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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *(Tone 4)*

Translation of Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew; Apostle Titus of the 70

SERVICES AT ST ELIZABETH'S

13th SUNDAY after PENTECOST *(Tone 4)*
Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus
Saturday, 6 September (24 August o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions
Sunday, 7 September (25 August o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Trapeza (coffee hour)

BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER
Wednesday, 10 September (28 August o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions
Thursday, 11 September (29 August o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Litya for the Departed

14th SUNDAY after PENTECOST *(Tone 5)*
Church New Year; St Simeon the Stylite
Saturday, 13 September (31 August o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions
Sunday, 14 September (1 September o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Moleben for the New Church Year
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

FAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday	10 September (28 Aug, o.s.)	St Moses; St Job of Pochaev
		Wine & Oil permitted
Thursday	11 September (29 Aug, o.s.)	BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER
		Wine & Oil permitted
Friday	12 September (30 Aug, o.s.)	St Alexander Nevsky
		Wine & Oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Su	**13th Sunday after Pentecost**	
	2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	1 Cor. §166 (16:13-24)	Matt. §87 (21:33-42)
14TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	2 Cor. §195 (12:10-19)	Mark §16 (4:10-23)
Tu	2 Cor. §196 (12:20-13:2)	Mark §17 (4:24-34)
W	2 Cor. §197 (13:3-14)	Mark §18 (4:35-41)
Th	Gal. §198 (1:1-10, 20-2:5)	Mark §19 (5:1-20)
Th	**Beheading of St John the Baptist**	
	Vespers Paramia: (1) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18,45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1 • (2) Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7,12,18; 4:4-6 • (3) Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-20; 5:1-7	
	Matins Gospel: Matt. §57 (14:1-13)	
	Acts §33 (13:25-33a)	Mark §24 (6:14-30)
F	Gal. §201 (2:6-10)	Mark §20 (5:22-24, 35-6:1)
Sa	1 Cor. §130 (4:1-5)	Matt. §93 (23:1-12)
Su	**14th Sunday after Pentecost**	
	3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
	2 Cor. §170 (1:21-2:4)	Matt. §89 (22:1-14)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 2nd: George Robinson (+2008).

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 13th (St Aidan of Lindisfarne): Aidan O'Beirne.

Birthdays – 8th: Sasha (Alexander) Ghandour.

Wedding Anniversaries – 9th: Sbdcn Daniel & Elizabeth Lieuwen (2012).

THE REST OF SEPTEMBER

Namedays – 16th (St Phoebe the Deaconess): Phoebe (Addie) O'Beirne; 18th (St Elizabeth): Elizabeth Lieuwen; 22nd (St Anna): Anya Fitzgerald, Mat. Anna Komleski, Zydrune Ann Mladineo; 30th: (Martyr Sophia): Sofia Fitzgerald; 30th: (Martyr Faith): Mat. Faith Straut; 30th: (Martyr Hope): Nadezhda Sexton.

Birthdays – 14th: Mat. Hannah Barker; 18th: Noah George Hotz; 20th: Claudia Maxey; 25th: Andrew Kostadis.

Wedding Anniversaries – 23rd: Peter & Zydrune Ann Mladineo.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 19th: Michelle Straut (+1996), George Schidlovsky (+2009).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

September is the beginning of both the school year and the Church year, and so marks a time of new beginnings. Let us resolve to improve our spiritual lives. We are never too old to learn our Faith. Let us learn along with our children this new Church School year.

We will begin a new Church School program for our younger children (aged 4-10) at St Elizabeth's in September. The teacher will be Elizabeth Lieuwen. We are looking for volunteers to help with teaching, as it will be helpful to divide the children into at least two classes by age. There will be a short get together of all students with Mrs Elizabeth today, 7 September. The first day of formal Church School classes will be next Sunday, 14 September. Class will begin immediately after Holy Communion, when the teachers lead their pupils downstairs to the church hall. Lessons will continue until after the Prayers of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion, when Fr David comes downstairs to bless the food. Please enroll your children. Many parents have their children engaged in sports, music, and foreign languages; but spiritual education is far more important!

The Feast of the Beheading of St John the Baptist (29 August / 11 September) is also a fast day on whatever day it falls. On this day we celebrate the memory of the Saint whom our Saviour was the greatest born of woman (cf. St Luke 7:28), but we also mourn his death at the hands of the iniquitous Herod through the wicked machinations of Herodias and Salome. We abstain from all animal products and fish on this Holy Day. In Russian practice wine and oil are always permitted on this day. In Greek practice, wine and oil are generally not permitted unless the Feast falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

We all remember the horrific events of 11 September 2001. So many lives were lost in the terrorist attacks on our Nation at the hands of Islamic extremists. September 11th should be a national day of mourning and prayer for those who met painful and sudden death on that day. How appropriate that Orthodox Christians who adhere to the Church Calendar already observe this day as a fast in memory of St John the Forerunner!

A Litya (*Trisagion*) for the Departed will be served immediately after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Beheading of St John the Baptist. We will be specially remembering those who lost their lives in the attacks on 11 September 2001 on this anniversary of their deaths. Orthodox Christians who were killed on that day will be commemorated by name at the Liturgy and the Litya.

The Festive Opening of our Diocesan Center at St Alexander Nevsky Diocesan Cathedral at 200 Alexander Ave, Howell, New Jersey, will hold on the Patronal Feast of the Cathedral on 12 September. Hierarchical Vigil will be served at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening, 11 September; the Meeting of Metropolitan Hilarion and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be at 9:30 on the morning of Friday, 12 September. The services on Friday will be followed by a banquet in honor of Protopresbyter Valery Lukianov's 46 years of service to the parish and his retirement. For details call Archpriest Serge Lukianov at (732) 961-1917 or email eadiocese@gmail.com.

Happy New Year? Some may not many know that the Church Year begins on 1 September, old style (14 September, new style). The ancient Christian computation of years also differs from the standard Western reckoning. The years are counted from Adam, and so we begin the Church year 7523 on 1 / 14 September 2014. This computation was the official calendar of the Christian Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire. It was also used in Russia until Tsar Peter the Great changed the New Year to 1 January and began counting years A.D. like the rest of Europe. So make your New Year resolutions!

A Moleben for the beginning of the Church Year will be served at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, 14 September 2014, the Church New Year on the Julian Calendar. Let us praise God for this New Year and beseech His blessing upon it.

Two of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church fall in the month of September. These are the Feasts of the Nativity of the Theotokos (8 / 21 September) and the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross (14 / 27 September). All faithful Orthodox Christians should be in church to celebrate these important Feasts, so do please plan ahead to be present in church for the festal services.

Father can provide written excuses for absence or lateness for students attending Liturgy for a Great Feast. Just let him know you need it in advance.