

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA: Myrrhbearers

Saturday, 3 May (20 April o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 4 May (21 April o.s.)

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

4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: The Paralytic

Saturday, 10 May (27 April o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 11 May (28 April o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:00 PM Teenagers' 'Lunch with Father'

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

THIRD WEEK OF PASCHA	
Su	Third Sunday of Pascha: the Myrrh-bearing Women
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)
	Acts §16 (6:1-7) Mark §69 (15:43-16:8)
	Acts §17 (6:8-7:5a, 47-60) John §13 (4:46b-54)
	Acts §18 (8:5-17) John §20 (6:27-33)
	Acts §19 (8:18-25) John §21 (6:35-39)
	Acts §20 (8:26-39) John §22 (6:40-44)
	Acts §21 (8:40-9:19a) John §23 (6:48-54)
	Acts §22 (9:19-31) John §52 (15:17-16:2)
FOURTH WEEK OF PASCHA	
Su	Fourth Sunday of Pascha: The Paralytic
	<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §112 (24:1-12)
	Acts §23 (9:32-42) John §14 (5:1-15)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	7 May (24 April, o.s.)	Martyr Sabbas Stratelates Fast: wine & oil permitted
Friday	9 May (26 Apr., o.s.)	Hieromartyr Basil of Amasea Fast: wine & oil permitted

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST TWO WEEKS

Birthdays – April 30th: Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne;
May 1st: Maximos Bibas.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – April 28th: Oksana Stryzak (+2001); May 2nd: Euphrosyne Carris (+2012)..

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 6th (Great-Martyr George): William George Brien, Noah George Hotz; George Seneko.

Wedding Anniversaries – 8th: Reader Gregory & Claudia Maxey (1988), Sbdcn Stephanos & Juliana Bibas (2005).

THE REST OF MAY

Namedays – 21st (Apostle John the Theologian): John Morrow, Jack (John) Welsh; 23rd (Blessed Thais of Egypt): Taisia Seneko; 28th (St Colman of Oughaval): Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne; 29th (St Brendan the Voyager): Brendan (Christopher) Brav.

Birthdays – 12th: Olga Welsh; 28th: Johan Mladineo; 31st: Valentina Babitsch.

Wedding Anniversaries – 15th: James & Olga Welsh; 26th: Frank & Nina Fitzgerald (1996).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual special collection for the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in the Holy Land will be taken at the Sunday Liturgies at St Elizabeth's during the month of May. What we collect will be sent to the Synod of Bishops for the R.E.M. in June. This collection (taken in most parishes on Palm Sunday) is a major source of funding for our mission in the Holy Land, and some of us have had occasion to receive their hospitality. Please give generously.

The fast days this week are Wednesday and Friday. Fasting on both these days is mitigated due to the celebration of Pascha, wine and oil being permitted.

St George's Church in Howell is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 6 May (23 April, o.s.). We will be joining our sister parish for this Feast of one the Orthodox Church's most venerated Saints. Their service schedule is as follows: the Vigil Service will be served on the Eve of the Feast at 6:30 and the Holy Liturgy on the morning of the Feast at 9:00. *There will be no services at St Elizabeth's for the Feast.*

St George's Russian Orthodox Church is located at 57 East Third in Howell, New Jersey 07731. For additional information, the parish's website is: www.stnicholasredbank.com

The May Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month rather than the 2nd Sunday, in order not to conflict with Mother's Day. All parish council members asked to make a note of this and are asked to try to attend, despite the change of Sundays.

ST ELIZABETH'S OFFERS MANY THANKS:

- **To our two wonderful Deacons**, Fr Steven Barker and Fr Seraphim Komleski, who so beautify our services and were such a help to Fr David during Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week;
- **To Reader Anthony Williams**: who served as our Choir Director from January through April this year;
- **To Claudia Maxey and Jennifer Mary Hotz** who helped with the singing at every service in Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week;
- **To Reader Gregory Maxey and all of our other choir members** who faithfully rehearsed, attended, and sang at services, and to **our faithful Readers and Servers** who assisted at the services during Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha;
- **To Claudia Maxey who baked** and donated the Artos for Pascha again this year;
- **To those who made contributions for Flowers** to beautify the church, as well as to **those who decorated the church**, for Palm Sunday, Holy Friday, and Pascha;
- **To the servants of God who cleaned the church** during Great Lent and Holy Week;
- **To those who dyed fourteen dozen red eggs** and donated them to our parish at Pascha this year;
- **To Rdr Nicolas Schidlovsky** who once again put together and donated many beautiful Paschal luminaries to brighten the outside of the church on the night of Pascha;
- **To the servants of God** who did so much to set up our basement Hall for our Paschal Meal;
- **To those who made and brought Paschal Foods** for our Agape Meal after the Holy Liturgy on the

night of Pascha, as well as to **those who stayed to clean up** after the Paschal Meal;

- **To those who donated sweets and filled eggs** for the children's egg hunt after Agape Vespers this year;
- **To ladies who helped organize** the children's egg hunt on Pascha and enforced the rules;
- **To the Whitacre family** who again provided coffee, bagels, and muffins for the parish after Agape Vespers.

THANK YOU!

Fr David & Matushka Faith want everyone in the parish to know to grateful they are for such wonderful and generous parishioners. The cards and gifts they received at Pascha this year were very much appreciated!

Fr Dcn Seraphim & Matushka Anna Gail, and Fr Dcn Steven & Matushka Hanna would like to thank everyone at St Elizabeth's for the wonderful Cards and generous Gifts at Pascha and the Christian love demonstrated by them. This love has touched them greatly.

Orthopraxis **During the Paschal Season**

Kneeling and prostrations are not permitted in either church services or during or private prayers from Pascha until Kneeling Vespers on Pentecost. This Apostolic tradition has been preserved by Orthodox Christians over the centuries. Kneeling is incompatible with the resurrectional joy we experience during the Fifty Days. Bows from the waist (*metanias*) replace prostrations throughout this period.

We continue to use the paschal greeting, *Christ is risen!* and the response, *Truly, He is risen!*, when greeting other Orthodox Christians until the Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Feast. This greeting is not only for Pascha and Bright Week, but for the whole Paschal Season.

We continue also to sing the paschal troparion at all church services and our prayers at home during the forty days of Pascha. We should begin our morning and evening prayers by singing *Christ is risen...* thrice. The paschal troparion may also appropriately replace the Lord's Prayer before meals until the Leave-taking of Pascha.