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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 4*)

**Apostles Stachys, Amplius, Urban, Narcissus, Apelles, and Aristobulus;
Holy Martyr Epimachus**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 4*)

Martyr Arethas and Companions

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 13 November (31 October, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;

Trapeza (coffee hour)

12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 5*)

Synaxis of the Unmercenaries

Saturday, 19 November (6 November, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 20 November (7 November, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Trapeza (coffee hour)

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday, 20 November (7 November, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Monday, 21 November (8 November, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Week of 13 November

<i>Su</i>	21st Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §66 (21:1-14)</i>	
	Gal. §203 (2:16-20)	Luke §38 (8:26-39)
22ND WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	Col. §255 (2:13-20)	Luke §59 (11:29-33)
<i>Tu</i>	Col. §256 (2:20-3:3)	Luke §60 (11:34-41)
<i>W</i>	Col. §259 (3:17-4:1)	Luke §61 (11:42-46)
<i>Th</i>	Col. §260 (4:2-9)	Luke §62 (11:47-12:1)
<i>F</i>	Col. §261 (4:10-18)	Luke §63 (12:2-12)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Cor. §178 (5:1-10a)	Luke §40 (9:1-6)
<i>Su</i>	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §67 (21:15-25)</i>	
	Gal. §215 (6:11-18)	Luke §39 (8:41-56)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Week of 13 November

Day	Date	Commemoration & Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	16 November (3 Nov, o.s.)	M Aceptsimas <i>et al.</i> & GM George Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	18 November (5 Nov, o.s.)	Martyrs Galacteon & Episteme Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Week of 6 November

Baptism Anniversaries – 10th: Mat. Anna Gail Komleski (2007).

Week of 13 November

Namedays – 19th (Martyr Claudia): Claudia Maxey.

Birthdays – 18th: Taisia Seneko.

THE REST OF NOVEMBER

Namedays – 21st (Archangel Michael): Michael Carey, Michael Golikov; 24th (Martyr Victor): Rdr Viktor Skuratovskiy; 27th (Apostle Philip): Sbdcn Philip Hotz, Philip Schidlovsky; 27th (St Gregory Palamas): Reader Gregory Maxey, Alex Gregory Titus.

Birthdays – 20th: Anya Fitzgerald; 24th: Philip Schidlovsky; 29th: Marina Kamensky (Golikova); 30th: Martin Macko, John Morrow.

Wedding Anniversaries – 28th: Sergey & Liudmila Efuni (1981).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special collection for the Fund for Assistance to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia will be taken at St Elizabeth's during the Sundays of November. Your donations help the Fund for Assistance with its mission to assist Youth Programming, Clergy in need, and those in dire need throughout the world. 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 are also 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. The Jail Chaplaincy needs the following items for the Inmates: Shampoo, Bars of Deodorant Soap, Solid Underarm Deodorant, Toothpaste, and Individually wrapped hard candy. Please consider donating items to this worthy cause.

The annual St Herman of Alaska Youth Conference will take place in Washington, D.C. at *the Orthodox Cathedral of St John the Baptist*, from Friday, 23 December through Tuesday, 27 December 2016, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia and of His Grace, Archbishop Gabriel of Montreal and All Canada. The program includes spiritual lectures and discussion groups, church services, the chance to meet other Orthodox youth, and social outings. Youth from age 16 through young adult are invited. The Registration fee includes all lectures, activities, meals and lodging (quad occupancy). Transportation will be provided from the hotel to all activities and services. The cost for the conference will be a discounted rate of \$300 prior to the November 20th deadline and includes lodging, meals, and local transportation. Limited scholarships are available. After 20 November, the price will increase to \$325. Please register early as space is limited. For further information and registration, please visit the website at www.StHermanConference.com This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and socialize with other Orthodox Christian youth and clergy from the United States, Canada, Russia, and elsewhere. We would love to see all our youth from St Elizabeth's in Rocky Hill participate in this event.

Next Sunday is the Synaxis of the Unmercenaries, (20 November 2016) 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.

St Michael's Cathedral in Patterson is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 21 November (8 November, o.s). For those who would like to celebrate the Feast of the Archangels with our sister parish, their service schedule will be as follows: the Vigil Service will be served on the Eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock and the Holy Liturgy on the morning of the Feast at 9:30. Our parishioners should be aware that the divine services at St Michael's Cathedral are in Slavonic.

St Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral is located at 5256 Sherman Avenue in Paterson, New Jersey 07502-2106. For additional information, please call the parish at (973) 595-6674 or (973) 595-5816.

Services for the Feast of the Archangel Michael will also be served at St Elizabeth's Church to help those unable to make the trip to St Michael's Cathedral in Paterson. Our schedule for the Feast will be as usual: the Vigil Service on the Eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock and the Divine Liturgy on at 9:30 on the morning of the Feast.

A Thanksgiving Moleben will be served on the morning of Thanksgiving Day at 10:00. It is most appropriate that we begin this day, which is set aside by our Country as a Day of National Thanksgiving, in Church offering grateful thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings He bestows upon us individually and as a People. In the process of preparing and enjoying our Thanksgiving Feast, let us not allow ourselves to forget the One to Whom we are supposed to be giving thanks on this day.

ELDER PORPHYRIOS KAVSOKALIVITES (+1991)

Instructions to Pregnant Women

The Elder recommended to a certain pediatrician: "Tell women that they must recognize how much God has honored them by making it possible for them to become mothers. From the moment of conception, they are carrying within them another life. Let them talk with the child and show it affection by stroking their abdomens. In some mystical manner, the child feels all of that.

Mothers should lovingly pray for their children. A child, whether already born or still in the womb, can sense a lack of maternal love, the mother's nervousness, anger and rancor, and can suffer trauma whose effects will be felt throughout its life.

A mother's holy feelings and her holy life illumine the infant from the moment of its conception. Everything I have just said should be firmly remembered not only by the mother, but also by the future father."