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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: The Holy Fathers

Saturday, 15 June (2 June o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 16 June (3 June o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (Coffee Hour)
12:00 AM Teenagers' 'Lunch with Father'

St Bessarion of Egypt; St Hilarion the New
Tuesday, 18 June (5 June o.s.)

6:00 PM Ninth Hour, Vespers
7:00 PM Adult Study

Saturday of Souls

Saturday, 22 June (9 June o.s.)

5:00 PM General Pannychida

PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY

Saturday, 22 June (9 June o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 23 June (10 June o.s.)

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

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Namedays – 14th: (St Justin Martyr): Justin Whitacre.

Birthdays – 10th: Gabriel O'Brien.

THIS WEEK

Birthdays – 17th: Timothy Morrow; 18th: James Whitacre; 20th: Reader Nicolas Schidlovsky, Katharine Markevich.

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

THE REST OF JUNE

Birthdays –23rd: Joanna Kostin; 24th: Gabrielle Komleski.

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

SEVENTH WEEK OF PASCHA	
<i>Su</i>	7th Sunday of Pascha: Fathers of the 1st Council
	<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>M</i>	Acts §45 (21:8-14) John §49 (14:27b-15:7)
<i>Tu</i>	Acts §46 (21:26-32) John §53 (16:2b-13a)
<i>W</i>	Acts §47 (23:1-11) John §54 (16:15-23)
<i>Th</i>	Acts §48 (25:13-19) John §55 (16:23b-33a)
<i>F</i>	Acts §50 (27:1-44) John §57 (17:18-26)
<i>Sa</i>	Trinity Saturday: Saturday of Souls
	Acts §51 (28:1-31) John §67 (21:15-25)
	1 Thess. §270 (4:13-17) John §16 (5:24-30)
Pentecost Sunday — Trinity Sunday	
<i>Su</i>	<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)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	19 June (6 June, o.s.)	Ss Bessarion & Hilarion Fast: wine & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	21 June (8 June, o.s.)	Apodosis of Ascension Fast: fish, wine & oil permitted

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will have a special collection at the Sunday Liturgies at St Elizabeth's during the month of June for support of a Reader's family in the Haiti Orthodox Mission of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR). Because of the shortage of priests in Haiti, Readers handle the day-to-day running of the various Missions, leading the services and serving as catechists. In 2012, St Elizabeth's was able to support a Haitian Reader, and although we also took on the support of an Orthodox

Teacher in Haiti this year, we would like to continue supporting that Reader in 2013. In order to support one Reader's family, we need to raise \$1600. We have a family willing to match all donations up to \$800, so the gift you give will be doubled!

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.

A General Pannikhida for Soul Saturday will be served on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. *There will be no Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning this year at St Elizabeth's.* 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 do so as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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.

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.

St. Seraphim's Orthodox Summer Camp opens its registration on-line for the week of 28 July - 4 August 2013. The camp, located in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, is open to children from the third grade until 18 years old. The camp continues to be one of the major activities for youth in the Russian Church Abroad. Children attend from all over America, Canada and other countries. Each day is filled with activities. The day begins with Morning Prayers and The Law of God. A number of priests (including our own Fr David) volunteer their week to be with the children and make themselves available for spiritual needs. Each day sees a wide variety of sporting activities, arts and crafts, hiking, swimming and water sports. The evenings are filled with activities and bonfires. Lastly, Evening Prayers are said together. Abundant adult supervision is drawn from parents and church representatives. The cost of the camp is \$275 until 5 July, after which it increases to \$300. Scholarships are available as well. All information is to be found on the camp website. Registration is available only online at www.stseraphimcamp.com.