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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 7)
Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, and Those with Them

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 7)
Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rodion & Company
Saturday, 22 November (9 November o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 23 November (10 November o.s.)

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

Holy Apostle Philip; St Gregory Palamas
THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, 27 November (14 November o.s.)

10:00 AM Moleben of Thanksgiving

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 8)

St Gregory the Wonderworker

Saturday, 29 November (16 November o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 30 November (17 November o.s.)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

24th Sunday after Pentecost	
Su	2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark §70 (16:1-8)
	Eph. §221 (2:14-22) Luke §53 (10:25-37)
25TH WEEK after PENTECOST	
M	2 Thess. §274 (1:1-10) Luke §75 (14:12-15)
Tu	2 Thess. §274a (1:10b-2:2) Luke §77 (14:25-35)
W	2 Thess. §275 (2:1-12) Luke §78 (15:1-10)
Th	2 Thess. §276 (2:13-3:5) Luke §80 (16:1-9)
F	2 Thess. §277 (3:6-18) Luke §82 (16:15-18; 17:1-4)
Sa	Gal. §199 (1:3-10) Luke §49 (9:57-62)
25th Sunday after Pentecost	
Su	3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark §71 (16:9-20)
	Eph. §224 (4:1-6) Luke §66 (12:16-21)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	26 November (13 Nov, o.s.)	St John Chrysostom Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted
Friday	28 November (15 Nov, o.s.)	Martyrs Gurias, Samonas, & Habib Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
Saturday	29 November (16 Nov, o.s.)	Apostle & Evangelist Matthew Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
Sunday	30 November (17 Nov, o.s.)	St Gregory of Neo-Caesarea Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

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.

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

THE REST OF NOVEMBER

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

Birthdays – 24th: Philip Schidlovsky; 30th: John Morrow.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Parishes of the Eastern American Diocese have been directed at Thanksgiving by the Metropolitan to take a special collection to be given to the Fund for Assistance to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. The Fund for Assistance has three aims: (a) the moral-spiritual education of youth, (b) the financial assistance of the needy clergy of our Church, and (c) the care for those in dire need throughout the world through an Emergency Relief Fund. At St Elizabeth's,

we will be asking for special donations for this worthy cause on the Sundays of November. Please give generously.

We will be 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.

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.

A Baby Shower for Juliana (Straut) Cooley and her husband, Alex, is being given by her sisters (Matushka Emily, Anna, and Matushka Katharine) at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 7 December 2014, at the home of their parents: 88 Eastern Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey 08876. All St Elizabeth's parishioners are invited. Please sign the RSVP Sheet in the back of the church if you plan to attend the Shower. This will enable the Straut family to sufficient refreshments for the party.

The annual St Herman of Alaska Youth Conference will take place in Toronto, Ontario (Canada), at *Holy Trinity Cathedral*, from Tuesday, 23 December through Saturday, 27 December 2014, 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 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 is \$300 and includes lodging, meals, and local transportation. Limited scholarships are available. 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.

From the Sayings of Gerontissa Gavrilia

"Not knowledge that you learn, but knowledge that you suffer: that is Orthodox spirituality."

"One thing is education: that we learn how to love God."

"We become a replication of heaven with 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'"

"One does not notice that he loves, just as one does not notice that he breathes."

"When the mind (nous) is not scattered among worldly things but is united to God, then our greeting 'Good day' becomes a blessing."

"God often desires not the act but the intention. It is enough that He sees you are willing to do what He commands."

"When God created us, He gave us life and breathed His Spirit into us. That Spirit is Love. When we lack love, we become corpses, entirely dead."

"The language of God is silence."

"Whoever lives in the past is as if dead. Whoever lives in the future in his fantasy (or imagination) is naive, for the future belongs only to God. The Joy of Christ is found only in the present, in the Eternal Present of God."

"Love is a bomb that destroys all evil."

"Some want to go to the Resurrection without going by way of Golgotha."

"Our soul is a Divine Breath. Our body is His Creation. In our whole being we are the icon of God."

These short selections were taken from the wonderful book:

Nun Gavrilia. *Mother Gavrilia: The Ascetic of Love*. Tertios: 1999. ISBN: 978-9607298853