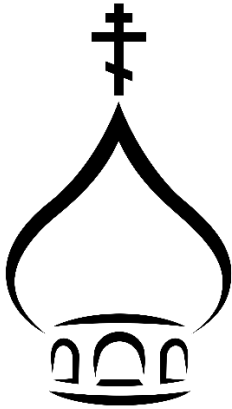


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*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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At the appointed time we begin:

O God cleanse me a sinner and have mercy on me (3).

Blessed is our God, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Heavenly King, the comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3)

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. (Amen.)

Lord have mercy (12) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King! (metania)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! (metania)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself our King and our God! (metania)

## **Psalm 104**

Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you have become exceedingly glorious; you are clothed with majesty and honor. You clothe yourself with light as with a garment, and spread out the heavens like a curtain. You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters, and make the clouds your chariot, and walk upon the wings of the wind. You make winds your messengers, and flames of fire your ministers. You laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stand above the hills. At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away. They went up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath, even to the place you had appointed for them. You have set bounds for them which they shall not pass; neither shall they again cover the earth. You send the springs into the rivers, which run among the hills. All beasts of the field drink thereof, and the wild donkeys quench their thirst. Beside them shall the birds of the air have their habitation and sing among the branches. You water the hills from above; the earth is filled with the fruit of your works. You bring forth grass for the cattle, and plants for the service of mankind, That they may bring food out of the earth, and wine that makes glad the heart, and oil to make a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen the heart. The trees of the LORD also are full of sap, even the cedars of Lebanon which he planted, Wherein the birds make their nests, and the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork. The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats, and so are the stony cliffs for the rock badgers. You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows its going down. You make darkness that it may be night, in which all the beasts of the forest move.

The lions, roaring after their prey, seek their meat from God. The sun arises, and they go away together, and lay themselves down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work, and to his labor until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are your works; in wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

So is the great and wide sea also, in which are things creeping innumerable, creatures both small and great. There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan, whom you made to take its pleasure therein. These all wait upon you, that you may give them food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it, and when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When you let your breath go forth, they shall be made, and you shall renew the face of the earth. The glorious majesty of the LORD shall endure for ever; the LORD shall rejoice in his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; if he even touches the hills, they shall smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being, And so shall my words please him; my joy shall be in the LORD. As for sinners, they shall perish from the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God! (3)

## **Great Litany**

*The regular petitions are not intoned, instead:*

Lord, have mercy! (12) Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. (Amen.)

## **Lord, I Call**

(Tone 2) Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! 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!

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

**Tone 2**      *(from the Menaion, for the New Martyrs of Alaska)*

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.

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

(Repeat: "With joy the enlightener of Alaska, Innocent...")

*(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest 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.

*(5) For Thy name's sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

(Repeat: "Today the natives of Kenai rejoice in faith...")

*(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!"

*(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.

*(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.

*(1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth 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**      *(for the New Martyrs of Alaska)*

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.

Wisdom! Let us attend!

**Gladsome Light**

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed, O Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise O Son of God, and Giver of Life. Therefore all the world doth glorify Thee!

**Evening Prokeimenon**

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 5<sup>th</sup> tone: Save me, O God, by Thy name and judge me by Thy strength!

*Verse: Hear my prayer, O God, hearken to the words of my mouth!*

**Vouchsafe, O Lord**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy statutes! Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the



works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

## **Litany of Supplication**

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## **Aposticha**

**Tone 8**      *(for the New Martyrs of Alaska)*

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!

*The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:17)*

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.

*Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them out of them all. (Ps 33/34:19)*

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

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!

**St. Symeon's Prayer**

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel.

**Trisagion (Thrice Holy)**

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For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. (Amen.)

## **Troparia**

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

Today Alaska rejoices and America celebrates, 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.

## **Dismissal**

Wisdom! Blessed be He Who Is, Christ our God, always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Preserve O God, the Holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages.

Most holy Theotokos, save us! More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee!

Glory to Thee, O Christ our God, and our only sure hope, glory to Thee!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Lord have Mercy (3)

Lord Bless.

May Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, of the glorious and all-laudable Apostles, of Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the patron of this holy house, **of the Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut**, who we commemorate today, of all those Saints who have shone forth in this North American land, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good and loves mankind. Amen.

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers at the Divine Liturgy for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Igumen David Lewis**

**Archbishop David Mahaffey**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

**Priests:** Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

**Matushki:** Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Jennifer Bzik, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, David Gowarty, Patricia Grammes, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Greg Konsevitch, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, John Uzick, Irene Witanek

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

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