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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 1*)

Sunday of All the Saints Who Have Shown Forth in the Russian Land

SERVICES THIS WEEK

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 1*)

All Saints Who Have Shown Forth in the Russian Land

Saturday, 2 July (19 June, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 3 July (20 June, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Coffee Hour
12:30 PM Adult Study

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER

Wednesday, 6 July (23 June, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Thursday, 7 July (24 June, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 2*)

All Saints Who Have Shown Forth in North America

Saturday, 9 July (26 June, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 10 July (27 June, o.s.)

8:30 AM Baptism of Elizaveta Magomedov
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Coffee Hour
12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Namedays – 2nd (St John of San Francisco): Joanna Kostin, Johan Mladineo.

Birthdays – 2nd: Igor Artemov, Deacon Stephanos Bibas, Audrey Elizabeth Brangwynne; Matushka Faith Straut.

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 3rd (Martyr Inna): Inna Yanovsky;

Birthdays – 4th: Elizabeth Maxey; 8th: Nicolas Straut, Gregory Welsh; 9th: Viktor Skuratovskiy.

Wedding Anniversaries – 8th: Dcn Seraphim & Mat. Anna Gail Komleski (1989); 9th: Dcn Steven Barker & Mat. Nancy Hannah Barker.

THE REST OF JULY

Namedays – 12th (Apostle Peter): Peter Macko; 12th (Apostle Paul): Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Paul Schidlovsky; 14th (St Angelina of Serbia): Angelina Schidlovsky; 17th: (New Martyr Olga): Olga Chemodakov; 18th (St Elizabeth the New-Martyr): Elizabeth Bibas; Elizabeth Maxey; 19th (St Julianna of Olshansk): Julianna Yanovsky; 24th (St Olga): Olga Welsh; 25th (St Veronica): Veronica Whitacre; 26th (Archangel Gabriel): Gabriel O'Brien; 28th (St Vladimir): Vladimir Yanovsky; 29th (Martyr Valentina): Valentina Babitsch, Valentina Golikova; 30th (Great-Martyr Marina): Marina Kamensky (Golikova).

Birthdays – 11th: Father David Straut; 15th: Veronica Whitacre; 22nd: Juliana Bibas; 24th: Julianna Yanovsky; 28th: Vladimir Yanovsky; 29th: Jennifer Mary Hotz.

Wedding Anniversaries – 22nd: Cliff & Sarah Brangwynne (2007).

Ordination Anniversaries – 13th: Father David Straut (Holy Priesthood, 1986); 18th: Dcn Seraphim Komleski (Holy Diaconate, 2011); Sbdcn Daniel Lieuwen (Subdiaconate, 2014).

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 18th: Barbara Tutolo (+2005).

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Sunday</i>	3 July (20 June, o.s.)	Hieromartyr Methodius Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Monday</i>	4 July (21 June, o.s.)	Martyr Julian of Tarsus Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Tuesday</i>	5 July (22 June, o.s.)	Hieromartyr Eusebius of Samosata Fast: fwine, & oil permitted
<i>Wednesday</i>	6 July (23 June, o.s.)	'Vladimir' Icon of the Theotokos Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Thursday</i>	7 July (24 June, o.s.)	Nativity of St John the Baptist Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	8 July (25 June, o.s.)	Martyr Febronia Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Saturday</i>	9 July (26 June, o.s.)	Tikhvin Icon of the Theotokos Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Sunday</i>	10 July (27 June, o.s.)	St Sampson the Hospitable Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Su	2nd Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints of Russia	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Isaiah 43:9-14a • (2) Wisdom 3:1-9 • (3) Wisdom 5:15-6:3	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	Rom. §81a (2:10-16)	Matt. §9 (4:18-23)
	Heb §330 (11:33-12:2a)	Mt §10 (4:25-5:12a)
3RD WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	Rom. §94 (7:1-13)	Matt. §34 (9:36-10:8)
Tu	Rom. §95 (7:14-8:2)	Matt. §35 (10:9-15)
W	Rom. §96 (8:2-13)	Matt. §36 (10:16-22)
Th	Nativity of St John the Baptist	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 17:15-17, 19; 18:11-14; 21:1-8 • (2) Judges 13:2-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21 • (3) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18,45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §3 (1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80)	
	Rom. §112 (13:11b-14:4)	Luke § 1 (1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80)
Th	Rom. §98 (8:22-27)	Matt. §37 (10:23-31)
F	Rom. §101 (9:6-19)	Mt §38 (10:32-36; 11:1)
Sa	Rom. §85 (3:28-4:3)	Matt. §24 (7:24-8:4)
Su	3rd Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints of N. America	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Isaiah 43:9-14a • (2) Wisdom 3:1-9 • (3) Wisdom 5:15-6:3	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
	Rom. §88 (5:1-10)	Matt. §18 (6:22-33)
	Heb. §330 (11:33-12:2a)	Mt §10 (4:25-5:12a)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Month's Parish Calendar is now available at the candle desk at the back of the church. You may also view the Calendar on our parish Website: www.saint-elizabeths.org .

