

# THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council  
Ss Cyril and Methodius, Equal of the Apostles, First Teachers of the Slavs**

### THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

#### 7th SUNDAY of PASCHA: The Holy Fathers

**Saints Cyril & Methodius**

*Saturday, 23 May (10 May, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 24 May (11 May, o.s.)*

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

#### **Soul Saturday: Commemoration of the Departed**

*Friday, 29 May (16 May, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Ninth Hour, Vespers  
6:45 PM General Pannykhida;  
Confessions

*Saturday, 30 May (17 May, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
General Litya for the Departed

#### PENTECOST: Trinity Sunday

**Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles**

*Saturday, 30 May (17 May, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 31 May (18 May, o.s.)*

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
11:00 AM Kneeling Vespers;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

### FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	27 May	Martyr Isidore of Chios
	(14 May, o.s.)	Fast: wine, & oil permitted
Friday	29 May	Venerable Theodore the Sanctified
	(16 May, o.s.)	Fast: wine, & oil permitted

### SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

SEVENTH WEEK OF PASCHA	
Su	<b>7th Sunday of Pascha: Fathers of the 1st Council</b>
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 14:14-20 • (2) Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • (3) Deuteronomy 10:14-21
	<i>10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §66 (21:1-14)
	Acts §44 (20:16-18a, 28-36)   John §56 (17:1-13)
	<i>Acts §45 (21:8-14)</i>   <b>John §49 (14:27b-15:7)</b>
	<i>Acts §46 (21:26-32)</i>   <b>John §53 (16:2b-13a)</b>
	<i>Acts §47 (23:1-11)</i>   <b>John §54 (16:15-23)</b>
	<i>Acts §48 (25:13-19)</i>   <b>John §55 (16:23b-33a)</b>
<i>Acts §50 (27:1-44)</i>   <b>John §57 (17:18-26)</b>	
Sa	<b>Trinity Saturday: Saturday of Souls</b>
	Acts §51 (28:1-31)   John §67 (21:15-25)
	1 Thess. §270 (4:13-17)   John §16 (5:24-30)
<b>Pentecost Sunday — Trinity Sunday</b>	
Su	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29 • (2) Joel 2:23-32 • (3) Ezekiel 36:24-28
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> John §65 (20:19-23)
	Acts §3 (2:1-11)   John §27 (7:37-52; 8:12)

### NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### LAST WEEK

**Namedays** – 21st (Apostle John the Theologian): John Morrow, Jack (John) Welsh; 23rd (Blessed Thais of Egypt): Taisia Seneko.

**Birthdays** – 21st: Nikita Ghandour.

#### THIS WEEK

**Namedays** – 28th (St Colman of Oughaval): Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

**Birthdays** – 28th: Johan Mladineo; 31st: Valentina Babitsch.

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

#### JUNE

**Namedays** – 3rd (St Helena): Leana Brangwynne, Elena Golikov, Elena Kostin; 14th: (St Justin Martyr): Justin Whitacre; 18th: (St Igor of Chernigov): Igor Artemov.

**Birthdays** – 2nd: Tanya Morrow; 7th: Oleg Kostin; 10th: Gabriel O'Brien; 13th: Michael Golikov; 17th: Timothy Morrow; 18th: James Whitacre; 20th: Reader Nicolas Schidlovsky, Katharine Markevich; 23rd: Joanna Kostin; 24th: Gabrielle Komleski.

**Baptism Anniversaries** – 7th: Sbdcn Daniel Lieuwen (1993); 16th: Cliff Paul Brangwynne (2007).

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 17th: Rdr Philip & Jennifer Mary Hotz (1989).

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## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**During the ten days** from Ascension Day through the Saturday before Pentecost, the introductory prayers *Glory to Thee, our God. Glory to Thee!* and *O heavenly King...* are said neither in the liturgical services nor in prayers at home. Although during the forty days of Pascha, these prayers were replaced by the triple repetition of the paschal troparion, during the post-festal period of the Ascension, *Glory to Thee...* and *O heavenly King...* are not replaced by any other prayer or troparion. The omission of the beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit should awaken within us a longing for and expectation of the coming of the Comforter at the Feast of Pentecost when we resume saying this prayer.

