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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)

Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Saturday, 25 October (12 October o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 26 October (13 October o.s.)

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

ST JOHN OF KRONSTADT

Friday, 31 October (18 October o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Saturday, 1 November (19 October o.s.)

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

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 4)

Holy Greatmartyr Artemius

Saturday, 1 November (19 October o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 2 November (20 October o.s.)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

20th Sunday after Pentecost	
Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council	
<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 14:14-20 • (2) Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • (3) Deuteronomy 10:14-21	
<i>9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §65 (20:19-31)	
Gal. §200 (1:11-19)	Luke §35 (8:5-15)
Heb. §334 (13:7-16)	John §56 (17:1-13)
21ST WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	Phil. §248 (4:10-23) Luke §43 (9:18-22)
<i>Tu</i>	Col. §249 (1:1-2a, 7-11) Luke §44 (9:23-27)
<i>W</i>	Col. §251 (1:18-23) Luke §47 (9:44-50)
<i>Th</i>	Col. §252 (1:24-29) Luke §48 (9:49-56)
<i>F</i>	Col. §253 (2:1-7) Luke §50 (10:1-15)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Cor. §174 (3:12-18) Luke §29 (7:1-10)
21st Sunday after Pentecost	
<i>10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §66 (21:1-14)	
Gal. §203 (2:16-20)	Luke §83 (16:19-31)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Birthdays – 23rd: Leana Brangwynne.

THIS WEEK

Birthdays – Nov. 1st: Deacon Seraphim Komleski.
Wedding Anniversaries – Oct. 27th: Reader Nicolas & Angelina Schidlovsky (2002).

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Namedays – 5th (Apostle James, Brother of the Lord): James Whitacre; 19th (Martyr Claudia): Claudia Maxey; 21st (Archangel Michael): Michael Carey; 27th (Apostle Philip): Rdr Philip Hotz, Philip Schidlovsky; 27th (St Gregory Palamas): Reader Gregory Maxey.

Birthdays – 1st: Deacon Seraphim Komleski; 18th: Taisia Seneko; 20th: Anya Fitzgerald; 24th: Philip Schidlovsky; 30th: John Morrow.

Ordination Anniversaries – 5th: Deacon Steven Barker (Holy Diaconate, 2011).

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

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	29 October (16 Oct, o.s.)	Martyr Longinus
		Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	31 October (17 Oct, o.s.)	Holy Apostle Luke Wine & Oil permitted

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the final Sunday for the special collection to help cover our contribution to the Diocese of Eastern America and New York. If you have already donated may the Lord bless you. If you have not, please consider giving today.

There will be no Parish Council Meeting this month. (We had planned to have a combined October-November meeting on Sunday, 26 October, but some key members of the Parish Council must be away today.) The next Parish Council Meeting should be, as usual, the second Sunday of November: 9 November.

Daylight Savings Time ends next Saturday. Next Sunday, the first Sunday of November, we return to "real time" (i.e. Eastern Standard Time.) So remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday evening, or you will be at church early!

Concerning Nuts: The Apostle Paul commands us in his Epistle to the Galatians: 'Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.' (Galatians 6:2) Further on in this Epistle, he teaches us: 'For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion of the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."' (Galatians 5: 13-14) Love for our brothers and sisters in Christ goes hand in hand with our love for God Himself. As the Apostle John the Theologian writes in his First Epistle: 'If a man say, "I love God," and hateth his brother, he is a liar. For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loveth God love his brother also. ' (I John 4:20-21) One of our parishioners at St Elizabeth's has a very serious nut allergy, and parishioners are asked not to bring items containing nuts to trapeza (coffee hour). If you do bring something containing nuts, please label it accordingly and put it on a separate table away from the other foods.

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.

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 will also be 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. In this way we can show Christ's love to those who Jesus charged us to visit (St Matthew 25:31-46). The Jail Chaplaincy needs the following items for the Inmates:

- Shampoo (*not* Conditioner),
- Bars of Deodorant Soap (*no* Ivory soap, please),
- Solid Underarm Deodorant (*no* aerosol cans),
- Toothpaste,
- Small *Non-Spiral* Lined Writing Pads, and
- Individually wrapped hard candy.

Please consider donating items to this worthy cause.