We are in the midst of the Apostles Fast, which began on the Monday after All Saints' Sunday and continues until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on 12 July (n.s). We eat no animal products (meat, meat products, eggs, and dairy products) throughout the forty days. The general rules for this period are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are normal fast days; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, wine and oil are permitted; and on Saturdays and Sundays we may eat fish, wine, and oil. But since greater Saints' Days frequently brings a further mitigation of the fast from the general rules, it is important to consult an annual Orthodox calendar to find the correct fasting regimen for a particular weekday.

We will be having our Adult Study today at Trapeza. We resume our study of *The Law of God* by Fr Daniel Sysoev. Our specific topic will be the physicality of prayer: Bows, Prostrations, the Sign of the Cross, the Veneration of Icons, etc.

Our Parish's Patronal Feast, honouring our heavenly Intercessor, St Elizabeth the New-Martyr, is on Monday, 18 July (5 July, o.s.). The Vigil Service will be served at 6 PM on Sunday, July 17th, and the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM on the Feast Day itself. Please reserve these dates so you can attend services for our Parish Feast Day.

We will have a Festal Meal on St Elizabeth's Day. We are hoping that each family in the Parish will contribute by donating funds and/or providing dishes that the Sisterhood has planned to serve at the meal. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket, marked 'Feast Day Meal.' If you are able to help with providing a dish that feeds up to 100 people, please speak to Fr David.

The Ladies of the Parish (and others who are interested) will have a brief meeting at coffee hour this Sunday and next to plan the particulars for our festal meal following the Divine Liturgy on St Elizabeth's Day.

The Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24 June / 7 July), though not one of the Twelve Great Feasts, is nonetheless a very important Holy Day in the Church Calendar. Nearly every Orthodox parish has services on this Feast Day. It commemorates the birth of the Saviour's Forerunner, of whom our Lord said, "Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist..." (St Matthew 11:11) St John the Baptist's holy birth was miraculous. His parents, Ss Zacharias and Elisabeth, were advanced in age when the Archangel Gabriel announced that Elisabeth would bear a son, though she had been barren. And this came to pass as the Archangel had foretold.

Concerning Confession and Holy Communion: Those who have been to Confession during the past two weeks may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, 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 Nativity of St John the Baptist may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgies on the following two Sunday mornings and on the Feasts of Ss Peter and Paul and St Elizabeth under the same conditions.

Our Lady of Tikhvin Church, part of the Cathedral Parish of St Alexander Nevsky, in Howell (Lakewood), New Jersey, is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 9 July. 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 this important Russian Icon of the Theotokos and to support our sister Parish.

Remember, the Parish Council meets next Sunday (the 2nd of the month) during coffee hour. All parish council members are asked to attend.