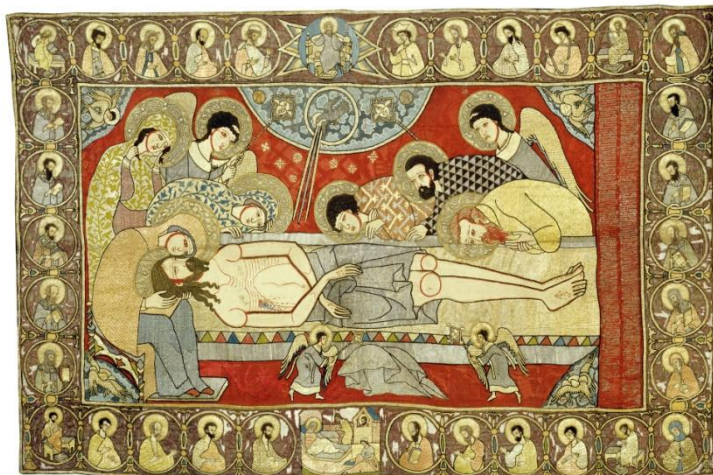




Let us also come today, all the new Israel, the Church of the Gentiles, and let us cry with the Prophet Zechariah: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem; for behold, Thy King comes unto thee: He is meek and brings salvation, and He rides upon the colt of a donkey, the foal of a beast of burden. Keep the feast with the children, and holding branches in your hands sing His praises: Hosanna to the highest; blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel.

Third stichera on *Lord, I have cried* of Palm Sunday



**Sunday, April 17**

Bridegroom Matins 6:00 P.M.

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**Great Passion Monday, April 18**

Bridegroom Matins 6:00 P.M.

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**Great Passion Tuesday, April 19**

Bridegroom Matins 6:00 P.M.

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**Great Passion Wednesday, April 20**

Holy Unction 6:00 P.M.

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**Great Passion Thursday, April 21**

Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels 6:00 P.M.

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**Great and Passion Friday, April 22**

Great Vespers, bringing out of the Shroud 6 P.M.

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**Great and Passion Saturday, April 23**

Great Vespers and Liturgy 9:30 A.M.

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**Great and Passion Saturday, April 23**

Resurrection Matins 8:00 P.M.

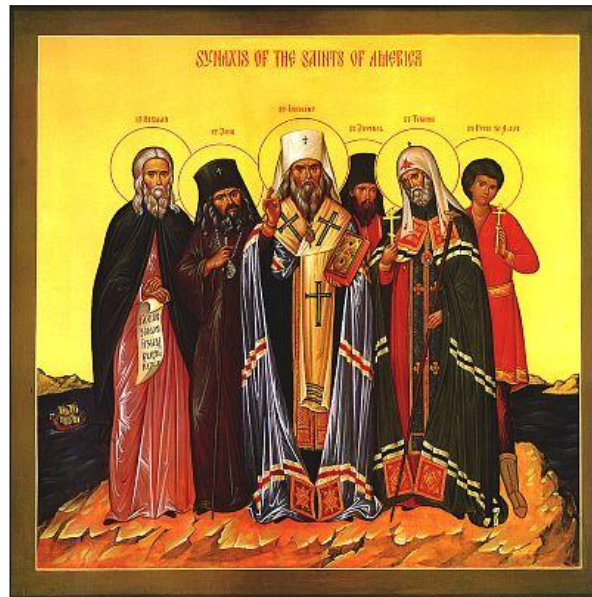
**Sunday, April 24**

**Radiant Resurrection of Christ**

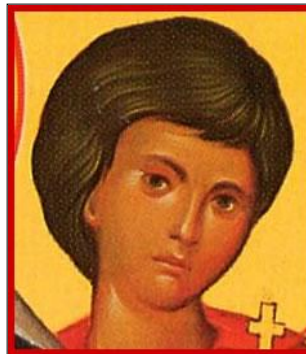
**Pascha of the Lord**

Divine Liturgy 9:30 A.M.

*We conclude our publication of short accounts of the lives of the saints depicted on the new icon in the narthex, donated by Elaine Williams.*



*Holy Martyr Peter the Aleut (†1815)*



Spain was in possession of California in those days, and was deeply suspicious of the spread of Russian Orthodoxy from the North. In 1815, the Spanish governor ordered an immediate halt to Russian trading and trapping in the region, and the arrest of nearly one hundred Russians and Aleuts who had not yet left the area. The prisoners were treated as slaves, and some were put to death for keeping the Faith.

Saint Peter the Aleut is mentioned in the Life of Venerable Herman of Alaska. Simeon Yanovsky (who ended his life as schemamonk Sergii 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 much 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 St 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 (Nov. 27/Dec. 10).

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.

## ..... News From All The Ends Of The Earth .....

**Seattle, WA:** It's the time for that annual Lenten ritual — a new ridiculous attack on the few remaining Christian characteristics of the Western society. A teenager volunteering at a Seattle elementary school was told to use the politically correct name “spring spheres” when she tried giving kids plastic Easter eggs filled with candy. “They said I could do it as long as I called the treats ‘spring spheres.’ I couldn’t call them Easter eggs,” a 16-year-old named Jessica told a Seattle radio station. The teen called the phrase part of the school’s “abstract behaviour rules.” The incident is gaining international attention.

