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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 2)
THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

2nd SUNDAY after PENTECOST

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saturday, 6 July (23 June o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 7 June (24 June o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;

Trapeza (Coffee Hour)

HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

Thursday, 11 July (28 June o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Friday, 12 July (29 June o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

3rd SUNDAY after PENTECOST

All Saints of Russia

Saturday, 13 July (30 June o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 14 June (1 July o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;

Trapeza (Coffee Hour)

12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Sunday	7 July (24 June, o.s.)	Nativity of St John the Baptist Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
Monday	8 July (25 June, o.s.)	Martyr Febronia Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
Tuesday	9 July (26 June, o.s.)	Tikhvin Icon of the Theotokos Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
Wednesday	10 July (27 June, o.s.)	St Sampson the Hospitable Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
Thursday	11 July (28 June, o.s.)	Ss Sergius & Herman of Valaam Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
Friday	12 July (29 June, o.s.)	APOSTLES PETER & PAUL Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Su	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	Rom. §81a (2:10-16)	Matt. §9 (4:18-23)
	Nativity of St John the Baptist	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 17:15-17, 19; 18:11-14; 21:1-8 • (2) Judges 13:2-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21 • (3) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18, 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §3 (1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80)	
	Rom. §112 (13:11b-14:4)	Luke §1 (1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80)
3RD WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	Rom. §94 (7:1-13)	Matt. §34 (9:36-10:8)
<i>Tu</i>	Rom. §95 (7:14-8:2)	Matt. §35 (10:9-15)
<i>W</i>	Rom. §96 (8:2-13)	Matt. §36 (10:16-22)
<i>Th</i>	Rom. §98 (8:22-27)	Matt. §37 (10:23-31)
<i>F</i>	Rom. §101 (9:6-19)	Mt §38 (10:32-36; 11:1)
<i>Sa</i>	Rom. §85 (3:28-4:3)	Matt. §24 (7:24-8:4)
Su	3rd Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints of Russia	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Isaiah 43:9-14a • (2) Wisdom 3:1-9 • (3) Wisdom 5:15-6:3	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
	Rom. §88 (5:1-10)	Matt. §18 (6:22-33)
	Heb. §330 (11:33-12:2a)	Mt §10 (4:25-5:12a)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Namedays – 2nd (St John of San Francisco): Joanna Kostin, Johan Mladineo.

Birthdays – 2nd: Sbdcn Stephanos Bibas, Audrey Elizabeth Brangwynne; Brian Broderick, Matushka Faith Straut; 4th: Elizabeth Maxey.

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 12th (Apostle Paul): Cliff Paul Brangwynne.

Birthdays – 8th: Nicolas Straut, Gregory Welsh; 11th: Father David Straut.

Wedding Anniversaries – 8th: Dcn Seraphim & Mat. Anna Gail Komleski (1989); 9th: Dcn Steven Barker & Mat. Nancy Hannah Barker.

Ordination Anniversaries – 13th: Father David Straut (Holy Priesthood, 1986)

THE REST OF JULY

Namedays – 14th (St Angelina of Serbia): Angelina Schidlovsky; 18th (St Elizabeth the New-Martyr): Elizabeth Bibas; Victoria Elizabeth Jackson, Elizabeth Maxey; 24th (St Olga): Olga Welsh; 25th (St Veronica): Veronica Whitacre; 26th (Archangel Gabriel): Gabriel O'Brien; 29th (Martyr Valentina): Valentina Babitsch.

Birthdays – 15th: Veronica Whitacre; 22nd: Juliana Bibas; 29th: Jennifer Mary Hotz.

Wedding Anniversaries – 22nd: Cliff & Sarah Brangwynne (2007).

Ordination Anniversaries – 18th: Dcn Seraphim Komleski (Holy Diaconate, 2011).

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 18th: Barbara Tutolo (+2005).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah and Cliff Brangwynne had another baby girl on Tuesday, 2 July (a very popular day in this parish!) Mother and Baby are doing well and came home from hospital at the end of last week. Leana is enjoying being a big Sister! Many Years to the Brangwynne family!

Katharine Cleo Bibas was baptised at St Elizabeth's on Saturday, 6 July. Reader Gregory and Claudia Maxey stood as her Sponsors. Today, during the Divine Liturgy, we will complete the ceremony of her "Churching" and receive her first Holy Communion. Many Years to the newly-illuminated Katharine, to her Sponsors Reader Gregory and Claudia, to her parents Subdeacon Stephanos and Juliana, and to her siblings Hariton, Maximos, and Elisabeth!

A Special Collection for Holy Trinity Monastery is being taken at the services from Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) through the end of July. The financial needs of the Monastery are great. We have a matching donation up to \$1000. Please give generously.

We are in the midst of the Apostles Fast, which began on the Monday after All Saints' Sunday and continues until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on 12 July (n.s.). We eat no animal products (meat, meat products, eggs, and dairy products) throughout the forty days. The general rules for this period are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are normal fast days; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, wine and oil are permitted; and on Saturdays and Sundays we may eat fish, wine, and oil. But since greater Saints' Days frequently brings a further mitigation of the fast from the general rules, it is important to consult an

annual Orthodox calendar to find the correct fasting regimen for a particular weekday.

The Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24 June / 7 July), though not one of the Twelve Great Feasts, is nonetheless a very important Holy Day in the Church Calendar. The Feast falls this year on next Sunday. It commemorates the birth of the Saviour's Forerunner, of whom our Lord said, "Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist..." (St Matthew 11:11) St John the Baptist's holy birth was miraculous. His parents, Ss Zacharias and Elisabeth, were advanced in age when the Archangel Gabriel announced that Elisabeth would bear a son, though she had been barren. And this came to pass as the Archangel had foretold.

The Apostles' Fast ends this week after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul. Every day this week until Ss Peter & Paul Day is therefore a fast day. From 12 July onward we still observe the regular Wednesday and Friday Fasts. And so – sadly – The Feast Ss Peter & Paul is also a fast day since it falls on Friday this year.

The Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul (29 June / 12 July), honours Saints "Peter and Paul, who were separate in body yet united in spirit, the foremost of the preachers of God, the first as Leader of the Apostles, and the other who laboured more than the rest" (Sticheron on 'Lord I have cried...' at Great Vespers for the Feast.) Though not numbered with the Twelve Great Feasts, the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul is nonetheless a most important Holy Day in the Church Calendar. This is demonstrated by the fact that Orthodox Christians keep a Fast of varying length from eight to forty-two days to prepare to celebrate this Feast. All the faithful should attend the services for this Holy Day.

Our Parish's Patronal Feast, honouring our heavenly Intercessor, St Elizabeth the New-Martyr, is on Thursday, 18 July (5 July, o.s.). The Vigil Service will be served at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 17th, and the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM on the Feastday itself. Please reserve these dates so you can attend services for our Parish Feastday.

Parishioners are asked to make monetary donations for food for the Festal Meal on St Elizabeth's Day. This year we are hoping that each family in the Parish will contribute a small amount of money so that we can buy ready-made food and beverages to have at our Festal Trapeza. Please put your donations marked "Feast Day" in the regular church basket.