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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 2)
St Hilarion the Great

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

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

20th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 3)

MM Terence & Neonilla; St Job of Pochaev

Saturday, 9 November (27 October o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 10 November (28 October o.s.)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Su	19th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §64 (20:11-18)</i>	
	2 Cor. §194 (11:31-12:9)	Luke §83 (16:19-31)
20TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	Phil. §241 (2:12-16a)	Luke §52 (10:22-24)
Tu	Phil. §242 (2:16b-23)	Luke §55 (11:1-10)
W	Phil. §243 (2:24-30)	Luke §56 (11:9-13)
Th	Phil. §244 (3:1-8)	Luke §57 (11:14-23)
F	Phil. §245 (3:8b-19)	Luke §58 (11:23-26)
Sa	2 Cor. §168 (1:8-11)	Luke §36 (8:16-21)
Su	20th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §65 (20:19-31)</i>	
	Gal. §200 (1:11-19)	Luke §38 (8:26-39)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	6 November (24 Oct, o.s.)	Joy of All Who Sorrow Icon Wine & Oil permitted
Friday	8 November (26 Oct, o.s.)	Great Martyr Demetrius Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

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

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 5th (Apostle James, Brother of the Lord): James Whitacre.

Birthdays – 5th: Rdr Anthony Williams.

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

Wedding Anniversaries – 4th: Cameron Theodore & Elizabeth Barker (2012).

NOVEMBER

Namedays – 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 – 18th: Taisia Seneko; 20th: Anya Fitzgerald; 24th: Philip Schidlovsky; 30th: John Morrow.

Baptism Anniversaries – 10th: Mat. Anna Gail Komleski (2007).

Wedding Anniversaries – 20th: Reader Nicolas & Victoria Elizabeth Jackson (2011).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back to Eastern Standard Time! We can all agree that it was nice to get a bit more sleep this morning.

At the conclusion of Liturgy today there will be a Moleben of Thanksgiving for Juliana and Alexander Cooley, who were married on 11 August 2013 at Nativity of the Mother of God Church in Albany, New York. This is the first weekend they have returned to Juliana's home parish since their Wedding. In addition, we will be thanking the Lord for preserving Alexander, who was seriously injured in September when he was hit by a car while bicycling.

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 are 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. 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.

Our Lady of Kazan Church in Newark is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 4 November (22 October, o.s). We will be joining our sister parish for this Feast of one the Mother of God's most venerated Icons. Their service schedule is as follows: the Vigil Service will be served on the Eve of the Feast at 6:00 and the Holy Liturgy on the morning of the Feast at 9:00. *There will be no services at St Elizabeth's for the Feast.*

Our Lady of Kazan Russian Orthodox Church is located at 78 Heller Parkway in Newark, New Jersey 07104. The parish website is: <http://www.ourladyofkazan.org>

The annual St Herman of Alaska Youth Conference will take place in Long Island, New York, at *St Seraphim's Church in Sea Cliff* and *Holy Protection Church in Glen Cove*, from Sunday, 22 through Thursday, 27 December 2013, 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 featured speaker will be *Fr Anastasy Yatreilis* of Ss Cyril and Methodius Church in Somerville, South Carolina, who will speak on Youth and Mission. 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 of \$300 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 will be a discounted rate of \$275 prior to the December 3 deadline and includes lodging, meals, and local transportation. Limited scholarships are available. After December 3, the price will increase to \$300. Please register early as space is limited. For further information and registration, please visit the website at www.StHermanConference.com

LOOKING AHEAD

About Thanksgiving Day and the Fast: This year the Nativity Fast begins on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday 28 November. This happens on the average of one out of seven years. Because Wednesdays are also fast days, the Fast effectively begins the day before Thanksgiving Day on Wednesday, 27 November. As Orthodox Christians, we do not break the fast for the sake of secular holidays – and Thanksgiving Day is not a Church holiday – and so we should keep the fast on this day. What should we do, therefore, about the traditional Thanksgiving dinner? We have three choices:

1) We could transfer the family Thanksgiving dinner to the previous Sunday, 24 November, and invite our Orthodox family and friends that day to share our Thanksgiving meal;

2) We could transfer the Thanksgiving dinner to Tuesday, the last non-fasting day before Christmas; or

3. We could keep the family Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day itself, Thursday 28 November, but with a different menu in keeping with the Fast.

Since this is a Thursday, and some Orthodox traditions permit fish on Thursdays, we could substitute stuffed salmon or other large fish for turkey as the main course. There are a number of harvest-themed accompaniments that we could serve at a fasting Thanksgiving dinner: mashed potatoes, yams, sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, turnips, squash, all made with margarine instead of butter and, if necessary, non-dairy milk or creamer instead of dairy milk and cream. Stuffing can likewise be made without the turkey broth, milk and butter, but with the broth of the broiled or baked fish, or simply without broth. There are several commercially available stuffing mixes that are fasting. Cranberry sauce is fasting. Instead of pumpkin pie, we can serve instead a fruit pie with a fasting crust: apple, blueberry or rhubarb.

And so we can still have a festive meal on Thanksgiving, and yet observe the Fast. Please remember, though, that we should be reasonable in our consumption, for gluttony is a sin, and the point of the fast is to bring our appetites under control. So let us not go overboard by devouring huge quantities of food.