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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)
BEHEADING OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

SERVICES THIS WEEK

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3) **BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER**

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

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

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Litya for Victims of 9/11 Attacks
Coffee Hour
12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 4) **Righteous Zacharias and Elizabeth**

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 18 September (5 September, o.s.)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

<i>Su</i>	12th Sunday after Pentecost	
	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>1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §116 [28:16-20]	
	1 Cor. §158 (15:1-11)	Matt. §79 (19:16-26)
	Acts §33 (13:25-33a)	Mark §24 (6:14-30)
13TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	2 Cor. §186 (8:7-15)	Mark §11 (3:6-12)
<i>Tu</i>	2 Cor. §187 (8:16-9:5)	Mark §12 (3:13-19a)
<i>W</i>	2 Cor. §189 (9:12-10:7)	Mark §13 (3:20-27)
<i>Th</i>	2 Cor. §190 (10:7b-18)	Mark §14 (3:28-35)
<i>F</i>	2 Cor. §192 (11:5-21a)	Mark §15 (4:1-9)
<i>Sa</i>	1 Cor. §126 (2:6-9)	Matt. §90 (22:15-22)
<i>Su</i>	13th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	1 Cor. §166 (16:13-24)	Matt. §87 (21:33-42)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Sunday</i>	11 September (29 Aug, o.s.)	BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER Strict Fast: Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Wednesday</i>	14 September (1 Sept, o.s.)	Church New Year; St Symeon Fast: Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	16 September (3 Sept, o.s.)	HM Anthimus & those with him Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

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).

THIS WEEK

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

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

THE REST OF SEPTEMBER

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

Birthdays – 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

The Feast of the Beheading of St John the Baptist (29 August / 11 September), which falls on next Sunday, 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 6:30 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.stalexandernevskycathedral.org>

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

A New Academic Year for our Church School!

We are very excited to start our third year of Church School at St Elizabeth's this Sunday, September 11th. Due to the increase of children in our flourishing Parish, we will have two classes this year. The classes will be split by age. Inna Yanovsky and Sarah Brangwynne will teach 4-6 year olds. Our Church school director, Elizabeth Lieuwen, and Andrew O'Brien will teach the 7-11 year olds.

The classes will run simultaneously and will take place after immediately Fr David blesses the children following Holy

Communion. One teacher from each section will lead the children downstairs to the lesson. Returning students do not need to be accompanied downstairs by their parents; but parents of new students, especially very young children, are welcome to assist their child to come down to Church School and may visit the class and visit briefly.

All children in the parish are welcome to attend Church School, which will take place every other week and will be announced in the Bulletin or by Fr David.

An Orthodox Christian Magazine for Children!

New Martyr Magazine, is a new magazine for Orthodox kids! The magazine has the blessing of our Metropolitan HILARION and Dcn. Paul Drozdowski, our church iconographer, is one of the illustrators!

PARENTS: Elizabeth Lieuwen has one copy of this magazine for interested parents to look at during coffee hour.

KIDS: You can submit drawings, photographs, and short stories to *New Martyr Magazine* for future issues!

PARENTS and KIDS: See here for more details: <http://www.newmartyrpublishing.com/index.html>

Subscriptions for a year currently run at \$28.00, with a single issue being \$7.00. Please talk to Elizabeth Lieuwen, our bookstore manager, if you would like a subscription! At this time, Elizabeth is only taking CASH for orders of a single issue or an annual subscription. All orders need to be in by this Wednesday, September 14th. If you do not have CASH for this Sunday, please talk to Elizabeth about your order and she will help assist you. The deadline for ordering this in person or by email to Elizabeth is by Wednesday of this week (14 September). You may email Elizabeth at elizabeth.roosien@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

Two of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church fall in the month of September. These are the Feasts of the Nativity of the Theotokos (8 / 21 September) and the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross (14 / 27 September). All faithful Orthodox Christians should be in church to celebrate these important Feasts, so do please plan ahead to be present in church for the festal services.

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.