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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 4)
Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt

Tuesday, 31 October (18 October, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 1 November (19 October, o.s.)

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

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 5)

Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

Saturday, 4 November (22 October, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 5 November (23 October, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 28 October

22ND WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	Col. §255 (2:13-20)	Luke §43 (9:18-22)
<i>Tu</i>	Col. §256 (2:20-3:3)	Luke §44 (9:23-27)
<i>W</i>	Col. §259 (3:17-4:1)	Luke §47 (9:44-50)
<i>Th</i>	Col. §260 (4:2-9)	Luke §48 (9:49-56)
<i>F</i>	Col. §261 (4:10-18)	Luke §50 (10:1-15)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Cor. §178 (5:1-10a)	Luke §29 (7:1-10)
<i>Su</i>	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	
	11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §67 (21:15-25)	
	Gal. §215 (6:11-18)	Luke §83 (16:19-31)

FASTING DAYS Week of 28 October

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 November (19 Oct, o.s.)	St John of Kronstadt Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	3 November (21 Oct, o.s.)	St Hilarion the Great Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the final Sunday for the special collection to help cover our contribution to the Diocese of Eastern America and New York. If you have already donated may the Lord bless you. If you have not, please consider giving today.

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.

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>

Daylight Savings Time ends next Saturday. Next Sunday, the first Sunday of November, we return to 'real time' (i.e. Eastern Standard Time.) So remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday evening, or you will be at church early!

We will be collecting toys for the Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County's 'Christmas Care' Program during the month of November. These toys will be given at Christmas to children whose father or mother is

incarcerated at the Somerset County Jail. The Jail Chaplaincy asks that the toys be new, of a non-violent nature, and within the price range of \$10.00 to \$25.00. Please help make Christmas brighter for some child who is separated from their parent at Christmas.

We will also be collecting personal care items during the month of November for the Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County's 'Christmas Care' Program. These items will be given to each Inmate incarcerated at the Jail at Christmas. In this way we can show Christ's love to those who Jesus charged us to visit (St Matthew 25:31-46). The Jail Chaplaincy needs the following items for the Inmates:

- Shampoo (*not* Conditioner),
- Bars of Deodorant Soap (*no* Ivory soap, please),
- Solid Underarm Deodorant (*no* aerosol cans),
- Toothpaste,
- Small *Non-Spiral* Lined Writing Pads, and
- Individually wrapped hard candy.

Please consider donating items to this worthy cause.

LOOKING AHEAD

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>

