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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 6*)

Holy Greatmartyr Demetrius; Commemoration of the Great Earthquake

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## THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

### 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 6*)

Holy Greatmartyr Demetrius of Thessalonica

*Saturday, 7 November (25 October o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 8 November (26 October, o.s.)*

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

*Saturday, 14 November (1 November o.s.)*

10:30 AM Baptism of Emma Barker  
and Addison Samay

### 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 7*)

Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenaries

*Saturday, 14 November (1 November o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 15 November (2 November, o.s.)*

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

| 23rd Sunday after Pentecost |  |
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| <i>Su</i>                   | <i>1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matt. §116 [28:16-20]</i> |
|                             | Eph. §220 (2:4-10)      Luke §83 (16:19-31)                    |
| 24TH WEEK after PENTECOST   |  |
| <i>M</i>                    | 1 Thess. §267 (2:20-3:8)      Luke §52 (10:22-24)              |
| <i>Tu</i>                   | 1 Thess. §268 (3:9-13)      Luke §55 (11:1-10)                 |
| <i>W</i>                    | 1 Thess. §269 (4:1-12)      Luke §56 (11:9-13)                 |
| <i>Th</i>                   | 1 Thess. §271 (5:1-8)      Luke §57 (11:14-23)                 |
| <i>F</i>                    | 1 Thess. §272 (5:9-13, 24-28)      Luke §58 (11:23-26)         |
| <i>Sa</i>                   | 2 Cor. §191 (11:1-6)      Luke §36 (8:16-21)                   |
| 24th Sunday after Pentecost |  |
| <i>Su</i>                   | <i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark §70 (16:1-8)</i>     |
|                             | Eph. §221 (2:14-22)      Luke §38 (8:26-39)                    |

## FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

| Day of Week      | Date                          | Commemoration and Type of Fast   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 11 November<br>(29 Oct, o.s.) | M Anastasia; St Abramius<br>Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )                |
| <i>Friday</i>    | 13 November<br>(31 Oct, o.s.) | Ap. Stachys <i>et al.</i> & M Epimachus<br>Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> ) |

## NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### LAST WEEK

**Namedays** – 5th (Apostle James, Brother of the Lord): James Whitacre.

**Birthdays** – 1st: Deacon Seraphim Komleski.

**Ordination Anniversaries** – 5th: Deacon Steven Barker (Holy Diaconate, 2011).

### THIS WEEK

**Baptism Anniversaries** – 10th: Mat. Anna Gail Komleski (2007).

### THE REST OF NOVEMBER

**Namedays** – 19th (Martyr Claudia): Claudia Maxey; 21st (Archangel Michael): Michael Carey, Michael Golikov; 27th (Apostle Philip): Sbdcn Philip Hotz, Philip Schidlovsky; 27th (St Gregory Palamas): Reader Gregory Maxey.

**Birthdays** – 18th: Taisia Seneko; 20th: Anya Fitzgerald; 24th: Philip Schidlovsky; 29th: Marina Kamensky (Golikova); 30th: John Morrow.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Parishes of the Eastern American Diocese have been directed at Thanksgiving by the Metropolitan to take a special collection to be given to the Fund for Assistance to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. The Fund for Assistance has three aims: (a) the moral-spiritual education of youth, (b) the financial assistance of the needy clergy of our Church, and (c) the care for those in dire need throughout the world through an Emergency Relief Fund. At St Elizabeth's, we will be asking for special donations for this worthy

cause on the Sundays of November. Please give generously.

**We are collecting toys** for the Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County's "Christmas Care" Program during the month of November. These toys will be given at Christmas to children whose father or mother is incarcerated at the Somerset County Jail. The Jail Chaplaincy asks that the toys be new, of a non-violent nature, and within the price range of \$10.00 to \$25.00. Please help make Christmas brighter for some child who is separated from their parent at Christmas.

**We are also collecting personal care items** during the month of November for the Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County's "Christmas Care" Program. These items will be given to each Inmate incarcerated at the Jail at Christmas. In this way we can show Christ's love to those who Jesus charged us to visit (St Matthew 25:31-46). The Jail Chaplaincy needs the following items for the Inmates:

- Shampoo (not Conditioner),
- Bars of Deodorant Soap (no Ivory soap, please),
- Solid Underarm Deodorant (no aerosol cans),
- Toothpaste,
- Small Non-Spiral Lined Writing Pads, and
- Individually wrapped hard candy.

Please consider donating items to this worthy cause.

**Emma Barker**, the daughter of Cameron Theodore & Elizabeth Barker, and Addison Samay, the daughter of Jeffrey & Raluca Samay, will both be baptized at St Elizabeth's Church at 10:30 next Saturday morning, 14 November 2015.

**Next Sunday is the Synaxis of the Unmercenaries**, the annual commemoration of the Saints who cared for and healed the sick by prayer and the medical arts without accepting payment for their services. We will have a prayer for and blessing of Doctors, Nurses, and other medical care providers at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy next Sunday. May the Lord bless all the wonderful men and women who care for those who are ill in our society! We are very grateful for their service.

**The Parish Council will meet next Sunday** (the 3rd of the month) during coffee hour. It had to be moved from the 2nd Sunday this month due schedule conflicts for a few Parish Council members.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**St Michael's Cathedral in Patterson** is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 21 November (8 November, o.s). For those who would like to celebrate the Feast of the

Archangels with our sister parish, their service schedule will be as follows: the Vigil Service will be served on the Eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock and the Holy Liturgy on the morning of the Feast at 9:30. Our parishioners should be aware that the divine services at St Michael's Cathedral are in Slavonic.

**St Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral** is located at 5256 Sherman Avenue in Paterson, New Jersey 07502-2106. For additional information, please call the parish at (973) 595-6674 or (973) 595-5816.

**Services for the Feast of the Archangel Michael** will also be served at St Elizabeth's Church to help those unable to make the trip to St Michael's Cathedral in Paterson. Our schedule for the Feast will be as usual: the Vigil Service on the Eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock and the Divine Liturgy on at 9:30 on the morning of the Feast.

**A Thanksgiving Moleben will be served** on the morning of Thanksgiving Day at 10:00. It is most appropriate that we begin this day, which is set aside by our Country as a Day of National Thanksgiving, in Church offering grateful thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings He bestows upon us individually and as a People. In the process of preparing and enjoying our Thanksgiving Feast, let us not allow ourselves to forget the One to Whom we are supposed to be giving thanks on this day.

**The annual St Herman of Alaska Youth Conference** will take place in Albany, New York, at *Nativity of the Mother of God Church*, from Tuesday, 22 December through Saturday, 26 December 2015, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia and of His Grace, Archbishop Gabriel of Montreal and All Canada. The featured speakers will be our own parishioner *Nadezhda Sexton*, and *Archpriest John Whiteford*. The program includes spiritual lectures and discussion groups, church services, the chance to meet other Orthodox youth, and social outings. Youth from age 16 through young adult are invited. The Registration fee includes all lectures, activities, meals and lodging (quad occupancy). Transportation will be provided from the hotel to all activities and services. The cost for the conference will be a discounted rate of \$275 prior to the November 20th deadline and includes lodging, meals, and local transportation. Limited scholarships are available. After 20 November, the price will increase to \$300. Please register early as space is limited. For further information and registration, please visit the website at [www.StHermanConference.com](http://www.StHermanConference.com) We would love to see

all our youth from St Elizabeth's in Rocky Hill  
participate in this event.