

# THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 7*)

REPOSE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE & EVANGELIST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

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## SERVICES THIS MONTH

### 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  
12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

### 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 8*)

St Dionysius the Areopagite

*Saturday, 15 October (2 October, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service (Reader's Service)

*Sunday, 16 October (3 October, o.s.)*

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

### 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 1*)

Holy Fathers of the 7th Council; Optina Elders

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 23 October (10 October, o.s.)*

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

### 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 2*)

Prophet Hosea; Monk-martyr Andrew of Crete

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 30 October (17 October, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
12:30 PM Adult Study

### ST JOHN, WONDERWORKER OF KRONSTADT

*Monday, 31 October (18 October, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Tuesday, 1 November (19 October, o.s.)*

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

## NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Week of 2 October

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

**Birthdays** – 4th: Ivan Darenkov.

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

### Week of 9 October

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

### Week of 16 October

**Namedays** – 20th (Martyr Sergius): Sergey Efuni, Sr., Sergey Efuni, Jr.

### Week of 23 October

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

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

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## FASTING DAYS THIS MONTH

### Week of 9 October

Day	Date	Commemoration & Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	12 October (29 Sept, o.s.)	St Kyriakos of Palestine Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )
<i>Friday</i>	14 October (1 Oct, o.s.)	PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted

### Week of 16 October

Day	Date	Commemoration & Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	19 October (6 Oct, o.s.)	Holy Apostle Thomas Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	21 October (8 Sept, o.s.)	St Pelagia the Penitent Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )

### Week of 23 October

Day	Date	Commemoration & Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	26 October (13 Oct, o.s.)	Iveron Icon of the Theotokos Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	28 October (15 Oct, o.s.)	St Euthymius the New; HM Lucian Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )

## SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS MONTH

### Week of 9 October

Su	<b>16th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §113 (24:12-35)	
	2 Cor. §181 (6:1-10)	Luke §17 (5:1-11)
<b>17TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>		
M	Eph. §219 (1:22-2:3)	Mark §48 (10:46-52)
Tu	Eph. §222 (2:19-3:7)	Mark §50 (11:11-23)
W	Eph. §223 (3:8-21)	Mark §51 (11:22b-26)
Th	Eph. §225 (4:14-19)	Mark §52 (11:27-33)
F	<b>PROTECTION OF THE ALL-HOLY THEOTOKOS</b>	
	<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)
F	Eph. §226 (4:17-25a)	Mark §53 (12:1-12)
Sa	1 Cor. §156 (14:20-25)	Matt. §104 (25:1-13)

### Week of 16 October

Su	<b>17th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §114 (24:36-53)	
	2 Cor. §182a (6:16b-7:1)	Luke §26 (6:31-36)
<b>18TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>		
M	Eph. §227 (4:25-32)	Luke §10 (3:19-22)
Tu	Eph. §230 (5:20-26)	Luke §11 (3:23-4:1)
W	Eph. §231 (5:25-33a)	Luke §12 (4:1-15)
Th	Eph. §232 (5:33-6:9)	Luke §13 (4:16-22a)
F	Eph. §234 (6:18-24)	Luke §14 (4:22-30)
Sa	1 Cor. §162 (15:39-45)	Luke §15 (4:31-36)

### Week of 23 October

Su	<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §63 (20:1-10)	
	2 Cor. §188 (9:6-11)	Luke §30 (7:11-16)
<b>19TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>		
M	Phil. §235 (1:1-7)	Luke §16 (4:37-44)
Tu	Phil. §236 (1:8-14)	Luke §18 (5:12-16)
W	Phil. §237 (1:12-20a)	Luke §21 (5:33-39)
Th	Phil. §238 (1:20b-27a)	Luke §23 (6:12-19)
F	Phil. §239 (1:27-2:4)	Luke §24 (6:17-23a)
Sa	1 Cor. §164 (15:58-16:3)	Luke §19 (5:17-26)
Su	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §64 (20:11-18)	
	2 Cor. §194 (11:31-12:9)	Luke §35 (8:5-15)

## 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.

**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>

**Father David will be away from 14 to 28 October** to attend our Diocesan Pastoral Retreat with a meeting of Diocesan Council in Atlanta and attending to family obligations in Florida. Should you need to contact him, he may be reached on his mobile phone: (908) 208-2367.

**Father Seraphim Chemodakov will be taking the services** at St Elizabeth's during Fr David's absence, except for the Saturday evening Vigil Service on 15 October. That service will be a Reader's service and so there will be no Confession available on the day. Confessions must be done before the Liturgy on 16 October, so plan to arrive early on that Sunday if you need Confession that weekend.

**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.