**SEPTEMBER 24**

**Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut**

**[Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla]**

***(The service to St. Thecla is sung whenever the Superior wishes.)***

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 2**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

V. (8) *Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 2**

With joy the enlightener of Alaska, Innocent,
joins our blessed Father Herman of New Valaam
in celebrating the feast of the Holy Martyrs of America.
The glorified bishop and the venerable monk

invite all to this radiant festival,//
praising God, Who is wonderful in His saints.

V. (7) *Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

(Repeat: “With joy the enlightener…”)

V. (6) *If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

Today the natives of Kenai rejoice in faith,
for their apostle, the priest-monk Juvenaly, is glorified.
He labored without concern for personal gain or earthly reward
to enlighten an ancient people sitting in darkness.
Like the first Apostles, he too was granted a martyr’s death,//
and together with them he intercedes for our souls.

V. (5) *For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

(Repeat: “Today the natives…”)

V. (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

Today the Aleut Nation celebrates a feast of joy,
for one of its own race is exalted by God.
Together with our venerable elder, Herman of Spruce Island,
we cry out to the warrior who shed his blood for the faith://
“O holy New-Martyr Peter, pray to God for us!”

V. (3) *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Come all Orthodox believers of America,

let us celebrate this feast of faith!

In their devotion to Christ, the Holy Martyrs suffered willingly,

recalling the Lord’s promise that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who suffer for Him.

Having fought the good fight and received their crowns,//

they stand before the Lord and intercede for our souls.

V. (2) *Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Come all Orthodox believers of America,
let us rejoice at this feast of hope!
The vision of the future growth of the Church in America
inspired the Hieromartyr Juvenaly in his apostolic work.
Committing his soul to the Lord, he rejoiced in the hope of eternal life.
And the young Aleut, Peter of Kodiak Island,

offered himself as a living sacrifice,

trusting that in the world to come he would receive his reward.//
Now in the Kingdom of heaven they intercede for our souls.

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Come all Orthodox believers of America,
let us sing for joy at this festival full of joy and love!
For greater love has no man than that he lay down his life.

And in imitation of the Savior,

both the monk and the boy suffered, confessing their faith.

Their love for Christ and His Holy Church could not be destroyed.

They have joined the noble chorus of martyrs who stand before the throne of God,//

where they intercede for our souls.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 3**

The first martyr came from a distant land;
the second was born in Russian America.
Juvenaly received the benefits of a formal education;
while Peter was taught how to survive in the wilderness.
The monk dedicated his life to Christ as a man of prayer;
the boy became a witness to Christ, accepting torture and death.
Now both are glorified equally

by the God Who loves all men.
Remembering their loving sacrifice,//
may we also grow to the fullness of love, revealed to us in Christ!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 3** *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder

at thy mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?

For without receiving the touch of man,

thou gavest birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.

The Son born of the Father before eternity

was born of thee at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.

He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,

but preserved the fullness of each nature.

Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin and Mother,

to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess thee//

to be the Theotokos.

 **Old Testament Readings**

 **Isaiah 43:9-14**

 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9**

 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3**

**Litya**

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple,*

*these stichera are sung)*

**Tone 3** *(for the New Martyrs of Alaska)*

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**Tone 6** *(for St. Innocent of Alaska)*

Come, all Orthodox believers of America,
let us follow our apostolic Father Innocent!
He was deemed worthy of eternal joy,
for he courageously preached the true Faith in the northern lands.
By enduring material poverty,

he was granted spiritual riches;
by using worldly knowledge to promote the knowledge of God,
he enlightened those who sat in darkness.
Celebrating his memory, let us implore Christ our God//
that He count us worthy to continue his work in America!

**Tone 8** *(for St. Herman of Alaska)*

O ascetic of New Valaam,

thy brethren were dear to thee,

for thou didst dwell with them in thy native Valaam.

Yet a hundred-fold more desired were thy bodiless friends,

who transported thy soul to divine vision,

and with whom thou dwellest now.

Rejoice, O Father, for us who glorify thy memory,

invisibly instructing us in profitable repentance!
O fruitful shoot of the Russian land;

upbringing of Ládoga’s waters;
churchly blessing of Alaska and the Aleutian Isles;

good hope of America;
grace-bearing witness of the Orthodox faith:

O God-pleasing Herman,

obtain for us the peace of God that surpasses every mind//

and great mercy!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

 **Tone 8** *(Theotokion)*

As the only hope of Christians and intercessor before God,

O sovereign Lady,//

with all the saints of Alaska, pray to thy Son for us!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 8**

As a voice crying in the wilderness,
Juvenaly prepared the way of the Lord,
baptizing those who accepted the Good News of salvation.
Yet the evil one instilled hatred and violence,
seeking to thwart the advance of the Kingdom of God.
But the death of His saints is precious in the sight of the Lord,
and He has glorified His faithful servant.
Delighting in his heroic and selfless deeds,//
let us imitate him in faith and love!