**The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated** for nine days, from last Thursday through the Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Feast this Friday. The troparion and kontakion of Ascension are chanted or read at all the services of the Church during this period. It is most appropriate that we add the troparion and kontakion of the Feast to our morning and evening prayers at home also. They can be found in the Jordanville Prayer Book.

**The fast days this week are Wednesday and Friday.** Wine and oil are permitted on both days because of the Paschal season

**This coming Saturday the Soul Saturday** next in importance to Meatfare Saturday. Ninth Hour and Vespers will be served at 6 o'clock on Friday evening, followed by a General Pannykhida (Memorial Service), with an opportunity for Confession afterwards. On Saturday morning, the Liturgy will be served at 9:30, followed by a short Litya for the Departed. The names of the Departed in all the Commemoration Books kept at the church will be commemorated at these services. If you need to update your books, please take this opportunity to do so.

**Only the names of Orthodox Christians** are permitted to be commemorated at Memorial Services and at the Proskomedia. If you have included Non-Orthodox in your Commemoration Book or Commemoration Lists, please clearly indicate which persons named, if any, are Non-Orthodox.

**If anyone can make a donation of kolyva** (sweetened boiled wheat) for the Saturday of Souls, please let Father know.

**A Special Collection for Holy Trinity Monastery** will be taken at the services for Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) at the direction of Metropolitan Hilarion. The financial needs of the Monastery are great. Please give generously.

**Our Parish needs donations for greens and flowers** to adorn the church for the Great Feast of Pentecost. If you would like to make a donation for this, please give it to either Father David or to our Starosta, Patrick Brien. You may include a Commemoration List with your donation.

**The Feast of Pentecost occurs on the fiftieth day** after the Lord's Resurrection, the eighth Sunday of Pascha. This day was celebrated as a Great Holy Day in the Old Testament as a commemoration of the giving of the Law to the Prophet Moses on Mount Sinai. On this day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in the form of fiery tongues in the upper room in Jerusalem where they prayed, and they were powerfully and miraculously able to communicate the Gospel to the multitudes of people present in Jerusalem for the Feast. Because the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, was publicly manifested of on the Feast of Pentecost, Orthodox Christians often refer to this day as 'Trinity Sunday.' Pentecost is one of the days on which Baptisms were performed by Christians in ancient times and is certainly one of the most important of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church.

**The Hours and the Holy Liturgy** will be served a half hour early next Sunday morning. As in previous years, we begin the services early on Pentecost to make it easier for people to remain for Kneeling Vespers on that day.

**The Service of Kneeling Vespers will be served** immediately following the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy of Pentecost. The beautiful prayers, which are read at this service as all kneel, are a highlight of the Feast. They glorify God recounting His loving providence and love for mankind, implore Him to forgive our sins both voluntary and involuntary, beseech His blessings for us in the coming year, and intercede for our brothers and sisters who have departed this life in Faith and hope of the resurrection. All the faithful should be present in church for these important prayers. Please plan ahead to allow extra time for your attendance at church services next Sunday morning.

**The Summer School of Liturgical Music** at Holy Trinity Seminary will take place this year from 12–25 July 2015. The two week summer sessions take place in the spiritually enlightening setting of the Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, New York. 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>

**St Seraphim's Orthodox Summer Camp**, will have its 20th annual camp during the week of 2 - 9 August 2015. The camp continues to be one of the major activities for youth in the Russian Church Abroad. The cost of the camp is \$275 until 1 July, after which it increases to \$325. Scholarships are available as well. All information is to be found on the camp website. Registration is available only online at [www.stseraphimcamp.com](http://www.stseraphimcamp.com). If you have questions, please email the Camp Director, Archpriest Alexis Duncan, at [info@stseraphimcamp.com](mailto:info@stseraphimcamp.com), or call (518) 925-9165 or (518) 577-5432.