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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 5*)
Commemoration of the Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 6*)

Hieromartyr Zenobius & Martyr Zenobia

Saturday, 11 November (22 October, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 12 November (30 October, o.s.)

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

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 7*)

S t Paul the Confessor, Bp of Constantinople

Saturday, 18 November (5 November, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 19 November (6 November, 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 5 November

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	8 November (26 Oct, o.s.)	Great Martyr Demetrius Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	10 November (28 Oct, o.s.)	St Job of Pochaev Wine & Oil permitted

FASTING DAYS

Week of 12 November

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	15 November (2 Nov, o.s.)	Martyr Acyndinus & those with him Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	17 November (4 Nov, o.s.)	St Joannicius & HM Nestor Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 5 November

Su	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §67 (21:15-25)</i>	
	Gal. §215 (6:11-18)	Luke §83 (16:19-31)
23RD WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	1 Thess. §262 (1:1-5)	Luke §52 (10:22-24)
<i>Tu</i>	1 Thess. §263 (1:6-10)	Luke §55 (11:1-10)
<i>W</i>	1 Thess. §264 (2:1-8)	Luke §56 (11:9-13)
<i>Th</i>	1 Thess. §265 (2:9-14a)	Luke §57 (11:14-23)
<i>F</i>	1 Thess. §266 (2:14-19)	Luke §58 (11:23-26)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Cor. §185 (8:1-5)	Luke §36 (8:16-21)
Su	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matt. §116 [28:16-20]</i>	
	Eph. §220 (2:4-10)	Luke §38 (8:26-39)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 12 November

Su	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matt. §116 [28:16-20]</i>	
	Eph. §220 (2:4-10)	Luke §38 (8:26-39)
24TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	1 Thess. §267 (2:20-3:8)	Luke §59 (11:29-33)
<i>Tu</i>	1 Thess. §268 (3:9-13)	Luke §60 (11:34-41)
<i>W</i>	1 Thess. §269 (4:1-12)	Luke §61 (11:42-46)
<i>Th</i>	1 Thess. §271 (5:1-8)	Luke §62 (11:47-12:1)
<i>F</i>	1 Thess. §272 (5:9-13, 24-28)	Luke §63 (12:2-12)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Cor. §191 (11:1-6)	Luke §40 (9:1-6)
Su	24th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark §70 (16:1-8)</i>	
	Eph. §221 (2:14-22)	Luke §39 (8:41-56)



THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back to Eastern Standard Time! We can all agree that it was nice to get a bit more sleep this morning.

Our own Deacon Stephanos Bibas, who was nominated in June by President Donald Trump to fill a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, was confirmed by the United States Senate on 2 November. Third Circuit includes the Eastern, Western and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania, in addition to the Districts of New Jersey, Delaware, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A short Moleben of Thanksgiving for the Bibas family will be offered at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy today.

The Parish Council meets today (rather than the usual 2nd of the month) during coffee hour. All parish council members are asked to attend.

All Parishes of the Eastern American Diocese have been directed at Thanksgiving by the Metropolitan to take a special collection to be given to the Fund for Assistance to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. The Fund for Assistance has three aims: (a) the moral-spiritual education of youth, (b) the financial assistance of the needy clergy of our Church, and (c) the care for those in dire need throughout the world through an Emergency Relief Fund. At St Elizabeth's, we will be asking for special donations for this worthy cause on the Sundays of November. Please give generously.

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.

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.

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>

Father David will be away from the parish visiting his 93-year-old Aunt in Jacksonville, Florida, from Monday, 6 November, through Monday, 13 November. Should a pastoral emergency arise during that time, please call him on his cellular phone at (908) 208-2367. He will be able to arrange for a priest to see to your needs.

Fr Samuel Kedala will be serving at St Elizabeth's for Vigil and the Divine Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday, 11-12 November, in Fr David's absence. There will be an opportunity for Fr Samuel to hear Confessions during Matins on Saturday evening and the Hours on Sunday morning. We warmly welcome Father and his Matushka and thank them for being with us once again

Next Sunday is the Synaxis of the Unmercenaries, the annual commemoration of the Saints who cared for and healed the sick by prayer and the medical arts without accepting payment for their services. We will have a prayer for and blessing of Doctors, Nurses, and other medical care providers at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy next Sunday. May the Lord bless all the wonderful men and women who care for those who are ill in our society! We are very grateful for their service.

LOOKING AHEAD

- There will be an Adult Study during coffee hour on Sunday, 19 November.
- There will be a Moleben with an Akathist to the Archangel Michael at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 November.
- There will be a Moleben of Thanksgiving at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, 23 November.
- There will be a Young Adults 'Lunch with Father' during coffee hour on Sunday, 26 November.