With joy the enlightener of Alaska, Innocent, joins our blessed Father Herman of New Valaam in celebrating the feast of the Holy Martyrs of America. The glorified bishop and the venerable monk invite all to this radiant festival, praising...
God, Who is wonderful in His saints.

Today the natives of Kenai rejoice in faith, for their apostle, the priest-monk Juvenaly, is glorified. He labored without concern for personal gain or earthly reward to enlighten an ancient people sitting in darkness. Like the first Apostles, he
too was granted a martyr's death, // and together with them he

intercedes for our souls.

Today the Aleut Nation celebrates a feast of joy, for one

of its own race is exalted by God. Together with our

tereable elder, Herman of Spruce Island, we cry out to the warrior
who shed his blood for the faith: // “O holy New-martyr Peter, pray to

God for us!”

Come all Orthodox believers of America, let us

celebrate this feast of faith! In their devotion to Christ, the Holy

Martyrs suffered willingly, recalling the Lord’s promise that the
Kingdom of God belongs to those who suffer for Him. Having fought the good fight and received their crowns, they stand before the Lord and intercede for our souls. Come all Orthodox believers of America, let us rejoice at this feast of hope! The vision of the future growth...
of the Church in America inspired the martyred Hieromonk

Juvenaly in his apostolic work. Committing his soul to the

Lord, he rejoiced in the hope of eternal life. And the young

Aleut, Peter of Kodiak Island, offered himself as a living sacrifice,

trusting that in the world to come he would receive his reward.
Now in the Kingdom of heaven they intercede for our souls.

Come all Orthodox believers of America, let us sing

for joy at this festival full of joy and love! For greater

love has no man than that he lay down his life. And in

imitation of the Savior, both the monk and the boy suffered,
confessing their faith. Their love for Christ and His Holy Church could not be destroyed. They have joined the noble chorus of martyrs who stand before the throne of God, // where they intercede for our souls.