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16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla

Troparion **Tone 7** *(Resurrectional)*

By thy cross thou didst destroy death. To the thief thou didst open paradise. For the myrrh bearers thou didst change weeping into joy, and thou didst command thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

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

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.

Troparion **Tone 7** *Alternate Troparion* *(New Martyrs)*

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.

Troparion to Saint George: You were bound for.... Glory to the Father....

Kontakion **Tone 7** *(Resurrectional)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith;//enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

Kontakion **Tone 4** *(New Martyrs)*

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.

Kontakion of Saint George: God raised you Now and ever ...

Kontakion **Tone 6**

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the creator; despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition, and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Prokeimenon **Tone 7** *(Resurrectional)*

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)*

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

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

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

Epistle (181) 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Tone 7 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

V. To declare thy mercy in the morning, and thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Prokeimenon **Tone 4**

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

Gospel (17) Luke 5:1-11

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

RESPONDING TO THE NEW YEAR

Fr. Alexander

In all Orthodox churches, the year begins in September. In this month, we give an account to the Diocese, of the progress that God has enabled us to make.

The most significant improvement for us at St. George, would be to ensure that those who attend our services also recognize this as their own parish, that is to say, to make St. George their spiritual home, for them and their families.

While we work towards this goal, we will remain hospitable and accommodating to all who choose to worship with us, Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike. Our prayer is that, in the new ecclesiastical year, God will bless us all as we grow together and reflect the glory and grace that God has extended to our small parish through the teachings and example of our Lord Jesus Christ.