



**Holy Transfiguration  
Orthodox Church**

*a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

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*New Martyrs of Alaska: Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut*

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**Welcome!** We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Marty, or with any parish member.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Marty and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after communion and the bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

This booklet contains the variable hymns and readings specific to today. Please feel free to take it with you. There are coil-bound booklets available with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments.

We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Again, welcome!

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*Regular services:*

**Great Vespers**, *Saturday at 6:30pm*

**Confession**, *immediately following Great Vespers, other times by appointment.*

**Third and Sixth Hour Prayers**, *Sunday at 9:40am*

**Divine Liturgy**, *immediately following the hours.*

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*Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 7*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.  
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that You are risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

*Troparion for the New Martyrs – Tone 4*

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.

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

*Kontakion for the New Martyrs – Tone 4*

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.

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

*Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 7*

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

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*Epistle: (181) – 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 and (99) – Romans 8:28-39 (for the Newmartyrs)*

*Prokeimenon, Tone 7*

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

*Choir:* The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

*Reader:* Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

*Choir:* The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

*Reader:* In the Fourth Tone, The Lord has shown all the wonders of His will to the Saints who are in His land.

*Choir:* The Lord has shown all the wonders of His will to the Saints who are in His land.

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

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*Reader:* The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Brothers and sisters, since we are God's fellow workers, we also entreat you not to receive his grace in vain, for he says,

*At a favorable time I listened to you;  
In a day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is the acceptable time! Behold, now is the day of salvation!

We give no occasion for stumbling in anything, so that our ministry may not be blamed. Instead, we seek to be approved as servants of God in everything, in great endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in vigils, in fastings, in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in a holy spirit, in sincere love, in the word of truth, and in the power of God. There is also the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, glory and dishonor, evil report and good report; being thought of as deceivers, and yet true; unknown, and yet well-known; dying, and behold, we live; punished, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; thought to have nothing even though we possess all things!

Brothers and sisters, we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. Whoever God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that his Son might be the firstborn among many brethren. Whoever God predestined, he also called. Those whom he called, he also justified. Those whom he justified, he also glorified.

What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but delivered him up for us all, how would he not also give us all things with him freely? Who could bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies! Who is the one who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes and rather, who is risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Even as it is written:

*For your sake we are killed all day long.  
We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Indeed, I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Priest:* † Peace be to you.

*Alleluia: Tone 1*

*Reader: **And to Your spirit.*** In the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: Alleluia! It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

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*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* In the Fourth Tone, The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Gospel: (17) – Luke 5:1-11 and (106) – Luke 21:12-19 (for the New Martyrs)*

*Priest:* The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Luke**

*Choir:* Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

*Priest:* At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and they were washing their nets. Jesus entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

Simon answered him, "Master, we worked all night and took nothing! But at your word, I will let down the net." When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking. They beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so much that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord!" He and all who were with him were amazed at their catch of fish; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid! From now on, you will be catching people alive."

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Lord said to his disciples: But before all these things happen, you will be placed under arrest and be persecuted; you will be handed over to synagogues and prisons, and brought before kings and governors for my Name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion to bear witness. Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to ponder in advance how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or withstand. You will be handed over even by parents, relatives, friends, and brothers. Some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all for my Name's sake, yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance acquire your lives.

*Choir:* Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

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### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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***Please join us in our fellowship hour immediately following the dismissal!***

### **Chrismation**

Josh Brown will be received into the Holy Orthodox Church next Saturday evening, September 30, at 6:30 PM. The service of Chrismation will be followed by Great Vespers. Please help us bring Josh into full communion with the Orthodox Church with your presence!