

# THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 5)**

**Holy Hieromartyr Eutyches, the Disciple of Saint John the Theologian**

### THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

**14th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 5)**

**Hieromartyr Eutyches, Disciple of Apostle John**

**Saturday, 5 September (23 August o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

**Sunday, 6 September (24 August, o.s.)**

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

**BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER**

**Thursday, 10 September (28 August o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

**Friday, 11 September (29 August, o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Litya for the Departed

**15th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 6)**

**Sash of the Most Holy Theotokos**

**Saturday, 12 September (30 August o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

**Sunday, 13 September (31 August, o.s.)**

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

### NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### LAST WEEK

**Birthdays** – August 30th: Elena Golikova.

**Baptism Anniversaries** – September 4th: Gabriel O'Brien (2010).

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – September 2nd: George Robinson (+2008).

#### THIS WEEK

**Namedays** – 8th (Martyr Natalia): Natalia (Natasha) Prokopenko;

**Birthdays** – 8th: Sasha (Alexander) Ghandour.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 9th: Sbdcn Daniel & Elizabeth Lieuwen (2012).

### THE REST OF SEPTEMBER

**Namedays** – 13th (St Aidan of Lindisfarne): Aidan O'Beirne; 16th (St Phoebe the Deaconess): Phoebe (Addie) O'Beirne; 18th (St Elizabeth): Elizabeth Lieuwen; 22nd (St Anna): Anya Fitzgerald, Mat. Anna Komleski, Zydrune Ann Mladineo; 30th: (Martyr Sophia): Sofia Fitzgerald; 30th: (Martyr Faith): Mat. Faith Straut; 30th: (Martyr Hope): Nadezhda Sexton.

**Birthdays** – 14th: Mat. Hannah Barker; 18th: Noah George Hotz; 20th: Claudia Maxey; 25th: Andrew Kostadis.

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

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 19th: Michelle Straut (+1996), George Schidlovsky (+2009).

### FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	9 September (27 Aug, o.s.)	St Poeman the Great Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )
Friday	11 September (29 Aug, o.s.)	BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER Strict Fast: Wine & Oil permitted

### SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Su	14th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel</i> : Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
	2 Cor. §170 (1:21-2:4)	Matt. §89 (22:1-14)
15TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	Gal. §202 (2:11-16)	Mark §21 (5:24b-34)
Tu	Gal. §204 (2:21-3:7)	Mark §22 (6:1-7)
W	Gal. §207 (3:15-22)	Mark §23 (6:7-13)
Th	Gal. §208 (3:23-4:5)	Mark §25 (6:30-45)
F	<b>Beheading of St John the Baptist</b>	
	<i>Vespers Paramia</i> : (1) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18,45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1 • (2) Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7,12,18; 4:4-6 • (3) Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-20; 5:1-7	
	<i>Matins Gospel</i> : Matt. §57 (14:1-13)	
	Acts §33 (13:25-33a)	Mark §24 (6:14-30)
F	Gal. §210 (4:8-21)	Mark §26 (6:45-53)
Sa	1 Cor. §132 (4:17-5:5)	Matt. §97 (24:1-13)
Su	15th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel</i> : Luke §112 (24:1-12)	
	2 Cor. §176 (4:6-15)	Matt. §92 (22:35-46)

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Month's Parish Calendars are now available** at the candle desk at the back of the church. You may also view the Calendar on our parish Website: [www.saint-elizabeths.org](http://www.saint-elizabeths.org) .

**Remember, the Parish Council meets next Sunday** (the 2nd of the month) during coffee hour. All parish council members are asked to attend.

**Please take a look in the wardrobe in the narthex** and remove any garments belonging to you (Readers' cassocks excepted). There are many forgotten articles of clothing. At the end of September all remaining unclaimed garments will be donated to a thrift store to make room for parishioners' coats and jackets during the cold weather months.

**September is the beginning** of both the school year and the Church year, and so marks a time of new beginnings. Let us resolve to improve our spiritual lives. We are never too old to learn our Faith. Let us learn along with our children this new Church School year.

**The Feast of the Beheading of St John the Baptist** (29 August / 11 September) is also a fast day on whatever day it falls. On this day we celebrate the memory of the Saint whom our Saviour was the greatest born of woman (cf. St Luke 7:28), but we also mourn his death at the hands of the iniquitous Herod through the wicked machinations of Herodias and Salome. We abstain from all animal products and fish on this Holy Day. In Russian practice wine and oil are always permitted on this day. In Greek practice, wine and oil are generally not permitted unless the Feast falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

**We all remember the horrific events** of 11 September 2001. So many lives were lost in the terrorist attacks on our Nation at the hands of Islamic extremists. September 11th should be a national day of mourning and prayer for those who met painful and sudden death on that day. How appropriate that Orthodox Christians who adhere to the Church Calendar already observe this day as a fast in memory of St John the Forerunner!

**A Litya (Trisagion) for the Departed will be served** immediately after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Beheading of St John the Baptist. We will be specially remembering those who lost their lives in the attacks on 11 September 2001 on this anniversary of their deaths. Orthodox Christians who were killed on that day will be commemorated by name at the Liturgy and the Litya.

**St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Howell** (Lakewood), New Jersey, is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 12 September. Vigil will be served this Friday, the eve of the Feast, at 6:30 p.m.. Divine Liturgy will be served this Saturday morning, the Feast Day itself, at 9:30, followed by a festal trapeza. All of St Elizabeth's parishioners are

invited to Lakewood to celebrate the memory of this important Russian Saint and to support our sister Parish.

**The Cathedral of St Alexander Nevsky** is located at 200 Alexander Avenue in Howell, New Jersey 07731. For additional information, the Cathedral's website is: <http://www.stalexandernevskycathedral.org>

**Two of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church** fall in the month of September. These are the Feasts of the Nativity of the Theotokos (8 / 21 September) and the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross (14 / 27 September). All faithful Orthodox Christians should be in church to celebrate these important Feasts, so do please plan ahead to be present in church for the festal services.

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## ORTHOPRAXIS

### The Six Psalms

The Vigil Service that we serve every Saturday night, and on the eve of major holy days, is composed of Vespers, Matins, and First Hour. Matins begins with the solemn reading of the Six Psalms. The reading begins with the threefold repetition of the words, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men* (Luke 2:14) followed by Psalms 3, 37, 62, 87, 102 and 142 (Septuagint numbering; 3, 38, 63, 88, 103 and 146 in the King James Bible). During this time the lights are put out, and the church is in darkness to remind us of how our Lord came to be born quietly in the night, and to help us concentrate on our prayers more fervently. At the end the Six Psalms are followed by the Great Ectenia (the Litany, *In peace let us pray to the Lord*), and the lights are again lit.

The appointed Psalms encompass the entire range of experience in the Christian life, both joy and sorrow. Furthermore, we stand still and do not move around. At the beginning of Psalm 87, the priest leaves the Altar and stands before the Royal Doors and continues reading the appointed prayers which he began inside the Altar.

These prayers include petitions for the people standing in church, that they be forgiven their sins, that they be given true faith and sincere love, that their works may be blessed, and that they be made worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The time of the reading of the Six Psalms also represents the that great and fearful Last Judgement, and tradition holds that the Last Judgement will take no more time than the reading of the Six Psalm. For this reason we should stand with attention and deep reverence, and not move about in the church, or light candles.