas of Zhicha

12 - 7 = 5 Life
9 - 6 = 3 Ochrid
10 + 2 = 12 Serbian
5 + 2 = 7 St.
10 - 9 = 1 Prologue
11 - 2 = 9 A
5 - 1 = 4 The

1 = Prologue  2 = from  3 = Ochrid

and

4 = The  5 = Life  6 = of  7 = St.  8 = Sava

9 = A  10 = Treasury  11 = of  12 = Serbian

13 = Spirituality

**Knowing Our Ones and Tens Place**

St. Juvenaly and St. Peter the Aleut

Five ones
Lord = 5

Two tens
The = 20

Zero ones
will = 0

Four tens
land = 40

Nine tens
has = 90

Seven tens
are = 70

Seven ones
of = 7

one ten
in = 10

Eight ones
who = 8

Two ones
His = 2

Nine ones
has = 9

5 tens
His = 50

Three ones
shown = 3

Three tens
to = 30

Eight tens
saints = 80

Four ones
wonders = 4

Six tens
The = 60

Six ones
all = 6

The Lord has shown
60  5  9  3

all the wonders of
6  20  4  7

His will to the saints who
2  0  30  20  80  8

are in His land
70  10  50  40
Answer Keys

Coloring Puzzle Answer Key
St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

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HOLY FATHER RAPHAEL PRAY TO
CHRIST OUR GOD FOR US.

Word Bank Answer Key
St. Tikhon

Jumbled Numbers and Words Answer Key
St. Raphael Hawaweny, Bishop of Brooklyn

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I am the good shepherd.

1 3 5 7 9

The good shepherd lays down

11 13 15 2 4

his life for the sheep

6 8 10 12 14

John 10:11

16

Word Bank

Correct ABC order

1. America
2. bishops
3. He
4. Monastery
5. Orthodox
6. people
7. Russia
8. saint
9. seminary

St. Tikhon was born in Russia in 1865.

He was one of the first Orthodox bishops in the United States.

He traveled all over America and visited many Orthodox people.

He started a seminary and also brought other bishops to America.

He started St. Tikhon's Monastery 100 years ago.

It is the oldest Orthodox monastery in America.

He was Patriarch of Russia. He was made a saint in 1989.
Answer Keys

Word Find Puzzle Answer Key
St. Tikhon

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