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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 2*) THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY UNMERCENARY PHYSICIANS

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

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

SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Friday, 20 November (7 November o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Saturday, 21 November (8 November o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 8*)

St Nectarius of Pentapolis, the Wonderworker

Saturday, 21 November (8 November o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 22 November (9 November, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

12:30 PM Inquirers & Adult Study

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

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

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 19th (Martyr Claudia): Claudia Maxey; 21st (Archangel Michael): Michael Carey, Michael Golikov.

Birthdays – 18th: Taisia Seneko; 20th: Anya Fitzgerald.

THE REST OF NOVEMBER

Namedays – 27th (Apostle Philip): Sbdcn Philip Hotz, Philip Schidlovsky; 27th (St Gregory Palamas): Reader Gregory Maxey.

Birthdays – 24th: Philip Schidlovsky; 29th: Marina Kamensky (Golikova); 30th: John Morrow.

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	18 November (5 Nov, o.s.)	Martyrs Galacteon & Episteme Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	20 November (7 Nov, o.s.)	37 Martyrs of Melitene Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

<i>Su</i>	24th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	Eph. §221 (2:14-22)	Luke §38 (8:26-39)
	25TH WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	2 Thess. §274 (1:1-10)	Luke §59 (11:29-33)
<i>Tu</i>	2 Thess. §274a (1:10b-2:2)	Luke §60 (11:34-41)
<i>W</i>	2 Thess. §275 (2:1-12)	Luke §61 (11:42-46)
<i>Th</i>	2 Thess. §276 (2:13-3:5)	Luke §62 (11:47-12:1)
<i>F</i>	2 Thess. §277 (3:6-18)	Luke §63 (12:2-12)
<i>Sa</i>	SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Joshua 5:13-15 • (2) Judges 6:2, 7, 11-24 • (3) Isaiah 14:7-20	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §52 (13:24-30, 36b-43)	
	Heb. §305 (2:2-10)	Luke §51 (10:16-21)
<i>Sa</i>	Gal. §199 (1:3-10)	Luke §40 (9:1-6)
<i>Su</i>	25th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
	Eph. §224 (4:1-6)	Luke §39 (8:41-56)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emma Elizabeth Barker, the daughter of Cameron Theodore & Elizabeth Barker, and Addison Gabriela Samay, the daughter of Jeffrey & Raluca Samay, were both baptized at St Elizabeth's Church on Saturday morning, 14 November 2015. We congratulate the new illumined, their parents, and sponsors. Many Years!

As today 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 today. 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 today (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.

A special collection for the Fund for Assistance to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia will be taken at St Elizabeth's during the Sundays of November. Your donations help the Fund for Assistance with its mission to assist Youth Programming, Clergy in need, and those in dire need throughout the world. 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. The Jail Chaplaincy needs the following items for the Inmates: Shampoo, Bars of Deodorant Soap, Solid Underarm Deodorant, Toothpaste, Small Non-Spiral Lined Writing Pads, and Individually wrapped hard candy. Please consider donating items to this worthy cause.

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.

Concerning Confession and Holy Communion: Those who have been to any time during the two weeks prior to the

Feast of the Archangel Michael (21 November, n.s.), 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 Archangels may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy the following Sunday morning under the same conditions.

Next Sunday at coffee hour we will begin s series of Adult Studies for both inquirers and other interested persons in the basic elements, beliefs, and practices of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Father David will lead these sessions, with questions and sharing encouraged for all participants. The basic text we will be using for these Adult Studies is *The Law of God* by Priest Daniel Sysoev, with his *Catechetical Talks* as a supplement. These Adult Studies should meet two Sundays a month at about 12:30 p.m., after we've had something to eat at Trapeza.

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 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 We would love to see all our youth from St Elizabeth's in Rocky Hill participate in this event.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.