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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 1)
St Cyriacus the Anchorite of Palestine

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

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

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Monday, 13 October (30 September o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Tuesday, 14 October (1 October o.s.)

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

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 2)

Holy Apostle Thomas

Saturday, 18 October (5 October o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 19 October (6 October o.s.)

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

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST 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).

THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries – 16th: Oleg & Elena Kostin (1994).

THE REST OF OCTOBER

Birthdays – 23rd: Leana Brangwynne.

Wedding Anniversaries – 27th: Reader Nicolas & Angelina Schidlovsky (2002).

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Su	17th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §114 (24:36-53)</i>	
	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	
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §63 (20:1-10)</i>	
	2 Cor. §188 (9:6-11)	Luke §26 (6:31-36)
19TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	Phil. §235 (1:1-7)	Luke §25 (6:24-30)
Tu	PROTECTION OF THE ALL-HOLY THEOTOKOS	
	<i>Vespers Paramia: (1) Genesis 28:10-17 •</i>	
	<i>(2) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a • (3) Proverbs 9:1-11</i>	
	<i>Matins Gospel: Luke §4 (1:39-49, 56)</i>	
	Heb. §320 (9:1-7)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)
Tu	Phil. §236 (1:8-14)	Luke §27 (6:37-45)
W	Phil. §237 (1:12-20a)	Luke §28 (6:46-7:1)
Th	Phil. §238 (1:20b-27a)	Luke §31 (7:17-30)
F	Phil. §239 (1:27-2:4)	Luke §32 (7:31-35)
Sa	1 Cor. §164 (15:58-16:3)	Luke §20 (5:27-32)
Su	19th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §64 (20:11-18)</i>	
	2 Cor. §194 (11:31-12:9)	Luke §30 (7:11-16)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	15 October (2 Oct, o.s.)	Ss Cyprian and Justina
		Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
Friday	17 October (4 Oct, o.s.)	St Hierotheus of Athens
		Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)



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 Picnic will today instead of our usual Sunday coffee hour. Please stay after Liturgy to attend. It will be a great opportunity for Parish fellowship while we enjoy some great food.

We need some help getting the Maxey's grill from the church back to the Maxey's house in Cranbury. (The Maxey family no longer has a minivan to transport the gas grill.)

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.

Concerning the Holy Prospora: The bread that we receive after the Divine Liturgy, known as Prospora or 'Antidoron', is given especially to those who for some reason or other did not or could not prepare for Holy Communion. This bread is the remainder of the loaves from which small particles were taken out to be used in the Liturgy for the Holy Lamb and the other commemorative particles, and therefore it has a special blessing, although it is not the Body of Christ. The faithful should partake of this blessed bread with great piety, taking care that a single crumb does not fall astray, and that when it is consumed it is done with fasting, and not treated as ordinary food. Some pious Orthodox Christians keep a number of small particles of Prospora at home, and after morning prayers partake of it, "instead of Holy Communion", as it was intended; in this way the whole week is sanctified and we continue to participate in the previously-celebrated Liturgy.

Concerning Holy Water: The water blessed in church on the Eve of Theophany with the Great Blessing is to be preserved in a clean container in the homes of the faithful, and regarded as a great holy object. This water should be used as a blessing in times of sickness by consuming a small portion of it, three times, again "instead of Communion". This water may also be used to cleanse the holy icons in our homes. Water blessed at other times of the year, such as the blessing of August 1st, is used in a similar manner, with the only distinction being that it is of the 'lesser blessing'. Holy Water and other holy objects should be treated with great respect and kept in an honorable place in the home, near the holy icons. Because the holy Cross has been 'baptized' (immersed) thrice in the water, the water has been blessed, and like the Cross, is fearful to demons.

