

# THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 8)**  
**The Apostle Codratus; The Hieromartyr Phocas**

### THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

**17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 8)**  
**HM Phocis of Sinope; Ap. Quadratus of the 70**  
**Saturday, 4 October (21 September o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
 Confessions

**Sunday, 5 October (22 September o.s.)**

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

**18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 1)**  
**Venerable Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine**  
**Saturday, 11 October (28 September o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
 Confessions

**Sunday, 12 October (29 September o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
 12:00 PM Annual Parish Picnic

### SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Su		17th Sunday after Pentecost	
		6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §114 (24:36-53)	
		2 Cor. §182a (6:16b-7:1)	Luke §17 (5:1-11)
18TH WEEK after PENTECOST			
M	Eph. §227 (4:25-32)	Luke §16 (4:37-44)	
Tu	Eph. §230 (5:20-26)	Luke §18 (5:12-16)	
W	Eph. §231 (5:25-33a)	Luke §21 (5:33-39)	
Th	Eph. §232 (5:33-6:9)	Luke §23 (6:12-19)	
F	Eph. §234 (6:18-24)	Luke §24 (6:17-23a)	
Sa	1 Cor. §162 (15:39-45)	Luke §19 (5:17-26)	
Su		18th Sunday after Pentecost	
		7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §63 (20:1-10)	
		2 Cor. §188 (9:6-11)	Luke §26 (6:31-36)



### FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	8 October (25 Sept, o.s.)	St Sergius of Radonezh Fish, wine & Oil permitted
Friday	3 October (20 Sept, o.s.)	M Callistratus; St Sabbatius Wine & Oil permitted

### NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### LAST WEEK

**Namedays** – Sept. 30th: (Martyr Sophia): Sofia Fitzgerald; 30th: (Martyr Faith): Mat. Faith Straut; 30th: (Martyr Hope): Nadezhda Sexton; Oct. 3rd (St Oleg of Briansk): Oleg Kostin.

**Birthdays** – 1st: Nikolai Darenkov; 4th: Ivan Darenkov.

#### THIS WEEK

**Namedays** – 9th (Apostle John the Theologian): John Whitacre; 11th (St Chariton): Hariton Bibas.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 5th: James & Xenia Whitacre; 8th: John & Tatiana Morrow (1989).

#### THE REST OF OCTOBER

**Birthdays** – 23rd: Leana Brangwynne.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 16th: Oleg & Elena Kostin (1994); 27th: Reader Nicolas & Angelina Schidlovsky (2002).

### THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**During October we will have a Special Collection** to help cover our contribution to the Diocese of Eastern America and New York. All parishes are required to give ten percent of their regular income to the Diocese. This special collection will help to minimize the impact of our parish's obligation on our General Fund. Please give generously.

**St Elizabeth's Annual Fall Picnic** will be held on the 2nd Sunday of October 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 Faith know if you plan to attend and what you plan to bring.

**We need some help getting a grill from the Maxey's** house in Cranbury to the church in Rocky Hill and back again for our Annual Parish Picnic next Sunday. (The Maxey family no longer has a minivan to transport the gas grill.) Perhaps two families can volunteer: one to bring the grill to church and another to return it.

**The Feast of St Sergius of Radonezh** is celebrated on 8 October. St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Howell (Lakewood), New Jersey, will be having services to celebrate the memory of this important Russian Saint. 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. All of St Elizabeth's parishioners are invited to Lakewood to celebrate St Sergius' Day with 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>

**Holy Virgin Protection Church in New Brunswick** is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 14 October (1 October, o.s.). For those who would like to celebrate this important Feast of the Mother of God with our sister parish, their service schedule will be as follows: the Vigil Service will be served on the Eve of the Feast at 5 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 Holy Protection Church are in Slavonic.

**Holy Virgin Protection Russian Orthodox Church** is located at 301 Handy Street in New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901-2942. For additional information, the parish's website is: <http://www.pokrovchurch.net>

**There will be services for the Feast of the Protection** of the Mother of God at St Elizabeth's Church to help those unable to make the trip to Holy Protection Church in New Brunswick. 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 the observance of Halloween**, a pious Orthodox priest wrote to his parishioners: "Please remember that Halloween is a pagan festival and that

trick-or-treating comes from the Druid worship of the dead. Our Christian ancestors suffered martyrdom and torment rather than burn a pinch of incense to the Roman gods, yet many parents willingly let their children participate in a ceremony of pagan worship. Please come and pray in church in honour of a great modern Christian Orthodox Saint whose eve coincides with the pagan Halloween."

**The Feast of St John of Kronstadt's Glorification** falls on 1 November (19 October, o.s.) in our Russian Church Abroad, the day on which the Saint was glorified (canonized) by the Synod of Bishops, which also happens to be the date of his birth in 1829 and his Nameday, the Feast of St John of Rila, his heavenly patron. The Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia was the first part of the Russian Orthodox Church to glorify St John of Kronstadt. This occurred in 1964, 56 years after the righteous priest's repose in 1908, and 26 years before the Church in Russia would be free to glorify the Saint on 8 June 1990. As is usual with the Saints, we also celebrate the date of St John's repose on 2 January (20 December, o.s.), but that day is also the Forefeast of the Nativity of the Lord and the commemoration of St Ignatius the God-bearer. The autumn feast of St John of Kronstadt gives us the opportunity to celebrate his memory without the additional commemorations necessary during his winter feast. But the Bishops of our Russian Church Abroad had an additional reason for instituting this second commemoration of St John of Kronstadt: the Vigil of the Feast falls on the evening of Halloween and provides those of us in the Anglo-Saxon world with an opportunity to celebrate this great Saint, while others around us are knowingly or unknowingly celebrating a demonic pagan feast. The Bishops felt that Orthodox Christian children should be in church keeping a holy Vigil to this modern spiritual struggler, who reposed at the beginning of the 20th century, while Halloween is being observed by the society around them.

**We will have a full schedule of services** at St Elizabeth's for the Feast of St John of Kronstadt: on the Eve of the Feast, 31 October, the Vigil Service begins at 6 o'clock and on the morning of the Feast, 1 November, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30, preceded by the Hours at 9:10.

