

**HYMN of the MONTH**  
**Holy New Martyrs of Alaska**

September 24<sup>th</sup>

On the anniversary of the arrival of the Russian missionaries in Alaska (1794), we remember the New Martyrs Saint Peter the Aleut, Protomartyr of America, and Saint Juvenal.

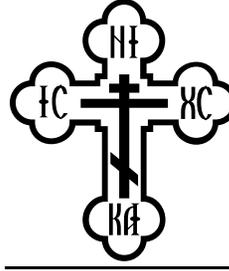
**Troparion, tone 4**  
Today Alaska rejoices and America celebrates,  
for the new world has been sanctified by martyrdom.

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!

**Kontakion, 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



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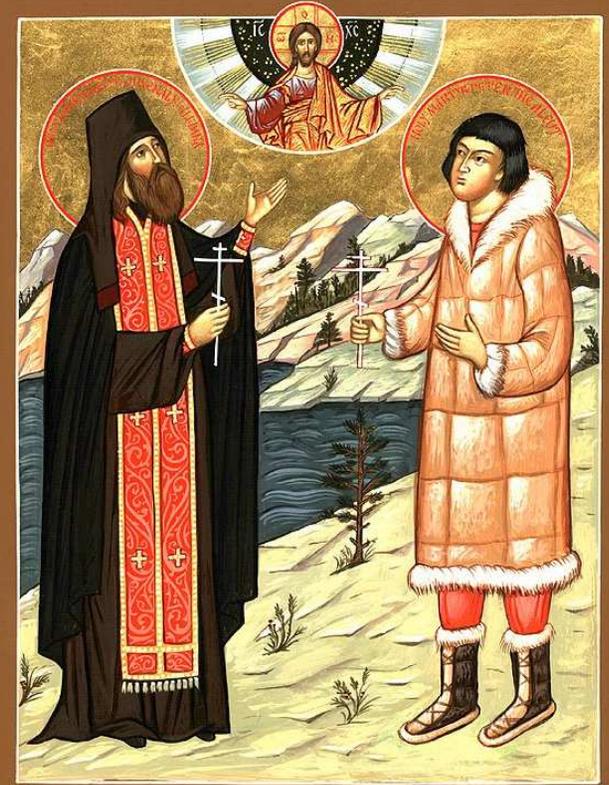
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***New Martyrs of Alaska***

On Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, we will commemorate the Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Sts. Juvenal and Peter the Aleut.

Saint Juvenal, the Protomartyr of America, was born in Siberia in 1761. His secular name was John Feodorovich Hovorukhin, and he was trained as a mining engineer. After his wife died in 1791, John entered a monastery at St. Petersburg and was tonsured with the name Juvenal. Three years later he went to Alaska as a missionary. During 1794, the hieromonks Juvenal and Macarius spent two months in the area around Kodiak teaching the inhabitants about Christ and baptizing them.

In 1795, Father Juvenal baptized over 700 Chugatchi at Nushek, and then he crossed Kenai Bay and baptized the local people there. In 1796, according to native oral tradition, St. Juvenal came to the mouth of the Kuskokwim near the present village of Quinahgak, where he was killed by a hunting party. The precise reason for St. Juvenal's murder by the natives is not known. However, they later told St. Innocent something about his death. They said that St. Juvenal did not try to defend himself when attacked, nor did he make any attempt to escape. After being



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struck from behind, he turned to face his attackers and begged them to spare the natives he had baptized. The natives told St. Innocent that after they had killed St. Juvenal, he got up and followed them, urging them to repent. They fell upon him again and gave him a savage beating. Once more, he got to his feet and called them to repentance. This happened several times, then finally the natives hacked him to pieces. Thus, the zealous Hieromonk Juvenal became the first Orthodox Christian in America to receive the crown of martyrdom. His unnamed guide, possibly a Tanaina Indian convert, was also martyred at the same time. It is said that a local shaman removed St. Juvenal's brass pectoral cross from his body and attempted to cast a spell. Unexpectedly, the shaman was lifted up off the ground. He made three more tries with the same result, then concluded that there was a greater power than his own at work here. Years later, a man showed up at the Nushagak Trading Post wearing a brass pectoral cross exactly like the one worn by St. Juvenal. A column of light arose from his holy relics and reached up to Heaven. It is not known how long this phenomenon continued. St. Juvenal, in his tireless evangelization of the native peoples of Alaska, served the Church more than all the other missionaries combined. Saint Peter the Aleut is mentioned in the Life of St. Herman of Alaska (December 13<sup>th</sup>). Simeon Yanovsky (who ended his life as the Schemamonk Sergius in the St. Tikhon of

