

# THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY ASFTER PENTECOST (Tone 5)**  
**Commemoration of the First Leaders of the Apostles, Peter & Paul**

### THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

**6th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 5)**

**HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL**

*Saturday, 11 July (28 June, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

*Sunday, 12 July (29 June, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

**ST ELIZABETH THE NEW MARTYR**

*Friday, 17 July (4 July, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

*Saturday, 18 July (5 July o.s.)*

9:00 AM Meeting of Bp Nicholas

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Hierarchal Divine Liturgy;  
Festal Trapeza

**7th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 6)**

**Venerable Sisoës the Great**

*Saturday, 18 July (5 July o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

*Sunday, 19 July (6 July, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

<i>Su</i>	<b>6th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Holy Preëminent Apostles Peter and Paul</b>	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) 1 Pet. 1:3-9 • (2) 1 Pet. 1:13-19 • (3) 1 Pet. 2:11-24	
	<i>6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §114 (24:36-53)	
	Rom. §110 (12:6-14)	Matt. §29 (9:1-8)
2 Cor. §193 (11:21b-12:9)		Matt. §67 (16:13-19)
<b>7TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>		
<i>M</i>	1 Cor. §134 (5:9-6:11)	Matt. §56 (13:54-58)
<i>Tu</i>	1 Cor. §136 (6:20b-7:12)	Matt. §57 (14:1-13)
<i>W</i>	1 Cor. §137 (7:12b-24)	Matt. §60 (14:35-15:11)
<i>Th</i>	1 Cor. §138 (7:24-35)	Matt. §61 (15:12-21)
<i>F</i>	1 Cor. §139 (7:35-8:7)	Matt. §63 (15:29-31)
<i>Sa</i>	Rom. §108 (12:1-3)	Matt. §39 (10:37-11:1)
<i>Su</i>	<b>7th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §63 (20:1-10)	
	Rom. §116 (15:1-7)	Matt. §33 (9:27-35)

### FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	15 July (2 July, o.s.)	Robe of the Most Holy Theotokos Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )
<i>Friday</i>	17 July (4 July, o.s.)	Royal Martyrs of Russia Fast: wine, & oil permitted

### NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### LAST WEEK

**Birthdays** – 8th: Nicolas Straut, Gregory Welsh; 9th: Viktor Skuratovskiy; 11th: Father David Straut.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 8th: Dcn Seraphim & Mat. Anna Gail Komleski (1989); 9th: Dcn Steven Barker & Mat. Nancy Hannah Barker.

#### THIS WEEK

**Namedays** – 12th (Apostle Paul): Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Paul Schidlovsky; 14th (St Angelina of Serbia): Angelina Schidlovsky; 18th (St Elizabeth the New-Martyr): Elizabeth Bibas; Elizabeth Maxey.

**Birthdays** – 15th: Neda Cvijetic, Veronica Whitacre.

**Ordination Anniversaries** – 13th: Father David Straut (Holy Priesthood, 1986); 18th: Dcn Seraphim Komleski (Holy Diaconate, 2011); Sbdcn Daniel Lieuwen (Subdiaconate, 2014).

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 18th: Barbara Tutolo (+2005).

#### THE REST OF JULY

**Namedays** – 24th (St Olga): Olga Welsh; 25th (St Veronica): Veronica Whitacre; 26th (Archangel Gabriel): Gabriel O'Brien; 29th (Martyr Valentina): Valentina Babitsch, Valentina Golikova; 30th (Great-Martyr Marina): Marina Kamensky (Golikova).

**Birthdays** – 22nd: Juliana Bibas; 29th: Jennifer Mary Hotz.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 22nd: Cliff & Sarah Brangwynne (2007).

