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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 8*)

Afterfeast of Transfiguration; Martyrs Photius & Anicetas of Nicomedia

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

9th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (*Tone 8*)

Ss Photius & Anicetas

Saturday, 24 August (11 August o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 25 August (12 August o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (Coffee Hour)

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Tuesday, 27 August (14 August o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Wednesday, 28 August (15 August o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Blessing of Flowers & Herbs

10th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (*Tone 1*)

Martyr Andrew the General

Saturday, 31 August (18 August o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 1 September (19 August o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (Coffee Hour)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Sunday	25 August (12 Aug, o.s.)	Martyrs Photius & Anicetas Wine & Oil permitted
Monday	26 August (13 Aug, o.s.)	St Tikhon of Zadonsk Wine & Oil permitted
Tuesday	27 August (14 Aug, o.s.)	Prophet Micah Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
Wednesday	28 August (15 Aug, o.s.)	DORMITION OF THEOTOKOS Fish, Wine & Oil permitted
Friday	30 August (16 Aug, o.s.)	Martyr Myron of Cyzicus Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Su	9th Sunday after Pentecost	
	9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §65 (20:19-31)	
	1 Cor. §128 (3:9-17)	Matt. §59 (14:22-34)
10TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	1 Cor. §159 (15:12-19)	Matt. §84 (21:18-22)
Tu	1 Cor. §161 (15:29-38)	Matt. §85 (21:23-27)
W	DORMITION OF THE ALL-HOLY THEOTOKOS	
	Vespers Paramia: (1) Genesis 28:10-17 • (2) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a • (3) Proverbs 9:1-11	
	Matins Gospel: Luke §4 (1:39-49, 56)	
	Phil. §240 (2:5-11)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)
	1 Cor. §165 (16:4-12)	Matt. §86 (21:28-32)
Th	2 Cor. §167 (1:1-7)	Matt. §88 (21:43-46)
F	2 Cor. §169 (1:12-20)	Matt. §91 (22:23-33)
Sa	Rom. §119 (15:30-33)	Matt. §73 (17:24-18:4)
Su	10th Sunday after Pentecost	
	10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §66 (21:1-14)	
	1 Cor. §131 (4:9-16)	Matt. §72 (17:14-23a)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Birthdays – 19th: John Whitacre.

Baptism Anniversaries – 19th: Nicolas Straut (1995).

THIS WEEK

Birthdays – 27th: William Patrick Brien; 28th: Andrew O'Brien.

Wedding Anniversaries – 29th: Daniel & Nadezhda Sexton (2010).

SEPTEMBER

Namedays – 13th (St Aidan of Lindisfarne): Aidan O'Beirne; 16th (St Phoebe the Deaconess): Phoebe (Addie) O'Beirne; 18th (St Elizabeth): Elizabeth Lieuwen; 22nd (St Anna): Anya Fitzgerald, Mat. Anna Komleski, Zydrune Ann Mladineo; 30th: (Martyr Sophia): Sofia Fitzgerald; 30th: (Martyr Faith): Mat. Faith Straut; 30th: (Martyr Hope): Nadezhda Sexton.

Birthdays – 14th: Mat. Hannah Barker; 18th: Noah George Hotz; 20th: Claudia Maxey; 25th: Andrew Kostadis.

Baptism Anniversaries – 4th: Gabriel O’Brien (2010).

Wedding Anniversaries – 9th: Rdr Daniel & Elizabeth Lieuwen (2012); 23rd: Peter & Zydrune Ann Mladineo.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 2nd: George Robinson (+2008), 19th: Michelle Straut (+1996), George Schidlovsky (+2009).

THIS WEEK’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The results of our two recent Special Collections are in! Both involved matching funds from an anonymous family in our parish, so about half of each collection was given by our parishioners at large, while the other half of both Collections were given by the matching family. Our Special Collection in June to support a Reader and his family in our ROCOR Mission in Haiti raised \$1645. (This is the second Collection we’ve taken this year for the Haiti Mission. Our March Collection to support parochial school teachers in Haiti raised quite a bit more than this June Collection.) Our Special Collection in July for the needs of Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, NY, yielded \$2020. God bless you for your generous giving to these worthy causes.

We are in the midst of the Dormition Fast, which began on 14 August (n.s.) and continues for fourteen days until the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God on 28 August (n.s). We eat no animal products (meat, meat products, eggs, and dairy products) throughout the two weeks. The general rules for this period are as follows: weekdays, Monday through Friday are normal fast days; on Saturdays and Sundays, wine and oil are permitted. The only day on which we may eat fish, wine is the Feast of the Transfiguration, 19 August (n.s.).

When the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos falls on a Wednesday or Friday, as it does this year, it is a fast day with fish, wine, and oil permitted.

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos (15 / 28 August) is the greatest of the Feasts of the Most-Holy Theotokos. The importance of this Holy Day is underscored by the fact that Orthodox Christians keep a two week Fast in preparation for

it. The Feast of the Dormition (i.e. ‘Falling Asleep’) of the Virgin Mary commemorates the death, resurrection, assumption into heaven, and glorification of the All-Holy Mother of God. All the faithful should be present at the services for this beautiful Feast.

It is the tradition of the Russian Church to bless flowers and other “fragrant herbage” on the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. It is the pious custom of Russian Orthodox Christians to carry flowers to church on this Holy Day and they are blessed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Fragrant herbs and seeds may also be brought to church to be blessed as well.

The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God is celebrated for nine days, from the Feastday itself through the Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Feast on 5 September. The troparion and kontakion of the Dormition are chanted or read at all the services of the Church during this period. The texts for these hymns may be found in the *Jordanville Prayer Book*. To celebrate the Feast at home, the Troparion of the Feast (*‘In giving birth, thou didst preserve the virginity...’*) can be sung instead of the ‘Our Father’ before meals, while the Kontakion of the Feast (*‘The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos...’*) can be sung instead of the usual thanksgiving troparion after each meal. It would also be most appropriate to sing the troparion and kontakion of the Feast at the end of our morning and evening prayers at home.

Concerning Confession and Holy Communion: Those who have been to Confession during the Dormition Fast may receive Holy Communion on the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, provided that no serious sin has been committed which would require another Confession and that the other usual preparations for Holy Communion are observed (i.e. attendance of the Vigil Service the evening before Holy Communion, reading the Pre-Communion Prayers, and the forgiveness of others). Likewise, those who have been to Confession for the Feast of the Dormition may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy the following Sunday morning under the same conditions.