As a voice crying in the wilderness, Juvenaly prepared the way of the Lord, baptizing those who accepted the Good News of salvation. Yet the Evil One instilled hatred and violence, seeking to thwart the advance of the Kingdom of God. But the
death of his saints is precious in the sight of the Lord, and He has glorified his faithful servant. Delighting in his heroic and selfless deeds, let us imitate him in faith and love!

vs. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles.

From the mouths of babes has the Lord brought forth praise,

for by his refusal to renounce his faith, Peter the Aleut glorified
God by his suffering. Because of his young age and humble origins his tormentors were confident they could vanquish him. But the simple faith of a young child is enough to move mountains, and today the Aleutians rejoice, remembering their martyred champion.
vs. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them out of them all.

In one glorious final moment of self-sacrifice, the holy martyrs gave their lives for their devotion to Christ. But we are summoned to offer our lives in remembrance of them, as a continuous gift to God our Savior. Bringing forth fruits worthy of repentance, our duty is to imitate Christ in acts of for-
give-ness and love, that by humble deeds of generosity we too may testify to our faith in the Lord and be accounted worthy to enter the joy prepared for those who love Him.