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**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 1)
THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

18th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 1)
Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Saturday, 26 October (13 October o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 27 October (14 October o.s.)

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

St John of Kronstadt

Thursday, 31 October (18 October o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Friday, 1 November (19 October o.s.)

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

19th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 2)

Venerable Hilarion the Great

Saturday, 2 November (20 October o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 3 November (21 October o.s.)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

18th Sunday after Pentecost	
<i>Su</i>	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §63 (20:1-10)
	2 Cor. §188 (9:6-11) Luke §35 (8:5-15)
Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 14:14-20 • (2) Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • (3) Deuteronomy 10:14-21
	Heb. §334 (13:7-16) John §56 (17:1-13)
19TH WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	Phil. §235 (1:1-7) Luke §43 (9:18-22)
<i>Tu</i>	Phil. §236 (1:8-14) Luke §44 (9:23-27)
<i>W</i>	Phil. §237 (1:12-20a) Luke §47 (9:44-50)
<i>Th</i>	Phil. §238 (1:20b-27a) Luke §48 (9:49-56)
<i>F</i>	Phil. §239 (1:27-2:4) Luke §50 (10:1-15)
<i>Sa</i>	1 Cor. §164 (15:58-16:3) Luke §29 (7:1-10)
19th Sunday after Pentecost	
<i>Su</i>	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §64 (20:11-18)
	2 Cor. §194 (11:31-12:9) Luke §83 (16:19-31)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	30 October (17 Oct, o.s.)	Prophet Hosea; M Andrew of Crete Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	1 November (19 Oct, o.s.)	St John of Kronstadt Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

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

THIS WEEK

Birthdays – Nov. 1st: Deacon Seraphim Komleski.
Wedding Anniversaries – Oct. 27th: Reader Nicolas & Angelina Schidlovsky (2002).

NOVEMBER

Namedays – 5th (Apostle James, Brother of the Lord): James Whitacre; 19th (Martyr Claudia): Claudia Maxey; 21st (Archangel Michael): Colin Michael Barker, Michael Carey; 27th (Apostle Philip): Rdr Philip Hotz, Philip Schidlovsky; 27th (St Gregory Palamas): Reader Gregory Maxey.

Birthdays – 1st: Deacon Seraphim Komleski; 18th: Taisia Seneko; 20th: Anya Fitzgerald; 24th: Philip Schidlovsky; 30th: John Morrow.

Ordination Anniversaries – 5th: Deacon Steven Barker (Holy Diaconate, 2011).

Baptism Anniversaries – 4th: Cameron Theodore & Elizabeth Barker; 10th: Mat. Anna Gail Komleski (2007).

Wedding Anniversaries – 4th: Cameron Theodore & Elizabeth Barker (2012); 20th: Reader Nicolas & Victoria Elizabeth Jackson (2011).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Teenagers' 'Lunch with Father' for is today, the fourth Sunday of the month. During coffee hour, the teenagers will sit with Father David at their own table for questions and answers, instruction, and spiritual conversation. All parents are encouraged to come to coffee hour with their teenage children so they may attend.

This is the final Sunday for the special collection to help cover our contribution to the Diocese of Eastern America and New York. If you have already donated may the Lord bless you. If you have not, please consider giving today.

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.

Daylight Savings Time ends next Saturday. Next Sunday, the first Sunday of November, we return to "real time" (i.e. Eastern Standard Time.) So remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday evening, or you will be at church early!

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 will also be 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. In this way we can show Christ's love to those who Jesus charged us to visit (St Matthew 25:31-46). The Jail Chaplaincy needs the following items for the Inmates:

- Shampoo (*not* Conditioner),
- Bars of Deodorant Soap (*no* Ivory soap, please),
- Solid Underarm Deodorant (*no* aerosol cans),
- Toothpaste,
- Small *Non-Spiral* Lined Writing Pads, and
- Individually wrapped hard candy.

Please consider donating items to this worthy cause.