

Martyr Peter the Aleut (Sept 24)

Saint Peter the Aleut is mentioned in the Life of Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13). Simeon Yanovsky (who ended his life as the schemamonk Sergius in the Saint Tikhon of Kaluga Monastery), has left the following account:



“On another occasion I was relating to him how the Spanish in California had imprisoned fourteen Aleuts, and how the Jesuits (actually Franciscans) were forcing all of them to accept the Catholic Faith. But the Aleuts would not agree under any circumstances, saying, ‘We are Christians.’ The Jesuits argued, ‘That’s not true, you are heretics and schismatics. If you do not agree to accept our faith then we will torture all of you to death.’ Then the Aleuts were placed in prisons two to a cell. That evening, the Jesuits came to the prison with lanterns and lighted candles. Again they tried to persuade two Aleuts in the cell to accept the Catholic Faith. ‘We are Christians,’ the Aleuts replied, ‘and we will not change our Faith.’ Then the Jesuits began to torture them, at first the one while his companion was a witness. They cut off one of the joints of his feet, and then the other joint. Then they cut the first joint on the fingers of his hands, and then the other joint. Then they cut off his feet, and his hands. The blood flowed, but the martyr endured all and firmly repeated one thing: ‘I am a Christian.’ He died in such suffering, due to a loss of blood. The Jesuit also promised to torture his comrade to death the next day.

“But that night an order was received from Monterey stating that the imprisoned Aleuts were to be released immediately, and sent there under escort. Therefore, in the morning all were sent to Monterey with the exception of the dead Aleut. This was related to me by a witness, the same Aleut who had escaped torture, and who was the friend of the martyred Aleut. I reported this incident to the authorities in Saint Petersburg. When I finished my story, Father Herman asked, ‘What was the name of the martyred Aleut?’ I answered, ‘Peter. I do not remember his family name.’ The Elder stood reverently before an icon, made the Sign of the Cross and said, ‘Holy New Martyr Peter, pray to God for us!’”

We know very little about Saint Peter, except that he was from Kodiak, and was arrested and put to death by the Spaniards in California because he refused to convert to Catholicism. The circumstances of his martyrdom recall the torture of Saint James the Persian (November 27).

Both in his sufferings and in his steadfast confession of the Faith, Saint 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.

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September 24, 2023

PROTO-MARTYR THEKLA, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES & FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE MIRACLE OF THE
THEOTOKOS MYRTIDIOTISSIS IN KYTHYRA
SILOUAN OF ATHOS
STEPHEN THE MARTYR
THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS OF PALIANIS
COPRIOS THE RIGHTEOUS
JUVENALY & PETER THE ALEUT, NEW MARTYRS OF
ALASKA

Tone 7 - Eothinon 5

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 5:1-11

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. THEKLA THE PROTOMARTYR - Tone 3 - O glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, thou wast enflamed with the love of thy Creator, by the teaching of the divine preacher. Thou didst despise the passing earthly pleasures, and offered thyself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ thy Groom to grant us His Great Mercy.

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School

Memorial for parents of Alex & Midena

Coffee Hour

Choir Rehearsal – Parish Council

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Oct 1):
COFFEE HOUR	Bagel Sunday	Bagel Sunday
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	Angie Dragrici— Greg's B-day	Kaminsky Family In Memory of George (2yrs)
USHERS:	Sdn John & Bill H.	Todd M. & Radu C.
CLEANING TEAM:	Phil K; Gabe Q; Zach W; Beraki H	Moodys; Natalia M.; Jocey J.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Myriam; Conon; Daniel; Andrew	Chris; Mariya; Laura; Eric

Mark Your Calendar:

Current Education Opportunities:

Bible Study on Romans, on Thursdays after Slavic Tones Vespers, starting September 21

Catechumen & Inquirer Class, on 5pm Saturdays before Vespers, starting Sept 23

Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria, 5pm Saturdays before Vespers, starting Sept 23

Byzantine Notation Intro -- Saturdays, 5:00-6:20pm, Sept 23-December 16

Bp THOMAS Visit November 13-15

On Monday, Nov 13, we will have a catered banquet with Bp THOMAS for the 45th anniversary celebration of our parish.

Donations toward building fund are welcome. Talk to Louise Shaheen for more details or to help.

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Cleaning Supplies

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

"You are the Salt of the Earth"

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Olga +John
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Helen
Kh. Joyce	(September
Mary	Parish
Child Timothy	Diptychs)
Xenia	+Helen
George	+Michael
Ephrem	+Barry
Nicole	+Helen
Raymond	+Timothy
Patrick	+George
Doris	
John	
James	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Mary	
Victoria	<u>Catechumens</u>
Alexandra	Evan
Steve	Lucretia
Lasha	Ryan
Otari	Alina
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	Nicholas,
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians	Rachel, Luka, & Leo
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Michael
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	Tiffany
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends — George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Caden
	Keith, Maggie, & Eli
	Andrew
	Daniel
	Kassandra
	Christian



THANKS TO GOD AND OUR MANY DEDICATED PARISHIONERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL! PLEASE PRAY FOR MANY OF OUR GUESTS TO RETURN HUNGRY FOR THE ANCIENT CHRISTIAN FAITH.

This Week:

Mon, Sept 25:	Office open
Tues, Sept 26:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Wed, Sept 27:	Office open Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
Thurs, Sept 28:	Slavic Tone Vespers 6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Romans 7:15 p.m.
Fri, Sept 29:	Office open Icon Studio Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
Sat, Sept 30:	Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 a.m. Catechumen & Inquirer Class 5 p.m. Book Discussion on Gender Dysphoria 5 p.m. Byzantine Notation Intro 5 p.m. Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Sun, Oct 1:	ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Sunday School & Teens Coffee Hour Putting Your House In Order 1:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Sept 16: 75 Divine Services Sept 17: 227
OFFERINGS 9/17: Candles, \$333. Collections, \$288.61. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$439.50. Building Fund, \$200. Camping Fund, \$214. Classical School Fund, \$272. Hospitality Fund, \$80. Icon Studio, \$100. Women's Fund, \$2,285. Stewardship, \$10,005. Total received: \$14,218.11.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!