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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 1*)

Our Venerable Father Sergius the Wonder-worker, Abbot of Radonezh

SERVICES THIS WEEK

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 1*)

Our Venerable Father Sergius of Radonezh

Saturday, 7 October (24 September, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 8 October (25 September, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Friday, 13 October (30 September, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Saturday, 14 October (1 October, o.s.)

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

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 2*)

Hieromartyr Cyprian & Martyr Justina

Saturday, 14 October (1 October, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 15 October (2 October, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Adult Study

FASTING DAYS Week of 8 October

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	11 October (28 Sept, o.s.)	St Chariton of Palestine Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	13 October (30 Sept, o.s.)	St Gregory the Wonderworker Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 8 October

<i>Su</i>	18th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §63 (20:1-10)	
	2 Cor. §188 (9:6-11)	Luke §17 (5:1-11)
19TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	Phil. §235 (1:1-7)	Luke §16 (4:37-44)
<i>Tu</i>	Phil. §236 (1:8-14)	Luke §18 (5:12-16)
<i>W</i>	Phil. §237 (1:12-20a)	Luke §21 (5:33-39)
<i>Th</i>	Phil. §238 (1:20b-27a)	Luke §23 (6:12-19)
<i>F</i>	Phil. §239 (1:27-2:4)	Luke §24 (6:17-23a)
<i>Sa</i>	PROTECTION OF THE ALL-HOLY THEOTOKOS	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 28:10-17 • (2) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a • (3) Proverbs 9:1-11	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §4 (1:39-49, 56)	
	Heb. §320 (9:1-7)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)
<i>Sa</i>	1 Cor. §164 (15:58-16:3)	Luke §19 (5:17-26)
<i>Su</i>	19th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §64 (20:11-18)	
	2 Cor. §194 (11:31-12:9)	Luke §26 (6:31-36)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Week of 1 October

Namedays – 3rd (St Oleg of Briansk): Oleg Kostin.

Birthdays – 1st: Nikolai Darenkov; 4th: Ivan Darenkov.

Wedding Anniversaries – 5th: James & Xenia Whitacre.

Week of 8 October

Namedays – 9th (Apostle John the Theologian): John Whitacre; 11th (St Chariton): Hariton Bibas.

Wedding Anniversaries – 8th: John & Tatiana Morrow (1989).

THE REST OF OCTOBER

Namedays – 20th (Martyr Sergius): Sergey Efuni, Sr., Sergey Efuni, Jr.; 25th (St Martin of Tours): Martin Macko

Birthdays – 23rd: Leana Brangwynne, Liudmila Belchenko Efuni.

Wedding Anniversaries – 16th: Oleg & Elena Kostin (1994); 27th: Reader Nicolas & Angelina Schidlovsky (2002).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

During October we will have a Special Collection to help cover our contribution to the Diocese of Eastern America and New York. All parishes are required to give ten percent of their regular income to the Diocese. This special collection will help to minimize the impact of our parish's obligation on our General Fund. Please give generously.

We have acquired a fold-up infant changing station for the church rest room. This should make it easier for our young families. The changing station will cost the parish about \$225. We ask for donations from parishioners to offset this expense.

We have received the large Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God, painted by our iconographer Protodeacon Paul Drozdowski, which will hang above the altar area. It will cost the parish \$3750. If any family would like to donate this Icon in memory of or for the health of a loved one, please let Father David know.

Holy Virgin Protection Church in New Brunswick is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 14 October (1 October, o.s). For those who would like to celebrate this important Feast of the Mother of God with our sister parish, their service schedule will be as follows: the Vigil Service will be served on the Eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock and the Hours and Holy Liturgy on the morning of the Feast at 9:00. Our parishioners should be aware that the divine services at Holy Protection Church are in Slavonic.

Holy Virgin Protection Russian Orthodox Church is located at 301 Handy Street in New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901-2942. For additional information, the parish's website is: <http://www.pokrovchurch.net>

There will be services for the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God at St Elizabeth's Church to help those unable to make the trip to Holy Protection Church in New Brunswick. Our schedule for the Feast will be as usual: the Vigil Service on the Eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock and the Divine Liturgy on at 9:30 on the morning of the Feast.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 chil-

dren 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.'

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.

ADVICE ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH

St Paisius the Athonite

The following is advice St. Paisios gave on spiritual growth after he was asked for his blessing by a visitor:

1. You must take care of the purification of your soul on a daily basis.
2. You must acquire divine justice and not logic, for only then the grace of our Christ will come to you.
3. Before you do something, think if Christ wants you to; then, act accordingly.
4. You must perfectly practice obedience, so you may later talk to others about the virtue of obedience.
5. The 'no' you say to people must be 'no', and the 'yes' must be 'yes'. Do not pretend, but say whatever you think, even if it hurts the other person; say it in a good manner, however, and also give some explanations.
6. You must have and maintain this spiritual dignity; always pay attention to what pleases your fellow monks and not to what pleases yourself.
7. Everyday, you should read a section from the New Testament for the purification of your soul.
8. Do not look at what other people do, or examine how, and why they do it. Your own goal is the purification of your soul and the perfect submission of your mind to divine grace. So everything for the sake of your goal; pray, study, say humbly the Jesus prayer, being aware that you absolutely need God's mercy. In other words, pay attention to your spiritual work.

This is advice we can all benefit from.

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<http://www.pravmir.com/eight-points-spiritual-growth-elder.../>