V. *The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps. 33:17)*

From the mouths of babes has the Lord brought forth praise,
for by his refusal to renounce his faith,
Peter the Aleut glorified God by his suffering.
Because of his young age and humble origins
his tormentors were confident they could vanquish him.
But the simple faith of a youth is enough to move mountains,//
and today the Aleutians rejoice, remembering their martyred champion.

V. *Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps. 33:19)*

In one glorious final moment of self-sacrifice,
the holy martyrs gave their lives for their devotion to Christ.
But we are summoned to offer our lives in remembrance of them,
as a continuous gift to God our Savior.
Bringing forth fruits worthy of repentance,
our duty is to imitate Christ in acts of forgiveness and love,
that by humble deeds of generosity

we too may testify to our faith in the Lord//
and be accounted worthy to enter the joy prepared for those who love Him.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6**

Greater love has no man than this,
that he lay down his life for his friends.
O holy martyrs, you have shown yourselves to be friends of the Lord,
for by your death you confessed His Resurrection.
By suffering, you have entered eternal joy.
By sacrificing all, you have inherited everything.
In this world you had tribulation, as the Lord said,//
but now you rejoice, for He has overcome the world.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

Remembering the holy martyrs,

who sacrificed their whole lives for the Truth

and the Mother of God, who offered her whole life to the Lord,

let us pray that we too may be accounted faithful witnesses

to the divine life the Savior has revealed and bestowed upon us.

Let us spend the remaining time of our lives doing the work He has entrusted to us,//

commending ourselves and one another and all our lives unto Christ our God!

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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for the New World has been sanctified by martyrdom.
Kodiak echoes with songs of thanksgiving,
Iliamna and Kenai observe the festival of faith.
The apostle and martyr Juvenaly is glorified,
and Peter the Aleut is exalted by his voluntary sacrifice.
In their devotion and love for the Lord
they willingly endured persecution and death for the truth.//
Now in the kingdom of heaven they intercede for our souls.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:

God incarnate by union without confusion.

He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,

by which He resurrected the first-created man,//

saving our souls from death.

***(at Vigil)***

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Now in the kingdom of heaven they intercede for our souls. *(twice)*

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb,//

for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. *(once)*

***(Alternate Troparion)***

**Tone 7** **Troparion**

O bright lamps of the New World

and treasures of the Church in America,
the Alaskan shores rejoice in thy memory, O Juvenaly,

and the city of San Francisco honors thee, O Peter;

for by your precious blood, O Martyrs of the Lord,//

the inhabitants of this land have been sanctified.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 7** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

Since thou art the treasure of our Resurrection,

we put our hope in thee, O all-praised One.

Lead us out of the pit and the abyss of transgressions,

for thou hast saved us, who are subject to sin, by giving birth to our Salvation.

Before giving birth thou wast a virgin, and a virgin while giving birth,//

and after giving birth thou still remainest a virgin

***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

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**Tone 4 Kontakion**

Today Valaam joins Alaska in celebrating this joyous feast,
as her spiritual son Juvenaly embraces the New-Martyr Peter with love.
Together they suffered for the Lord in America
and united the Old World with the New by their voluntary sacrifice.//
Now forever they stand before the King of glory and intercede for our souls.

**Tone 4** **Prokeimenon** *(New Martyrs of Alaska)*

The Lord has shown the wonders of His will / to the saints who are in His land. *(Ps. 15:3a)*

V. *I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. (Ps. 15:8)*

**Epistle**

 (214) Galatians 6:2-10 *(only if not a Vigil rank)*

 (99) Romans 8:28-39 *(New Martyrs of Alaska)*

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their afflictions. (Ps. 33:17)*

V. *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them out of them all. (Ps. 33:19)*

 **Gospel**

 (12) Luke 4:1-15 *(only if not a Vigil rank)*

 (106) Luke 21:12-19 *(New Martyrs of Alaska)*

**Communion Hymn**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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1. An alternate Troparion is presented on the following page. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)