



"The steps of a man are ordered by the Lord." (Psalm 37:32)

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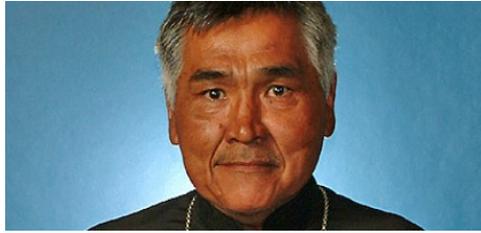
*My travels to Alaska in May were very productive for several things other than the Annual Commencement for St. Herman Theological Seminary in Kodiak. This is the rest of the story that I first wrote about the seminary commencement. To begin this journey, I met Dan Christopoulos, US Country Representative for IOCC, in Minneapolis where we flew together to Anchorage. The time with Dan was fast, furious, and very productive. After meeting with persons from the substance abuse field, local clergy, and His Grace, Bishop DAVID it was determined IOCC and **Outreach Alaska** would partner for the following projects that are now underway:*

- ◆ **Book Drop in Anchorage for parochial/private schools** ◆ **Community Gardens in Villages** ◆*
- Books to Villages** ◆ **Substance Abuse Training twice a year for seminarians at SHS** ◆*
- Furniture for SHS Dormitory** ◆*

The "Book Drop" and "Books to Villages" projects are scheduled for implementation in October. We are very excited to get these 2 projects completed for the children. The "Community Gardens", Furniture for the seminary dorms, and the Substance Abuse Training are currently being planned for implementation. There will be some fundraising needed to complete these projects. More information will be provided as needs are determined. I will update you on these projects in my next writing. It was my honor to provide a vendor booth for the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America Parish Life Conference in San Antonio, Texas. In June, my brother, Jad Wolf, traveled with me for the conference and the booth work. Many were interested in the upcoming Alaska "2015 Spiritual Travel – Walk the Path of the Saints" and travel packets were distributed. The sales and donations generated over \$700 and this will be enough to purchase the new Antidoron Bowl for the seminary chapel requested from me by His Grace. The balance of these funds will most likely be used to purchase food for the St. Julianna Food Pantry for use by the seminary students and their families. Some very good news is that our Father Phanourios Angiokimisis will be returning to Alaska by the end of August. Yes – the person we all knew as Paul Sidebottom is now the monastic priest, Fr. Phanourios. He is assigned to the seminary in Kodiak. I am so looking forward to working with him again. As I close this report on my 2014 summer travels, there is news that one of our dear Alaska clergy has been called to Eternal Memory. Father Yago Steven was the first priest I met when going to the Kuskokwim River area in 1999. There is so much I could write about Father Yago. He was my guide, my skiff captain in a Kuskokwim Storm, my "bush" Alaska mentor, and my friend.

May our Dear Father Yago lay with the blessed and may his Memory be Eternal





“The priest Yago Steven reposed in the Lord on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Born on August 25, 1953, he grew up in Oscarville, Alaska. Father Yago was the sixth of eight children. He had a long time career in the National Guard and retired with the rank of Sargent at the time of his ordination to the priestly order. The service of the funeral of a priest will take place at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 13th at St. James Church in Napaskiak, AK. The Divine Liturgy will be concelebrated by His Grace, Bishop DAVID and numerous clergy at 9:00 am with burial to follow in Napaskiak.”

Memory Eternal to the newly departed servant of God, the Priest Yago Steven.



Brother Clergy farewelling their newly departed fellow brother, the priest, Yago.

Contributions may be made to Outreach Alaska and mailed to 2421 N. Perry Ave., Wichita, KS 67204



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July 30 – August 10, 2015

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Guided by Mary Ann Khoury, Coordinator of “Outreach Alaska”.

- **Sitka – the Jewel and the base of St. Innocent of Alaska*
- *Kwethluk on the Kuskokwim – visit the grave of Matushka Olga*
 - *Bethel, Alaska – St. Sophia Russian Orthodox Church*
Home of our Kansas Sponsored seminarian, Father Elia Larson
- *Homer -Travel the Kenai with stops in Aleyska, Kenai, etc. Visit museum and Antiochian Mission with shopping on the Homer Spit.*
- *Kodiak – Monk’s Rock Coffee House, Holy Resurrection Cathedral and the relics of St. Herman, St. Innocent Academy, St. Herman Theological Seminary, Pillar Mountain, Kodiak Fishing, Museums, Seminary Archives, Touring, Whale watching.*



- *August 7-9 Spruce Island Pilgrimage-leaving from Kodiak Harbor*
- *Anchorage – Native Heritage Museum, Anchorage Museum of Art, Farm and Art Market, Anchorage Zoo, Matanuska Glacier, St. Innocent Orthodox Cathedral with Akathist served by V. Rev. John Zabinko, Dean.*
 - *Eklutna Spirit Houses Museum, Church, and Gift Shop*
 - *Eagle River and Wasilla*

***Planned with FOS Tours. Estimated price on current costs double occupancy - \$3,500
– subject to change.***

Non refundable deposits of \$100 per person are currently being accepted and will hold your place.

**Sitka will be priced separate from the travel package and will be added for those who want to include this in their Alaska experience. This option will extend the travel to August 12 with time in Sitka being on August 10 and 11.*

*More information will be on the website soon – www.outreachalaska.org.
To be informed of the planning, contact Mary Ann Khoury at maktoob@cox.net*