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul** (29 June / 12 July), honours Saints "Peter and Paul, who were separate in body yet united in spirit, the foremost of the preachers of God, the first as Leader of the Apostles, and the other who laboured more than the rest" (Sticheron on 'Lord I have cried...' at Great Vespers for the Feast.) Though not numbered with the Twelve Great Feasts, the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul is nonetheless a most important Holy Day in the Church Calendar. This is demonstrated by the fact that Orthodox Christians keep a Fast of varying length from eight to forty-two days to prepare to celebrate this Feast. All the faithful should attend the services for this Holy Day.

**Concerning Confession and Holy Communion:** Those who have been to Confession during the past two weeks may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy on the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, provided that no serious sin has been committed which would require another Confession and that the other usual preparations for Holy Communion are observed (i.e. attendance of the Vigil Service the evening before Holy Communion, reading the Pre-Communion Prayers, and the forgiveness of others). Likewise, those who have been to Confession for the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgies on the following two Sunday mornings and on the Feast of St Elizabeth under the same conditions.

**There is no Parish Council Meeting today.** The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on the 3rd Sunday of August.

**There will be a Choir Practice to prepare for** our Feast day on Tuesday (14 July) at 7:30 p.m. at the church. The Maxeys ask that choir members make every effort to attend so we will be prepared for St Elizabeth's Day.

**Our Parish's Patronal Feast**, honouring our heavenly Intercessor, St Elizabeth the New-Martyr, is on Saturday, 18 July (5 July, o.s.). The Vigil Service will be served at 6 PM on Friday, July 17th, and the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM on the Feastday itself. Please reserve these dates so you can attend services for our Parish Feastday.

**Bishop Nicholas will be serving at both** the Vigil Service on Friday evening and the Hierarchal Liturgy on Saturday morning. Let's all try to make an effort not only to attend the divine services on the Feast of our heavenly patron, but to come early to greet the Bishop when he arrives. The Bishop should be arriving a little before 6 p.m. on Friday and at 9 a.m.

**We will have a Festal Meal on St Elizabeth's Day.** We are hoping that each family in the Parish will contribute by donating funds and/or providing dishes that the Sisterhood has planned to serve at the meal. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket, marked 'Feast Day Meal.' If you are able to help with providing a dish that feeds up to 100 people, please speak to Matushka Faith.

**The Ladies of the Parish** (and others who are interested) will have a brief meeting at coffee hour this Sunday to finalize the particulars for our festal meal following the Divine Liturgy on St Elizabeth's Day.

**A word on summer attire:** Although it may be warm in the summer, we should continue to observe modesty and dignity in church. Men should wear long trousers and not shorts. It is not proper to attend church services in casual attire such as tee shirts and sneakers. At all times of the year women should wear skirts or dresses, not pants, and the skirts should be at least at knee length. Even in summer, women should have their heads covered, and should have sleeves (even if short) and not straps over their shoulders. This is a matter of respect for the House of God, and for the clear directives of the Holy Scriptures and of Church teaching. Fashion and personal preference should be subordinate to these.

**Summertime is vacation time**, but there is no vacation from God or our Orthodox Christian Faith. The summer season brings many pleasures and opportunities to relax and enjoy ourselves. However, as Orthodox Christians we must always bear in mind the Lord's commandment to remember the Lord's Day and to keep it holy. We sin when we absent ourselves from church for no compelling reason other than our own indolence. When we travel, we are not released from the commandment to worship on Sundays. Therefore, when we are making our travel plans, we should look up in advance the Orthodox parishes in the vicinity of our destinations, and make a point of attending the Divine Services on Saturday evenings, Sunday mornings, and the Great Feasts of the Church. (Going to a non-Orthodox place of worship does not fulfill our duty to go to church on these days.) If we find ourselves in a place where there is no Orthodox Church nearby, we should still mark the time from sunset on Saturday evening to sunset on Sunday evening as a time of prayer and private worship. We should therefore bring our Bible (at least the New Testament) and our Prayer Book with us on vacation, and read the appointed prayers, Epistle and Gospel as a family. We should pray together, and out loud, at the usual times of the church services – after supper on Saturday night, and before lunch on Sunday morning.