

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 6)
Conception of the Glorious Prophet Forerunner & Baptist John**

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

15th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 6)

**Conception of St John the Forerunner
Saturday, 5 October (22 September o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 6 October (23 September o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
12:00 PM Teenagers' 'Lunch with Father'

16th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 7)

**St Gregory the Wonderworker
Saturday, 12 October (29 September o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

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

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

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.

Wedding Anniversaries – 5th: James & Xenia Whitacre.

THIS WEEK

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

Wedding Anniversaries – 8th: John & Tatiana Morrow (1989).

THE REST OF OCTOBER

Birthdays – 21st: Patricia Brigid Barker; 23rd: Leana Brangwynne.

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

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	9 October (26 Sept, o.s.)	Apostle John the Theologian
		Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted
Friday	11 October (28 Sept, o.s.)	St Chariton of Palestine
		Wine & Oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Su	15th Sunday after Pentecost	
	4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §112 (24:1-12)	
	2 Cor. §176 (4:6-15)	Luke §17 (5:1-11)
16TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	Gal. §211 (4:28-5:10)	Luke §16 (4:37-44)
Tu	Gal. §212 (5:11-21)	Luke §18 (5:12-16)
W	Gal. §214 (6:2-10)	Luke §21 (5:33-39)
Th	Eph. §216 (1:1-9)	Luke §23 (6:12-19)
F	Eph. §217 (1:7-17)	Luke §24 (6:17-23a)
Sa	1 Cor. §146 (10:23-28)	Luke §19 (5:17-26)
Su	16th Sunday after Pentecost	
	5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §113 (24:12-35)	
	2 Cor. §181 (6:1-10)	Luke §26 (6:31-36)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Month's Parish Calendars are now available at the candle desk at the back of the church. You may also view the Calendar on our parish Website: www.saint-elizabeths.org.

Remember, the Parish Council meets next Sunday (the 2nd of the month) during coffee hour. All parish council members are asked to attend.

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.

You can support Orthodox Missions through the Combined Federal Campaign. Are You a Federal Employee? Give to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)! Federal employees have a special giving option for their gifts to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). OCMC is registered as a charity through the Combined Federal Campaign. Between 1 September 2013 – 15 December 2013, Federal employees can register for the campaign and pledge their gifts for OCMC directly through workplace payroll deduction! In 2012, donations offered through the CFC topped \$44,500! The enrollment period is now, so if interested, visit www.opm.gov/cfc for more information. To designate OCMC as the beneficiary of your charitable gift, use OCMC's CFC number, 10304, when registering. If you have any questions, contact Kenneth Kidd, OCMC Annual Gifts Officer, at 877-463-6784, ext. 161, or at kenny@ocmc.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

There will be services for the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God at St Elizabeth's Church this year. In past years, we have not had services at St Elizabeth's for this feast (unless it fell on a Sunday), so that our clergy and parishioners could join our sister parish of Holy Protection Church on Handy Street in New Brunswick for their Patronal celebration. Unfortunately, it seems that only a very few of our parishioners have been able make it to the festal services in New Brunswick, and so this great feast has passed by unobserved by most of St Elizabeth's parishioners. Father David has decided that there will be services for the Feast of the Protection at St Elizabeth's to help those unable to make the trip to 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.

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 entirely in Slavonic.

Concerning the observance of Halloween, a pious Orthodox priest wrote to his parishioners: "Please re-

member 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, the Vigil Service begins at 6 o'clock and on the morning of the Feast, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30, preceded by the Hours at 9:10.