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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 8)
St Nectarius, Bishop of Pentapolis, Wonderworker of Ægina

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 8)

St Nectarius of Pentapolis, the Wonderworker

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 22 November (9 November, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Inquirers & Adult Study

THANKSGIVING DAY

St John Chrysostom

Thursday, 26 November (13 November o.s.)

10:00 AM Moleben of Thanksgiving

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 1)

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew

Saturday, 28 November (15 November o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 29 November (16 November, o.s.)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

<i>Su</i>	25th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark §71 (16:9-20)</i>	
	Eph. §224 (4:1-6)	Luke §39 (8:41-56)
26TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	1 Tim. §278 (1:1-7)	Luke §65 (12:13-15, 22b-31)
<i>Tu</i>	1 Tim. §279 (1:8-14)	Luke §68 (12:42-48)
<i>W</i>	1 Tim. §281 (1:18-20; 2:8-15)	Luke §69 (12:48b-59)
<i>Th</i>	1 Tim. §283 (3:1-13)	Luke §70 (13:1-9)
<i>F</i>	1 Tim. §285 (4:4-8,16)	Luke §73 (13:31-35)
<i>Sa</i>	Gal. §205 (3:8-12)	Luke §46 (9:37-43a)
<i>Su</i>	26th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §112 (24:1-12)</i>	
	Eph. §229 (5:8b-19)	Luke §53 (10:25-37)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	25 November (12 Nov, o.s.)	St John the Merciful; St Nilus Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	27 November (14 Nov, o.s.)	Apostle Philip; St Gregory Palamas Wine, & Oil permitted
<i>Saturday</i>	28 November (15 Nov, o.s.)	Martyrs Gurias, Samonas, & Habib Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Sunday</i>	29 November (16 Nov, o.s.)	Apostle & Evangelist Matthew Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Namedays – 19th (Martyr Claudia): Claudia Maxey; 21st (Archangel Michael): Michael Carey, Michael Golikov.

Birthdays – 18th: Taisia Seneko; 20th: Anya Fitzgerald.

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 27th (Apostle Philip): Sbdcn Philip Hotz, Philip Schidlovsky; 27th (St Gregory Palamas): Reader Gregory Maxey.

Birthdays – 24th: Philip Schidlovsky.

THE REST OF NOVEMBER

Birthdays – 29th: Marina Kamensky (Golikova); 30th: John Morrow.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at coffee hour we will begin a series of Adult Studies for both inquirers and other interested persons in the basic elements, beliefs, and practices of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Father David will lead these sessions, with questions and sharing encouraged for all participants. The basic text we will be using for these Adult Studies is *The Law of God* by Priest Daniel Sysoev, with his *Catechetical Talks* as a supplement. These Adult Studies should meet two Sundays a month at about 12:30 p.m., after we've had something to eat at Trapeza.

The Law of God: An Introduction to Orthodox Christianity by Priest Daniel Sysoev

This new edition of *The Law of God* will serve for the enrichment of catechists and professors of various schools. Many textbooks, including the venerable work by Archpriest Seraphim Slobodskoy, have become dated primarily in terms of the language used. The old phraseology needs to be expanded and explained in contemporary language — a need that has been met in this work by Father Daniel Sysoev. To choose the proper wording is to find the key to the heart of the reader. Such was the goal of the late author of this book. Father Daniel spent ten years laboring at its creation, working on it until the final year of his life, constantly redoing and rewriting individual passages. And yet *The Law of God* is not the fruit of the labors and efforts of one man, for in the field of catechesis it is impossible not to draw on the expertise of the holy fathers and, above all, Holy Scripture. Upon opening this book the believer will find himself in the catechetical school of Father Daniel, will hear his living voice, and will delve into the profound inner world of this talented priest, Christian author, exegete, and missionary.

Catechetical Talks by Priest Daniel Sysoev

This book is compiled from catechetical talks given by the missionary priest Daniel Sysoev in Moscow. The printed texts of the talks preserve the spoken conversational style, drawing the reader in with numerous straightforward examples and clear answers to the catechumens' "tricky" questions. The majority of those who attended Father Daniel's talks became regular parishioners at Orthodox churches following their baptism. This book will benefit catechists, clergy, theological students, and all who wish to be always ready to give an answer to every man that asks a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear regarding the principles of the faith. Being actual dialogs on questions of faith and the Church, these talks will likewise be of interest to the catechumens themselves.

Holy Trinity Seminary Matching Challenge: For the first time, Holy Trinity Seminary is participating in #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back. Thanks to a generous donor, every dollar you give to Holy Trinity Seminary starting today until December 1 will be doubled! All donations will be matched up to \$50,000. Donate today and help the Seminary raise \$100,000 by 1 December 2015. Invest in the Church's future today and double your impact! For an informative video explaining the Challenge and an online form to donate, please visit the Holy Trinity Seminary website page: http://hts.edu/news_151119_1.html

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 are 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, Small Non-Spiral Lined Writing Pads, and Individually wrapped hard candy. Please consider donating items to this worthy cause.

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.

The annual St Herman of Alaska Youth Conference will take place in Albany, New York, at *Nativity of the Mother of God Church*, from Tuesday, 22 December through Saturday, 26 December 2015, 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 featured speakers will our own parishioner *Nadezhda Sexton*, and *Archpriest John Whiteford*. 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 \$300 and includes lodging, meals, and local transportation. Limited scholarships are available. Please register early as space is limited. For further information and registration, please visit the website at www.StHermanConference.com We would love to see all our youth from St Elizabeth's in Rocky Hill participate in this event.