# St. Peter the Aleut Orthodox Church

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**17th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist 9/5**

**Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)***

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You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.

And when from the depths You raised the dead,

all the powers of heaven cried out://

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**St. Peter the Aleut Troparion**

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.

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**St. Peter the Aleut 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 to intercede for our souls.

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

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*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6 Kontakion Steadfast Protectress**

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 intercede for us, O Theotokos,

for you always protect those who honor you.

**Tone 2 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)***

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. *(Ps. 117:14)*

V. *The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps. 117:18)*

**1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle)**

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

My defense to those who examine me is this:

Do we have no right to eat and drink?

Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working?

Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also?

For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about?

Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?

If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps. 19:1)*

V. *Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)*

**Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)**

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’

Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’

And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’

And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

**Communion Hymn**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Announcements**

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with our food truck this summer. We had a successful year! We can’t do it without you!

There will be a church board meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

Fr. Paul Hodge will be here for the following services:

Vespers at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 12

Archbishop Paul will be here Friday, September 24-26. Fr. Paul and Amy will be here for Vespers at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. We will have a potluck following Divine Liturgy on Sunday.