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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 5*)

Commemoration of our Venerable Father Moses the Black of Scetis

SERVICES THIS WEEK

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 5*)

St Moses the Black; Venerable Job of Pochaev

Saturday, 9 September (27 August, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

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

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Moleben for Students;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

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

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

VISIT OF BP NICHOLAS & KURSK ROOT ICON

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

6:30 PM Moleben with Akathist to the Theotokos;
Trapeza with Bishop Nicholas

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 6*)

Hieromartyr Babylas and the Prophet Moses

Saturday, 16 September (3 September, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 17 September (4 September, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

FASTING DAYS

Week of 10 September

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Monday	11 September (29 Aug, o.s.)	BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER Strict Fast: Wine & Oil permitted
Wednesday	13 September (31 Aug, o.s.)	Sash of the Theotokos Fast: Wine & Oil permitted
Friday	15 September (2 Sept, o.s.)	Martyr Mamas of Caesarea Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 10 September

Su	14th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark §71 (16:9-20)</i>	
	2 Cor. §170 (1:21-2:4)	Matt. §89 (22:1-14)
15TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	Beheading of St John the Baptist	
	<i>Vespers Paramia: (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>	
	<i>Matins Gospel: Matt. §57 (14:1-13)</i>	
	Acts §33 (13:25-33a)	Mark §24 (6:14-30)
M	Gal. §202 (2:11-16)	Mark §21 (5:24b-34)
Tu	Gal. §204 (2:21-3:7)	Mark §22 (6:1-7)
W	Gal. §207 (3:15-22)	Mark §23 (6:7-13)
Th	Gal. §208 (3:23-4:5)	Mark §25 (6:30-45)
F	Gal. §210 (4:8-21)	Mark §26 (6:45-53)
Sa	1 Cor. §132 (4:17-5:5)	Matt. §97 (24:1-13)
Su	15th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §112 (24:1-12)</i>	
	2 Cor. §176 (4:6-15)	Matt. §92 (22:35-46)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Week of 3 September

Namedays – 8th (Martyr Natalia): Natalya Reitano.

Birthdays – 5th: Natalya Reitano; 6th: Inna Yanovsky.

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

Wedding Anniversaries – 4th: Innokenty (Ken) & Inna Yanovsky; 9th: Sbdcn Daniel & Elizabeth Lieuwen (2012).

Week of 10 September

Namedays – 13th (St Aidan of Lindisfarne): Aidan O'Beirne; 16th (St Phoebe the Deaconess): Phoebe (Addie) O'Beirne.

Birthdays – 11th: Nicholas Szydowski; 14th: Mat. Hannah Barker.

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

Wedding Anniversaries – 4th: Innokenty (Ken) & Inna Yanovsky; 9th: Sbdcn Daniel & Elizabeth Lieuwen (2012).

THE REST OF SEPTEMBER

Namedays – 18th (St Elizabeth): Elizabeth Lieuwen; 22nd (St Anna): Anya Fitzgerald, Mat. Anna Komleski, Zydrune Ann Mladineo; 28th (St Nicetas the Goth): Nikita Smirnov; 29th (Martyr Ludmilla): Liudmila Efuni; 30th: (Martyr Sophia): Sofia Fitzgerald; 30th: (Martyr Faith): Mat. Faith Straut; 30th: (Martyr Hope): Nadezhda Sexton.

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

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 (cf. St Luke 7:28), 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 6:00 p.m.. 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.

The Cathedral of St Alexander Nevsky is located at 200 Alexander Avenue in Howell, New Jersey 07731. For additional information, the Cathedral's website is: <http://www.stalexandernevskeycathedral.org>

Happy New Year? Some may not many know that the Church Year begins on 1 September, old style (14 September, new style). The ancient Christian computation of years also differs from the standard Western reckoning. The years are counted from Adam, and so we begin the Church year 7525 on 1 / 14 September 2016. This computation was the official calendar of the Christian Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire. It was also used in Russia until Tsar Peter the Great changed the New Year to 1 January and began counting years A.D. like the rest of Europe. So make your New Year resolutions!

Bishop Nicholas will bring the Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God to St Elizabeth's Church at 6:30 in the evening on Thursday, 14 September 2017, for a Moleben with an Akathist to the Theotokos. We ask all our parishioners to come with their family and friends to pray before and venerate the most important Icon of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad. This holy Image has been the Directress of the Russian Diaspora for almost a century, after being cherished and venerated in Russia for over 650 years. This will be the fourth visit of the Mother of God to St Elizabeth's in her 19 year history, the second since we've been in our current church building. We also are happy visit with our Bishop Nicholas.

We will have a coffee hour after the Moleben on Thursday evening. We ask parishioners to bring dishes to share. There will be a sign up sheet with suggested food and drink.

LOOKING AHEAD

St Elizabeth's Annual 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.