**Barcelona, Spain:** A feminist group has taken responsibility for March 22nd fire in St Vincent church in Barcelona. The feminists, explaining the goal of setting fire to the church, stated that, although their partial intent was indeed to cause damage to the church, the fire was “symbolic” in nature. The criminals point out that the “Church symbolizes the past and present oppression of women, forcing them to look a certain way, to occupy a certain place in society, in family”. Recently, Spain has become a scene of anti-Christian violence, perpetuated by liberals, feminists and sodomites. One hundred years ago, in 1909, a huge mob of 30,000, pre-cursors of the modern shameless liberals, reduced to ashes over 60 convents and religious school, as well as 20 churches. *The Daily Telegraph* wrote in those days: “Tens of priests and nuns were mercilessly slaughtered. Some clergy were killed in the altars of their churches... The crowds prevented the Red Cross carriages from entering the monasteries. Nuns, who were trying to escape from the burning convents, were pushed away from the windows and perished in the flames. Nobody helped those in the midst of fires. Up to 10,000 revolutionaries were marching through the streets of Barcelona, parading on sticks and pikes the charred heads and other body parts of their victims, while at the same time crying ‘Viva/ and singing ‘La Marseillaise’”.

**Moscow, Russia:** The Inter-Religious Council of Russia at its Wednesday meeting disapproved the propaganda of homosexuality. "We wish to protect the rights of the absolute majority of people who think homosexuality is a sin or vice and resist propagation of this sin through any public campaigns, mass media, education or legal or political decisions," says the statement of the Council issued with regard to the European Court of Human Rights granting the appeal on the ban imposed on the gay-pride parade in Moscow. The meeting of Orthodox, Muslim, Buddhist and Jewish representatives asked the authorities to "protect not only the interests of various minorities but also the rights of the country's main population and stop campaigns which intentionally injure moral feelings of Russian citizens who understand that only a man-and-woman union can generate an adequate family. We understand the intention of our government to defend human dignity, in particular, under the European Convention on Human Rights. At the same time, we want to give a warning about the danger of distorting the Russian legal system under the influence of multiple judicial precedents defending amoral conduct and its propaganda. We urge government bodies and non-government organizations to start looking for such legal relations with the Council of Europe which can save Russia from performing Council's decisions which aim to offend conscience and moral feelings of our citizens," the Inter-Religious Council said.

**Albany, NY:** In a display of overwhelming support for religious freedom in Constantinople, all fifty members of the New York State Senate and one hundred and forty-four members of the New York State Assembly signed letters calling for the Turkish Government to cease its discrimination of the Orthodox Church in Constantinople. Similar two religious freedom resolutions passed in other states, the letters call for the Turkish Government to recognize the ecumenical status of the Constantinopolitan Patriarchate, to respect its rights to property and to ecclesiastic succession, and to grant it the right to train its clergy, including the opening the Theological Seminary at Halki.

**Jerusalem:** Tourism in the Holy Land is holding steady for the upcoming Paschal holidays despite

the turmoil in neighboring countries and recent terrorist and rocket attacks. About 250,000 visitors are expected to arrive – about the same number, as last year. Events in Jerusalem alone are expected to bring about 100,000 visitors.

**Prizren, Serbia:** A part of roof was stolen from a church in Prizren, and the Bishop of Ras-Prizren Teodosije has lodged a protest with the international institutions in Kosovo. The diocese is protesting because the theft occurred despite the fact that “a Kosovo police point is located in front of the church.” Bishop Teodosije expressed deep concern because “the latest act of vandalism shows the Kosovo police is obviously unable to adequately secure Serbian Orthodox Church holy sites in Kosovo, and that its continued engagement should be seriously reconsidered, especially in the protection of world cultural heritage sites.” His Grace Teodosije asked the international officials not only to start an urgent investigation to find the perpetrators, but to hold the Kosovo police accountable, since its negligence made the robbery possible.

**Belgrade, Serbia:** There is no other nation that is suffering as much as Serbs in Kosovo and Metohija are now, Serbian Orthodox Church Patriarch Irinej told a Russian website. Patriarch Irinej said that Serbs in Kosovo live in constant fear and that many have laid down their lives for the right to stay on their homesteads at the time when European forces came to stabilize the situation in Kosovo and protect the local population. “Many more people were killed in this period than before the peacekeeping forces arrived, and this is a tragedy,” Irinej said and added that chaos dominates in the territory of Kosovo. According to the patriarch, a great number of people want to return to Kosovo but cannot go back because of the lack of stability and normal living conditions. Maybe some better, safer times would come when many people would be able to return, His Holiness said.

**Moscow, Russia:** Moscow bakery plants will produce 850 tons of kulichi (Pascha breads) and the city will significantly increase supplies of chicken eggs for Pascha, Michael Orlov, head of the Trade and Service Department of the Moscow Government, said. The retail price of 300-400-gram kulich will be 42 to 65 rubles (\$1.50 to \$2.20), and 1000-gram kulich will cost 75 to 140 rubles (\$2.40 to \$4.80), Mikhail Orlov said at a press conference. Currently, the Moscow government negotiates the supply of at least 100 million eggs for the holiday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. April bulletin covers’ sponsors are Petyo family — birthdays and anniversary.
2. On Sunday of Pascha, April 24, the Eternal Light will be offered by Ann Hakos.
3. Camp Nazareth raffle tickets are on sale for \$20.00 each and kept in the Camp Nazareth envelope on the office. Please purchase the tickets and leave the money (checks should be made payable to “Camp Nazareth Raffle”) inside the Camp Nazareth envelope. The tickets will be available throughout April.
4. We ask our men to make themselves available for carrying church banners, lanterns and icons during the holy processions around the church on Friday and Saturday nights (the processions circle the church thrice on Friday and only once on Saturday).
5. It is our custom to collect non-perishable food items for Hobart Food Pantry on the fourth Sunday of the month. However, as the fourth Sunday of the month is Pascha, the collection for the Food Pantry is going to take place on the following Sunday, May 1. As that day is Anti-Pascha, our customary general panihida may not be served.
6. On Paschal morning, following the Divine Liturgy, the egg hunt will be prepared for the little ones in the children’s room.