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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 2)
Martyrs Adrian and Natalia and 33 companions of Nicomedia

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

11th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 2)

Ss Adrian and Natalia

Saturday, 7 September (25 August o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 8 September (26 August o.s.)

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

BEHEADING OF THE FORERUNNER

Tuesday, 10 September (28 August o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Wednesday, 11 September (29 August o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Litya for the Departed

12th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 3)

Martyr Mamas of Caesarea

Saturday, 14 September (1 September o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 15 September (2 September o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (Coffee Hour)
12:30 AM Parish Council Meeting

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	11 September (29 Aug, o.s.)	BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER Wine & Oil permitted
Friday	13 September (31 Aug, o.s.)	Sash of the Theotokos Wine & Oil permitted



SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

11th Sunday after Pentecost	
<i>Su</i>	<i>11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §67 (21:15-25)</i>
	1 Cor. §141 (9:2b-12) Matt. §77 (18:23-35)
12TH WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	2 Cor. §179 (5:10-15) Mark §2 (1:9-15)
<i>Tu</i>	2 Cor. §180 (5:15-21) Mark §3 (1:16-22)
<i>W</i>	Beheading of St John the Baptist
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18,45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1 • (2) Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7,12,18; 4:4-6 • (3) Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-20; 5:1-7
	<i>Matins Gospel: Matt. §57 (14:1-13)</i>
	Acts §33 (13:25-33a) Mark §24 (6:14-30)
<i>W</i>	2 Cor. §182 (6:11-16a) Mark §4 (1:23-28)
<i>Th</i>	2 Cor. §183 (7:1b-10a) Mark §5 (1:29-35)
<i>F</i>	2 Cor. §184 (7:10-16) Mark §9 (2:18-22)
<i>Sa</i>	1 Cor. §125a (1:26-29) Matt. §82 (20:29-34)
12th Sunday after Pentecost	
<i>Su</i>	<i>1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matt. §116 [28:16-20]</i>
	1 Cor. §158 (15:1-11) Matt. §79 (19:16-26)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

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

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 2nd: George Robinson (+2008).

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 13th (St Aidan of Lindisfarne): Aidan O'Beirne.

Wedding Anniversaries – 9th: Rdr Daniel & Elizabeth Lieuwen (2012).

THE REST OF SEPTEMBER

Namedays – 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.

Wedding Anniversaries – 23rd: Peter & Zydrune Ann Mladineo.

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

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Moleben for Students and Teachers will be served after the Holy Liturgy today. It is important to begin the academic year with supplication and thanksgiving to the Lord. All students and teachers are asked to step forward at the end of the Moleben for a special blessing with Holy Water.

The Feast of the Beheading of St John the Baptist (29 August / 11 September) is also a fast day on whatever day it falls. On this day we celebrate the memory of the Saint whom our Saviour "was the greatest born of woman," but we also mourn his death at the hands of the iniquitous Herod through the wicked machinations of Herodias and Salome. We abstain from all animal products and fish on this Holy Day. In Russian practice wine and oil are always permitted on this day. In Greek practice, wine and oil are generally not permitted unless the Feast falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

We all remember the horrific events of 11 September 2001. So many lives were lost in the terrorist attacks on our Nation at the hands of Islamic extremists. September 11th should be a national day of mourning and prayer for those who met painful and sudden death on that day. How appropriate that Orthodox Christians who adhere to the Church Calendar already observe this day as a fast in memory of St John the Forerunner!

A Litya (Trisagion) for the Departed will be served immediately after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Beheading of St John the Baptist. We will be specially remembering those who lost their lives in the attacks on 11 September 2001 on this anniversary of their deaths. Orthodox Christians who were killed on that day will be commemorated by name at the Liturgy and the Litya.

St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Howell (Lakewood), New Jersey, is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 12 September. Vigil will be served on the eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock. Divine Liturgy will be served on the morning of the Feast at 9:30, followed by a festal trapeza. All of St Elizabeth's parishioners are invited to Lakewood to celebrate the memory of this important Russian Saint and to support our sister Parish.

St Elizabeth's Annual Fall Picnic will be held on the 4th Sunday of September instead of our usual Sunday coffee hour. Please plan to attend. It will be a great opportunity for Parish fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns will be provided by the parish. We need salads, baked beans, chips, drinks, and other accompaniments brought by parishioners. Please let Matushka know if you plan to attend and what you plan to bring. The Parish also needs to borrow an additional gas grill with fuel. Please speak to Father if you can bring one. The grills can be brought to church on Saturday evening or on Sunday morning.

Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia

26 August / 8 September

The spouses Adrian and Natalia lived in the city of Nicomedia in the Bythinian province of Asia Minor. Adrian was a pagan and a dignitary of Emperor Maximian Galerius (305-311 AD), a persecutor of Christians. Natalia was a secret Christian. During the persecutions, twenty three believers hid in a cave near Nicomedia. They were caught, judged, tortured and urged to offer sacrifice to the gods. Then they were brought to the court of justice in order to record their names. Adrian, the head of the court, was there, who asked them what reward they expected from their God for their tortures. They answered him: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Corinthians 2:9). Upon hearing this, Adrian said to the scribes: "Record my name also together with them, because I too am a Christian". Adrian was put into prison. The Emperor counseled him to strike his name from the list of Christians and to beg forgiveness. Adrian assured him that he had not lost his mind, but had acted thus according to his own conviction. He was then twenty eight years of age.

Having learned what had happened, Natalia hurried to the prison, where she encouraged Adrian to be manful. When the imprisoned Christians were sentenced to death, Adrian was released for a brief time to go home, so that he might inform his wife of this. On seeing Adrian, Natalia was afraid that he had renounced Christ and did not let him into the house.

Upon returning to the prison, Adrian, together with the other martyrs, was subjected to terrible tortures: the arms and legs of the martyrs were broken by a heavy hammer, from which they died amidst terrible sufferings. When Adrian's turn came, his wife feared most of all that her husband would become fainthearted and renounce Christ. She strengthened Adrian and held on to his arms and legs while the executioner broke them with a hammer. Saint Adrian died together with the rest of the martyrs in 304 AD. When they began to burn their bodies, a thunderstorm arose and the furnace was extinguished; lightning killed several of the executioners.

A millenary of the army wanted to marry Natalia, who was still young and rich. Even before Adrian's death, Natalia had asked him to pray that she not be forced to marry. Now Adrian appeared to her in a dream and said that soon she would follow after him. And thus it happened: Natalia died on her husband's grave in the outskirts of the city of Byzantium, where the faithful had transferred his body.

- Website of the Cathedral of St John the Baptist
Washington D.C.