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**Readings:** [Romans 8:28-39](#) (*New Martyrs*)  
**II Corinthians 6:1-10** (*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)  
[Luke 21.12-19](#) (*New Martyrs*)  
[Luke 5:1-11](#) (*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke*)

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**Brethren**, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation.” Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**At that time**, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so 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, O Lord.” For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

### **Sunday Services:**

<b>Hours</b> - 9:40 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> – 10:00 AM
<b>General Confession</b> – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession</b> - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas</b> – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month	

### **Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.**

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

### **Sunday School has started for the new school year.**

### **Announcements:**

- There will be a meeting of the Church Council today after Coffee Hour.
- The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will celebrate their feast day on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon at a local restaurant. Please see Mat. Holly Dawson, Maribeth Romanofsky or Tammy Zimmerman for information. The luncheon is for Sisterhood members.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

### **Reminders:**

- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:  
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,  
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234  
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand.)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)**
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.

**Please check the website of our Diocese: [nynjoca.org/](http://nynjoca.org/),  
and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: [www.oca.org/](http://www.oca.org/)  
See us on the web at: [ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin](http://ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin)  
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**Synaxis of All Saints of Alaska:**

On the anniversary of the arrival of the Russian missionaries in Alaska (1794), we remember [Saint Herman of Alaska](#), [Saint Innocent](#), [Saint Jacob Netsvetev](#), and the New Martyrs [Saint Peter the Aleut](#), Protomartyr of America, and [Saint Juvenal](#).

*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 – Tone 4

**To read about the saints remembered today, see:**

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/09/24>

**What is “The Lukan Jump?”** Why, after the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, is the reading of the Gospel of St. Matthew suddenly interrupted and why do we start then with the reading of St. Luke? At first glance, this jump appears to be arbitrary, more especially as there is no parallel in the reading of the Epistles.

To be sure, there is nothing arbitrary, although throughout the centuries the rationale has been forgotten. First, let us keep in mind that the fact that the reading of the Gospel of St. Luke follows the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross is merely coincidental and the theological reason lies elsewhere. Actually, the change is related to the chronological proximity of the commemoration of the Conception of St. John the Baptist celebrated on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. In later Antiquity, this feast marked the beginning of the ecclesiastical New Year.

Thus, the reason for starting the reading of the Lukan Gospel toward the middle of September can be understood.

This is based on a vision of Salvation History: the Conception of the Forerunner constitutes the first step of the New Economy, as mentioned in the stikhera of the matins of this feast. As we know, the Evangelist Luke is the only one to mention this Conception (Lk. 1:5-2). Later on, the introduction of new feasts, especially that of the Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8<sup>th</sup>), contributed to the downgrading of the significance of the Conception of St. John.

The Orthodox in the East have always observed the “Lukan Jump.” In Russia, this tradition vanished, obviously because its rationale was not known. However, some decades ago, on the advice of the great liturgical specialist, the late Professor Uspensky, the Russian Church decided to come back to the old practice of the “Lukan Jump.”

Since this action implies a connection between the cycle of the “Sanctorale” (Menaia) and the cycle of the feast, the date of which is determined by the date of Pascha, there is a practical difference between the Churches following the Julian Calendar and those using the Revised Julian Calendar with regard to the timing of the “Jump.” Let us finally notice that the calendars published by the “Russian Church Abroad” continue to ignore the jump re-established recently by the Moscow Patriarchate.

**By Archbishop Peter (L’Huillier)**

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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
forever**

Synaxis of All Saints 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!*

Troparion – Tone 4

**September 24, 2023**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut (1815)** • Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1<sup>st</sup> c.) • Venerable Níkander Wonderworker of Pskov (1581) • Monastic Martyr Galacteon of Vologdá (1612) • Ven. Coprius of Palestine (530) • Ven. Abramii, Abbot of Mirozh (Pskov) • St. Vladislav of Serbia (1230-39) • Ven. Dorothy of Kashin. Ven. Silouan of Mt. Athos (1938) • The “MIROZH” (1198) and “THE MYRTLE TREE” Icons of the Mother of God.

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke

Tone 7 of the Octoechos.