

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

5th SUNDAY of PASCHA: Samaritan Woman

Saturday, 9 May (26 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 10 May (27 April, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;

Trapeza (coffee hour)

6th SUNDAY of PASCHA: Healing of Blind Man

Saturday, 16 May (3 May, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 17 May (4 May, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;

Trapeza (coffee hour)

12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	13 May (30 April, o.s.)	Apostle James, Son of Zebedee Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
Friday	15 May (2 May, o.s.)	St Athanasius the Great Fast: wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

FIFTH WEEK OF PASCHA	
Su	Fifth Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §63 (20:1-10)
	Acts §28 (11:19-26, 29-30) John §12 (4:5-42)
	Acts §30 (12:12-17) John §32 (8:42-51)
	Acts §31 (12:25-13:12) John §33 (8:51-59)
	Acts §32 (13:13-24) John §18 (6:5-14)
	Acts §35 (14:20b-27) John §35 (9:39-10:9)
	Acts §36 (15:5-34) John §37 (10:17-28)
	Acts §37 (15:35-41) John §38 (10:27-38)
SIXTH WEEK OF PASCHA	
Su	Sixth Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man
	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §64 (20:11-18)
	Acts §38 (16:16-34) John §34 (9:1-38)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Namedays – 6th (Great-Martyr George): William George Brien, Noah George Hotz; George Seneko.

Birthdays – 26th: Najib Ghandour; 30th: Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne; May 1st: Maximos Bibas.

Wedding Anniversaries – 8th: Reader Gregory & Claudia Maxey (1988), Sbdcn Stephanos & Juliana Bibas (2005).

THIS WEEK

Birthdays – 12th: Olga Welsh; 15th: Katharine Bibas.

Wedding Anniversaries – 15th: James & Olga Welsh;

THE REST OF MAY

Namedays – 21st (Apostle John the Theologian): John Morrow, Jack (John) Welsh; 23rd (Blessed Thais of Egypt): Taisia Seneko; 28th (St Colman of Oughaval): Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

Birthdays – 21st: Nikita Ghandour; 28th: Johan Mladineo; 31st: Valentina Babitsch.

Wedding Anniversaries – 26th: Frank & Nina Fitzgerald (1996).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second Sunday of May is designated Mothers' Day in the United States. We join our society in honoring the Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers among us!

We have received word from Reader Andrew Temple, our former parishioner, that Metropolitan HILARION is ordaining him to the Subdiaconate today, Sunday, 10 May 2015, at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Lakewood. Andrew was with us for several years before he left to attend St Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. He completed his Master of Divinity Degree there with distinction. Andrew was instrumental in helping with the renovation of our church building. He has been greatly missed here and we are very happy for him today.

The May Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month rather than today, the 2nd Sunday, in order not to conflict with Mother's Day. All parish council members asked to make a note of this and are asked to try to attend, despite the change of Sundays.

The Summer School of Liturgical Music at Holy Trinity Seminary, founded in 1992 with the blessing of Metropolitan Laurus of blessed memory, will take place this year from 12–25 July 2015. SSLM was established originally as part of a broader effort by the Synodal Liturgical Music Advisory Board of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia to raise the quality of church singing within ROCOR parishes across the Russian Diaspora, but almost immediately, the School expanded its mandate to welcome students from across all Orthodox jurisdictions, from all corners of the globe, as well as non-Orthodox students who wish to acquaint themselves with the unique tradition of Russian Orthodox liturgical singing. The two week summer sessions take place in the spiritually enlightening setting of the Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, New York, where the students have the opportunity to attend services and to interact with the monastic brotherhood, whose support for the School has historically been deeply appreciated. SSLM is part of the Holy Trinity Seminary, and as such is accredited by the Board of Regents of the State University of New York. Classes take place in the Seminary's classrooms. For complete information see SSLM's website: <http://sslm.hts.edu>

ORTHOPRAXIS

The Paschal time of 50 Days (*Pentecost*) is a period of festive joy. Throughout the entire period of 50 days, from the Sunday of Pascha until the Day of Pentecost, this joy is expressed liturgically in the following manner:

- The Prayer 'O Heavenly King...' is omitted during the entire period of 50 days.
- We do not kneel or make prostrations during the entire period of 50 days.
- We use the greeting 'Christ is risen!' and the response 'Truly He is risen' throughout the entire 40 days of Pascha.
- The Paschal Troparion, 'Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life' is sung or said three times at the beginning of all Services and personal prayers for the entire 40 days of Pascha.

This coming Wednesday is the Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost. It is the final day that we sing the troparion and kontakion of the Feast of Mid-Pentecost in the services of the church and our daily prayers at home.

On This Mother's Day

To those who gave birth this year to their first child - we celebrate with you.

To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day – we appreciate you.

To those who stepparent – we walk with you on these complex paths.

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst.

To those who are foster mothers, mentor mothers, and Godmothers – we need you.

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away – we mourn with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. (Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.)

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children – we sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year – we mourn with you.

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of their own mothers – we grieve with you.

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren - yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you.

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you.

To those who placed children up for adoption - we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising – we anticipate with you.

This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.