



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

*This will be an exciting year for the OCA Diocese of Alaska. On February 21-22, Bishop-elect, Archimandrite David Mahaffey will be consecrated the new Bishop of Sitka and Alaska. I will travel to Anchorage on February 19 to be in attendance for this historical event. Alaska has been without an in house bishop since 2007 – 7 years. Bishop Benjamin from the OCA Diocese of the West has been the Locum Tenens during this time but acknowledges Alaska needs to have her own bishop – to lead the faithful and address the many needs of this unique diocese in America. Once Bishop David is in place, the **Outreach Alaska** mission will move forward with his vision and prayers.*

*I was pleased that my request for \$5,000 from the Diocese of Alaska was overwhelmingly approved during the Diocesan Assembly in November. Since 2007, the diocese has not provided any funds for **Outreach Alaska** other than from St. Herman Seminary for my annual travels to commencement in May. The new funds will help with updating the website, travels to Anchorage for the consecration requested by Fr. David, and all expenses for me to attend the Parish Life Conference in San Antonio this year. I am currently working on the budget for expenses of this funding and it will take at least this amount for the travel expected this upcoming year. Fr. David has approved that I contract with Justine Nightingale to redesign the website at outreachalaska.org. I look forward to working with her on this project and know she will do a great job for the mission. With the help of St. Herman Theological Seminary, I will attend this year's commencement in Kodiak on May 11.*

*I am appreciative of the St. Mary, Wichita, KS Parish Council approval for me to present **Outreach Alaska** to our parish family during an upcoming coffee hour. At this time, a final date has not been decided but I am going to discuss this with Father Aaron soon. It will be scheduled before Pascha and I am hoping to clear March 30 – St. Innocent Feast for eternal memory is on March 31. This will be further announced in the church bulletin once it is finalized with Fr. Aaron. An update on the planned 2014 Pilgrimage will be provided. This is now being planned for 2015 due to some difficulty and conflict for this year's travel. An Alaska buffet is being planned for the Coffee Hour. A free will offering will be requested but there will be no charge. Please plan to join us and learn more about **Outreach Alaska – the New Alaska Mission**.*

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