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God is Wondrous in His Saints.

It is a tradition of the Orthodox Church that each local church of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church honors its local saints. On September 24, 1794, Saints Herman and Juvenal together with six other monks landed on this continent of ours to begin their missionary work and the introduction of the Orthodox Faith to the inhabitants of Alaska. Thus, it is on this day, that our own local Synod wishes to commemorate Saints Herman and Juvenal, and all of the Saints of this continent, who have become luminaries of the Orthodox Faith and beacons of Christianity in this “new world”.

The Holy Eparchial Synod of the Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of America, under the presidency of His Eminence Metropolitan Demetrius of America, with humble reverence for God and His Saints, declares that September 24 (according to the Patristic Church calendar) be appointed as the day of the Commemoration of the Saints of America, i.e., Saints Herman, Juvenal, and Innocent of Alaska, Peter the Aleut, Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, John Maximovitch, Archbishop of San Francisco, and Philaret, Metropolitan of New York. The Holy Synod will also form a committee to examine the case of others who have lived in this part of the world and have shown signs of sanctity.

Having declared this announcement to all the clergy and faithful of North and South America, may our “local Saints” intercede for us and guide our Holy Synod, so that our hierarchs may continue the legacy which they have inherited and we can fulfill their mission of introducing the Orthodox Faith in its purity to these lands which we inhabit.

By order of the Holy Eparchial Synod, your unworthy servant in the Lord,

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