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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 6*)

Afterfeast of the Exaltation; Holy Martyr Trophimus and Companions

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## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (*Tone 6*)

**SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION**

**Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, & Dorymedon**

*Saturday, 1 October (18 September, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;

Confessions

*Sunday, 2 October (19 September, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM Adult Study

**16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (*Tone 7*)

**HOLY APOSTLE JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN**

*Saturday, 8 October (25 September, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;

Confessions

*Sunday, 9 October (26 September, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM Parish Council Meeting



## NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### LAST WEEK

**Namedays** – Sept. 28th (St Nicetas the Goth): Nikita Smirnov; 29th (Martyr Ludmilla): Liudmila Efuni; 30th: (Martyr Sophia): Sofia Fitzgerald; 30th: (Martyr Faith): Mat. Faith Straut; 30th: (Martyr Hope): Nadezhda Sexton.

**Birthdays** – Sept. 25th: Andrew Kostadis. October 1st: Nikolai Darenkov.

### THIS WEEK

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

**Birthdays** – 4th: Ivan Darenkov.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 16th: Oleg & Elena Kostin (1994).

## THE REST OF OCTOBER

**Namedays** – 9th (Apostle John the Theologian): John Whitacre; 11th (St Chariton): Hariton Bibas; 20<sup>th</sup> (Martyr Sergius): Sergey Efuni, Sr., Sergey Efuni, Jr.

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

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 27th: Reader Nicolas & Angelina Schidlovsky (2002).

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## FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	5 October (22 Sept, o.s.)	Hieromartyr Phocas of Sinope Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )
<i>Friday</i>	7 October (24 Sept, o.s.)	St Thekla the Protomartyr Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )

## SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

<i>Su</i>	<b>15th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross</b>	
	<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §112 (24:1-12)</i>	
	Gal. §203 (2:16-20)	Mark §37 (8:34-9:1)
	2 Cor. §176 (4:6-15)	Matt. §92 (22:35-46)
	<b>16TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>	
<i>M</i>	Gal. §211 (4:28-5:10)	Mark §27 (6:54-7:8a)
<i>Tu</i>	Gal. §212 (5:11-21)	Mark §28 (7:5-16)
<i>W</i>	Gal. §214 (6:2-10)	Mark §29 (7:14-24a)
<i>Th</i>	Eph. §216 (1:1-9)	Mark §30 (7:24-30)
<i>F</i>	Eph. §217 (1:7-17)	Mark §32 (8:1-10)
<i>Sa</i>	1 Cor. §146 (10:23-28)	Matt. §101 (24:34-44)
<i>Su</i>	<b>16th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §113 (24:12-35)</i>	
	2 Cor. §181 (6:1-10)	Luke §17 (5:1-11)

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## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Many Thanks** to those who made the Parish Picnic such a success! Special thanks are due to the Maxey family who lent their grill for us to use and to the two families who helped transport the grill back and forth to church. Thanks to all who brought food, drink, condiments, and themselves! Thanks to those who set up the picnic, to those who manned the grills, and to those who remained

to clean up! This time of fellowship and fun is very important in building g up our little parish.

**Many thanks to those who donated funds** to adorn the Cross and the church with flowers on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**The Exaltation of the Cross is celebrated** for the usual eight days, from the Feast Day itself through the *Apodosis* (Leave-taking) of the Feast on 4 October (n.s.). The troparion and kontakion of the Exaltation are chanted or read at all the services of the Church on each of the eight days. The texts for these hymns may be found in the *Jordanville Prayer Book*. To celebrate the Feast at home, the troparion of the Feast (*'Save, O Lord, Thy people...'*) can be sung instead of the 'Our Father' before meals, while the kontakion of the Feast (*'O Thou Who wast lifted up willingly on the Cross...'*) can be sung instead of the usual thanksgiving troparion after each meal. It would also be most appropriate to sing the troparion and kontakion of the Feast at the end of our morning and evening prayers at home.

**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.

**The Feast of St Sergius of Radonezh** is celebrated on 8 October. St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Howell (Lakewood), New Jersey, will be having services to celebrate the memory of this important Russian Saint. Vigil will be served on the eve of the Feast at 6:30 p.m.. Divine Liturgy will be served on the morning of the Feast at 9:30. All of St Elizabeth's parishioners are invited to Lakewood to celebrate St Sergius' Day with our sister Parish.

**The Cathedral of St Alexander Nevsky** is located at 200 Alexander Avenue in Howell, New Jersey 07731. For additional information, the Cathedral's website is: <http://www.stalexandernevskycathedral.org>

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Holy Virgin Protection Church in New Brunswick** is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 14 October (1 October, o.s.). This year we will be celebrating this important Feast of the Mother of God with our sister parish. The 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. *There will be no services for the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God at St Elizabeth's.*

**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>

**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 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.