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**20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)**

**SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**Commemoration of the Holy Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)

**Holy Fathers of the 7th Council; Apostle James**

**Saturday, 21 October (8 October, o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

**Sunday, 22 October (9 October, o.s.)**

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

### 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 4)

**Martyr Longinus the Centurion**

**Saturday, 28 October (15 October, o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

**Sunday, 29 October (16 October, o.s.)**

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of 22 October

Su	<b>20th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §65 (20:19-31)</i>	
	Gal. §200 (1:11-19)	Luke §30 (7:11-16)
	<b>21ST WEEK after PENTECOST</b>	
M	Phil. §248 (4:10-23)	Luke §33 (7:36-50)
Tu	Col. §249 (1:1-2a, 7-11) <sup>1</sup>	Luke §34 (8:1-3)
W	Col. §251 (1:18-23)	Luke §37 (8:22-25)
Th	Col. §252 (1:24-29)	Luke §41 (9:7-11)
F	Col. §253 (2:1-7)	Luke §42 (9:12b-18a)
Sa	2 Cor. §174 (3:12-18)	Luke §22 (6:1-10)
Su	<b>21st Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §66 (21:1-14)</i>	
	Gal. §203 (2:16-20)	Luke §35 (8:5-15)

<sup>1</sup> Note that the Slavonic Apostol and the KJV differ over the division of the text in verses 2 and 3.

## FASTING DAYS Week of 15 October

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	25 October (12 Oct, o.s.)	St Martin the Merciful of Tours Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	27 October (14 Oct, o.s.)	GM Parasceva; St Job of Pochaev Wine & Oil permitted

## 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.

**Many Thanks to the family who pledged funds** to completely pay for our new Kursk Root Icon of the Theotokos. God bless them for their generosity for the beautification of His holy temple!

**Many thanks to the family who gave the funds** to pay for the fold-up infant changing station for the church rest room. May the Lord bless them for making life easier for the young families in our parish!

**The Icon of Christ the Great High Priest**, painted by our iconographer Protodeacon Paul Drozdowski, which hangs in the High Place directly behind the Holy Table on east wall of the Altar, has not yet been fully paid for. Two generous friends of the parish together have already given \$500 toward the Icon, but the total cost is \$3000. Please prayerfully consider donating for this worthy cause.

## 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 children 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.'

**The Feast of St John of Kronstadt's** Glorification falls on 1 November (19 October, o.s.) in our Russian Church Abroad, the day on which the Saint was glorified (canonized) by the Synod of Bishops, which also happens to be the date of his birth in 1829 and his Nameday, the Feast of St John of Rila, his heavenly patron. The Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia was the first part of the Russian Orthodox Church to glorify St John of Kronstadt. This occurred in 1964, 56 years after the righteous priest's repose in 1908, and 26 years before the Church in Russia would be free to glorify the Saint on 8 June 1990. As is usual with the Saints, we also celebrate the date of St John's repose on 2 January (20 December, o.s.), but that day is also the Forefeast of the Nativity of the Lord and the commemoration of St Ignatius the God-bearer. The autumn feast of St John of Kronstadt gives us the opportunity to celebrate his memory without the additional commemorations necessary during his winter feast. But the Bishops of our Russian Church Abroad had an additional reason for instituting this second commemoration of St John of Kronstadt: the Vigil of the Feast falls on the evening of Halloween and provides those of us in the Anglo-Saxon world with an opportunity to celebrate this great Saint, while others around us are knowingly or unknowingly celebrating a demonic pagan feast. The Bishops felt that Orthodox Christian children should be in church keeping a holy Vigil to this modern spiritual struggler, who reposed at the beginning of the 20th century, while Halloween is being observed by the society around them.

**We will have a full schedule of services** at St Elizabeth's for the Feast of St John of Kronstadt: on Sunday, 31 October, the Vigil Service begins at 6 o'clock and on Monday, 1 November, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30.

**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. The service schedule is as follows: on the evening of Friday, 3 November: the Vigil Service at 6:30; and on the morning of Saturday, 4 November: the Greeting of the Bishop and the Hours at 9:30, and the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10:00. *There will be no services at St Elizabeth's for this Feast.*

**The Church of Our Lady of Kazan Church** is located at 78 Heller Parkway in Newark, New Jersey 07104. For additional information, the parish's website is: <http://www.ourladyofkazan.org>

**Our Lady, Joy of All Who Sorrow Church** in Philadelphia is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 6 November (24 October, o.s.). We will be joining our sister parish for this Feast of one the Mother of God's beautiful Icon. The service schedule is as follows: on the evening of Sunday, 5 November: the Vigil Service at 6:30; and on the morning of Monday, 6 November: the Greeting of Metropolitan Hilarion and the Hours at 9:30, and the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10:00. A Festal Luncheon will be served afterwards (\$10 donation). *There will be no services at St Elizabeth's for this Feast.*

**The Church of Our Lady, Joy of All Who Sorrow** is located at 560 North 20th Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130. For additional information, the parish's website is: <http://www.churchofourlady.net>