Kaluga Monastery) gave an account to St. Herman about a band of fourteen Aleuts captured and imprisoned by the Spanish in California. The place name where they were captured was identified as San Pedro. The only places in Northern California that can be identified with San Pedro is San Pedro Point in Pacifica, a few miles south of San Francisco, and San Pedro Rock, right off that point. The Aleuts, who were stationed at Fort Ross, a Russian outpost about 80 miles north of San Francisco, were most likely in Spanish waters hunting otters around San Pedro Rock. The Aleuts were pressed by the Spanish clergy to renounce their Orthodox faith and accept Roman Catholicism. They refused saying they were Christians. The Spaniards chose one, Peter, to torture as an example to them all, but he would not give up his faith, and died from the wounds that were inflicted upon him. The Spaniards told them they would torture another the next day, but overnight the civil authorities ordered the remaining Aleuts be taken to Monterey, where they were eventually released. The circumstances of St. Peter's martyrdom recall the torture of St. James the Persian (November 27<sup>th</sup>). Both in his sufferings and in his steadfast confession of the Faith, St. Peter is the equal of the martyrs of old, and also of the New Martyrs who have shone forth in more recent times. Now he rejoices with them in the heavenly Kingdom, glorifying God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, throughout all ages.

## ***In Our Parish***

### **News & Notes**

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, as Fr. John was preparing to fly to Mexico for his daughter's wedding, news reached us of the passing of June Ann Michal. June had been living in an adult family home, and was 96 years old at the time of her passing. She had married Andrew Michal at Holy Trinity Temple in Wilkeson. Andrew, and June's two children, Kathleen and Daniel preceded her in death. June was an active member of both our parish and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Tacoma. Fr. Daniel Armatas presided at

services for June. ● On July 15<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Alan Orsborn and the Holy Trinity Wilkeson Committee held an open house at our historic church there during the Wilkeson Handcar Races. ● On August 5<sup>th</sup> we baptized Colton "Seraphim" Davis, together with Tyler "Andrew" and Barbara Henson and their two daughters, Julia and Hannah. Welcome to the Orthodox faith! ● A number of our people helped at the Pacific Northwest Orthodox Youth Camp, August 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in Gig Harbor. Fr. John was chaplain, Matushka Katherine Pierce helped as nurse, Matushka Andrea

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Fordice was our chief cook, Leda Barnes and Abigail Hamre helped round out the cooking crew. Theodore Kvamme and Elizabeth Hamre served as counselors. Mark your calendars: Youth camp will be held June 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in 2018! ● Fr. Christopher, Matushka Mary Sara Stanton and family passed through the weekend of August 13<sup>th</sup>. They are moving from Alaska to Tennessee. Fr. Christopher spent time in our parish 20 years ago completing his clinical/pastoral requirements for seminary. ● A splendid time was enjoyed by all at our 5<sup>th</sup> annual parish campout at Mt. Rainier, August 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, sponsored by the Holy Myrrhbearers Sisterhood. In all we saw over 67 people as we encompassed 2 group sites and several single sites at Cougar Rock Campground. We were joined by clergy and faithful from our Puget Sound parishes. Next



year: August 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>! ● David Kvamme, who is entering his third year at medical school in St. Louis, was at camp and church in late August. ● After spending the summer with us, Seminarian Brenden Link headed back to St. Vladimir's in New York. He preached a couple excellent sermons while here!

