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SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS (*Tone 7*)
Afterfeast of the Exaltation; The Holy Great-Martyr Nicetas

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION (*Tone 7*)

Great-Martyr Nicetas the Goth

Saturday, 27 September (14 September o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 28 September (15 September o.s.)

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

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 8*)

HM Phocis of Sinope; Ap. Quadratus of the 70

Saturday, 4 October (21 September o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 5 October (22 September o.s.)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

<i>Su</i>	Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross	
	<i>5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §113 (24:12-35)</i>	
	Gal. §203 (2:16-20)	Mark §37 (8:34-9:1)
<i>Sa</i>	16th Sunday after Pentecost	
	2 Cor. §181 (6:1-10)	Matt. §105 (25:14-30)
17TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	Eph. §219 (1:22-2:3)	Luke §10 (3:19-22)
<i>Tu</i>	Eph. §222 (2:19-3:7)	Luke §11 (3:23-4:1)
<i>W</i>	Eph. §223 (3:8-21)	Luke §12 (4:1-15)
<i>Th</i>	Eph. §225 (4:14-19)	Luke §13 (4:16-22a)
<i>F</i>	Eph. §226 (4:17-25a)	Luke §14 (4:22-30)
<i>Sa</i>	Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross	
	1 Cor. §125a (1:26-29)	John §30 (8:21-30)
<i>Sa</i>	1 Cor. §156 (14:20-25)	
<i>Su</i>	17th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §114 (24:36-53)</i>	
	2 Cor. §182a (6:16b-7:1)	Luke §17 (5:1-11)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 October (18 Sept, o.s.)	St Eumenius of Gortyna Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	3 October (20 Sept, o.s.)	Great Martyr Eustathius Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Namedays – 22nd (St Anna): Anya Fitzgerald, Mat. Anna Komleski, Zydrune Ann Mladineo.

Birthdays – 25th: Andrew Kostadis.

Wedding Anniversaries – 23rd: Peter & Zydrune Ann Mladineo.

THIS WEEK

Namedays – Sept. 30th: (Martyr Sophia): Sofia Fitzgerald; 30th: (Martyr Faith): Mat. Faith Straut; 30th: (Martyr Hope): Nadezhda Sexton; Oct. 3rd (St Oleg of Briansk): Oleg Kostin.

Birthdays – 1st: Nikolai Darenkov; 4th: Ivan Darenkov; 21st: Patricia Brigid Williams.

THE REST OF OCTOBER

Namedays – 9th (Apostle John the Theologian): John Whitacre; 11th (St Chariton): Hariton Bibas; 24th (St Zinaida) Zinaida Brav.

Birthdays – 23rd: Leana Brangwynne.

Wedding Anniversaries – 5th: James & Xenia Whitacre; 8th: John & Tatiana Morrow (1989); 16th: Oleg & Elena Kostin (1994); 27th: Reader Nicolas & Angelina Schidlovsky (2002).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Feastday 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.

We are so happy to have Patricia Brigid Williams and her newly-illuminated daughter, Angelina, visiting us from their ne home in Maine. Brigid's parents, Fr Deacon Steven and Matushka Hannah Barker, are blessed indeed! Reader Anthony Williams could not accompany his family this trip due to obligations at work, but we hope to see him on their next visit!

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

St Elizabeth's Annual Fall Picnic will be held on the 2nd Sunday of October instead of our usual Sunday coffee hour. Please plan to attend. It will be a great opportunity for Parish fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns will be provided by the parish. We need salads, baked beans, chips, drinks, and other accompaniments brought by parishioners. Please let Matushka Faith know if you plan to attend and what you plan to bring.

Holy Virgin Protection Church in New Brunswick is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 14 October (1 October, o.s.). For those who would like to celebrate this important Feast of the Mother of God with our sister parish, their service schedule will be as follows: the Vigil Service will be served on the Eve of the Feast at 5 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 Holy Protection Church are in Slavonic.

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>

There will be services for the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God at St Elizabeth's Church to help those unable to make the trip to Holy Protection Church in New Brunswick. 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.

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.