### **Relics Brought to our Parish**

Subdeacon Dimitri Pletz participated in the regular audit of the OCA at Church headquarters in Syosset, Long Island August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. With the blessing of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, OCA Secretary, Fr. Eric Tossi, presented him with the holy relics of St. Nicholas of Japan. Michelle MeWhinney-Angel, while visiting her parents in

California, made a pilgrimage to St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Jackson where, with the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Maxim, Fr. Marko Bojovic presented her with the holy relics of St. Sebastian Dabovich. St. Sebastian was involved in the founding of our parish! We hope to place his relics in a shrine similar to that of St. Tikhon's at Holy Trinity in Wilkeson.

### **Charities**

The Charities Committee will meet Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> in the St. Joseph Hall after Liturgy. Everybody is welcome! Get involved! Committee activities include Thanksgiving Food Drive, Christmas Gift Collections, Feed the Hungry, Food Bags for the homeless, Project Mexico Opportunities, Helping the parish with housework or yard work, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and/or an Orthodox Christian Missions Center (OCMC) yearly fundraiser! Upcoming: Project Mexico Supplies and Food Drive, September 10<sup>th</sup> - October 22<sup>nd</sup>, please take a list of items needed from the Bulletin Board in the Parish House. Our next Feed the Hungry is Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Our parish has been taking part in the Feed the Hungry Ministry in Puyallup for the past 25 years; we really need YOUR HELP in this ministry! We have decided to establish two teams - one led by Cheri Wilson, the other by Carol Magmore. Each team will cook and serve every other Feed the Hungry Friday (fifth Friday of the month). Families and individuals are needed for each team to shop, cook and lift heavy food containers. We cook the food in our parish kitchen and transfer it to the Armory in Puyallup. With two teams involved, your commitment would be 2 to 3 times a year on a Friday afternoon or evening for a few hours or less. A flier explaining all the details will be made available to you, we'll post it on our website, put some in the tract rack in the back of the church, post them on the Charities bulletin board, and email them to you at your request. Please talk to Cheri or Carol if you have any questions... and come to the meeting on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>!

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### Family Fun BBQ & Campfire

Family (alcohol-free) fun barbecue and campfire at the church on Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>,



at 6:00 p.m. Bring a couple of dollars for the basket, we'll have burgers, hot dogs, sodas, salad & s'mores! Everyone is welcome! Bring your instruments: we'll project songs with chords on the big screen.

### Matthew Means & Laurel Ramos to be Wed October 15<sup>th</sup>!

Matthew and Laurel want to invite their brothers and sisters of our parish to their wedding on October 15<sup>th</sup>, but you'll have to sign up! Please consider this their invitation to you. Sign up on the Parish House bulletin board. They will be married at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Tacoma at 4:00 p.m.

### Bridal Shower for Laurel Ramos

The Holy Myrrhbearers Sisterhood is organizing a bridal shower for Laurel Ramos on Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Please go to [Zola.com/wedding/teammeans](http://Zola.com/wedding/teammeans) for more info, or contact Michelle Mewhinney-Angel.

### Inquirers Class

Please join us for Inquirers Class Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Classes are open to all, anyone wishing to learn more about our faith, and as a refresher for members.

### Great Feasts in September

The Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos will be celebrated with Vespers on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Divine Liturgy on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. On Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, we will serve Vespers for the Elevation of the Holy Cross at 6:30 p.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> begins at 9:00 a.m. Even though Holy Cross is called a "Great Feast," it is observed as a fast day because of our Lord's suffering on the Cross.

In addition to these Great Feasts, we will commemorate the Conception of the Holy Forerunner and Baptist John with Divine Liturgy on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.; and will serve Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist, John the Theologian, on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

### Wilkeson Work Day

Please bring your gloves & tools, and come to help us on Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> as we launch into a day of cleaning, yard work and general sprucing up at our Temple in Wilkeson. We don't have many garden tools or cleaning supplies there, so please bring your own. The workday lasts from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come to all or part of the day! 431 Long Street, Wilkeson WA 98396.

### Sunday Matins

The service of Sunday Matins resumes on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. This will be followed by the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

### An Afternoon in Wilkeson

Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> is an excellent opportunity to worship at our Holy Trinity Temple in Wilkeson. Wilkeson is the birth-place of our parish; we were founded there in 1896 after a visit from St. Sebastian Dabovich. Holy Trinity Temple was built in 1900, and consecrated in 1902 by St. Tikhon. The building is on both the National and State Historic Registers. This is the oldest Temple in the Diocese of the West, and one of the very oldest in the "lower 48." The afternoon will begin with Vespers at 4:00 p.m. for St. Sergius of Radonezh, followed by a simple meal. 431 Long Street, Wilkeson WA 98396. Holy Trinity is about a 40 minute

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drive into the Cascade foothills from Holy Resurrection in Tacoma.

### Seminarian Sunday

We'll take our monthly collection to assist our seminarian, Brenden Link on Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Fr. Irenaeus' Blog

Check out Fr. Irenaeus Williams' blog: [fatherirenaeuswilliams.wordpress.com](http://fatherirenaeuswilliams.wordpress.com). Fr. Irenaeus writes (or is it "blogs"?) about the Eucharist and living the Eucharist in our daily lives, speculative fiction, guitars and music, and "et cetera". Check it out!

## Holy Resurrection Bookstore - by Susan Noel Reynolds

### Thoughts of Peace on a Road Trip

It all started when two of the Scripture chapters I read on that particular day contained the same image. Micah 4:4, after saying 'They will beat their swords into plowshares', says this: 'Every man shall sit under his own vine or under his own fig tree, undisturbed . . .'. 1 Maccabees 14:12 says 'Every man sat under his vine and his fig tree, with no one to disturb him.' It made me recall how peaceful I feel when sitting in my gardens on a sunny summer afternoon, watching the birds and squirrels scamper about, and the plants grow. But then I thought of the changes that had gone on in my own life this summer, and the turmoil in our national life. One can't always sit under their vine and fig tree. Life sometimes seems more like the tumult of the stormy waves of the sea, or the raging flooded highways in Houston.

Then came to mind an apt quote from St. John Chrysostom I had written down some years back. 'And do you see how very suitable an image of 'anchor' is? For that which is in the tossing sea seems not to be very firmly fixed, stands on the water as on land, and is shaken, yet is not shaken.' That really resonated with me because of my time on the Sea Scout Ship Odyssey, hearing the footsteps of the anchor watch climbing the ladder above me in the darkness. The anchor lies unseen at the bottom of the sea, just as we have the 'hope that lies before us . . . as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil . . .'. Acts 6:18-19. It is like Christ, asleep in the bottom of the boat which is in danger of

sinking under the waves, who, when called, immediately calms the storm.

Perhaps also that is why we are called to rise at night (or in my case still be awake at midnight). The moments we get away from the storm help us to reach that deep place within us that is our Rock, imperturbable and immovable, ever strong and sure. 'Rise up and behold the quire of the stars, the deep silence, the profound repose; contemplate with awe the order of your Master's household. Then your soul will be purer; it will be lighter, subtler, disengaged! The darkness itself, the imposing silence, are sufficient to lead you to compunction.' (Elder Ephraim)

Finally, there is a Celtic blessing I found on the wall of an old church in Devon, England. This is my favorite version:

Deep Peace of the running wave to you;  
Deep Peace of the flowing air to you;  
Deep Peace of the quiet earth to you;  
Deep Peace of the shining stars to you;  
Deep Peace of the gentle night to you;  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you;  
Deep peace of Christ,  
of Christ the Light of the world to you;  
Deep Peace of Christ to you



Send October Newsletter Articles to [<larrysortho@gmail.com>](mailto:larrysortho@gmail.com) by September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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Friday

Saturday

All services are held at Holy Resurrection, Tacoma, unless otherwise indicated.

Tacoma: 8710 28th Ave. East, end of the gravel road one block west of Waller & 84th.

Wilkeson: 431 Long Street, located 4 miles south of Buckley in Eastern Pierce County.

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