

# THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)**  
**Meeting of the Wonder-working Vladimir Icon of the Theotokos**

### THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

**4th SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

**Meeting of the Vladimir Icon of the Theotokos**

**Saturday, 5 July (22 June o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

**Sunday, 6 July (23 June o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

**NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER**

**Sunday, 6 July (23 June o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

**Monday, 7 July (24 June o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

**HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL**

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

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

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

**4th SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

**Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles**

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

**Sunday, 13 July (30 June o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

### FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday</i>	6 July (23 June, o.s.)	'Vladimir' Icon of the Theotokos Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Monday</i>	7 July (24 June, o.s.)	Nativity of St John the Baptist Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Tuesday</i>	8 July (25 June, o.s.)	Martyr Febronia Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Wednesday</i>	9 July (26 June, o.s.)	Tikhvin Icon of the Theotokos Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Thursday</i>	10 July (27 June, o.s.)	St Sampson the Hospitable Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	11 July (28 June, o.s.)	Ss Sergius & Herman of Valaam Fast: wine, & oil permitted

### SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

<i>Su</i>	<b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §112 (24:1-12)	
	Rom. §93 (6:18-23)	Matt. §25 (8:5-13)
	<b>5TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>	
<i>M</i>	<b>Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 17:15-17, 19; 18:11-14; 21:1-8 • (2) Judges 13:2-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21 • (3) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18, 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §3 (1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80)	
	Rom. §112 (13:11b-14:4)	Luke § 1 (1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80)
<i>M</i>	Rom. §109 (12:4-5, 15-21)	Matt. §45 (12:9-13)
<i>Tu</i>	Rom. §114 (14:9-18)	Mt §46 (12:14-16, 22-30)
<i>W</i>	Rom. §117 (15:7-16)	Matt. §48 (12:38-45)
<i>Th</i>	Rom. §118 (15:17-29)	Matt. §49 (12:46-13:3a)
<i>F</i>	Rom. §120 (16:1-16)	Matt. §50 (13:3b-9)
<i>Sa</i>	<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>Matins Gospel:</i> John §67 (21:15-25)	
	2 Cor. §193 (11:21b-12:9)	Matt. §67 (16:13-19)
<i>Sa</i>	Rom. §97 (8:14-21)	Matt. §30 (9:9-13)
<i>Su</i>	<b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §113 (24:12-35)	
	Rom. §103 (10:1-10)	Matt. §28 (8:28-9:1)

### NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### LAST WEEK

**Namedays** – 2nd (St John of San Francisco): Joanna Kostin, Johan Mladineo.

**Birthdays** – 2nd: Igor Artemov, Sbdcn Stephanos Bibas, Brian Broderick, Audrey Elizabeth Brangwynne; Matushka Faith Straut; 4th: Elizabeth Maxey.

#### THIS WEEK

**Namedays** – 12th (Apostle Peter): Peter Mladineo; 12th (Apostle Paul): Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Paul Schidlovsky.

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

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

## THE REST OF JULY

**Namedays** – 14th (St Angelina of Serbia): Angelina Schidlovsky; 18th (St Elizabeth the New-Martyr): Elizabeth Bibas; Elizabeth Maxey; 24th (St Olga): Olga Welsh; 25th (St Veronica): Veronica Whitacre; 26th (Archangel Gabriel): Gabriel O'Brien; 29th (Martyr Valentina): Valentina Babitsch.

**Birthdays** – 15th: Veronica Whitacre; 22nd: Juliana Bibas; 29th: Jennifer Mary Hotz.

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

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

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

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## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Apostles' Fast ends this week** after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul. Every day this week until Ss Peter & Paul Day is therefore a fast day. From 12 July onward we still observe the regular Wednesday and Friday Fasts.

**There will be a Book Sale at the trapeza today.** Please take a look at the books and consider buying some for your summer spiritual reading or gift giving.

**The Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist** (24 June / 7 July), though not one of the Twelve Great Feasts, is nonetheless a very important Holy Day in the Church Calendar. Nearly every Orthodox parish has services on this Feastday. It commemorates the birth of the Saviour's Forerunner, of whom our Lord said, "Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist..." (St Matthew 11:11) St John the Baptist's holy birth was miraculous. His parents, Ss Zacharias and Elisabeth, were advanced in age when the Archangel Gabriel announced that Elisabeth would bear a son, though she had been barren. And this came to pass as the Archangel had foretold.

**Our Lady of Tikhvin Church**, part of the Cathedral Parish of St Alexander Nevsky, in Howell (Lakewood), New Jersey, is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 9 July. Vigil will be served on the eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock. Divine Liturgy will be served on the morning of the Feast at 9:30, followed by a festal trapeza. All of St Elizabeth's parishioners are invited to Lakewood to celebrate this important Russian Icon of the Theotokos and to support our sister Parish.

**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 previous two weeks may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy on the Feasts of the Nativity of St John the Baptist and the Holy Apostles 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 the Nativity of St John the Baptist or the Holy Apostles 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.

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

**We are very pleased that Metropolitan Hilarion** has agreed to be with us for the Divine Liturgy on St Elizabeth's Day. The meeting of the Metropolitan will be at 9:00 on

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

**We will have a Festal Meal on St Elizabeth's Day.** *Because St Elizabeth's Day is also a fast day this year, the dishes we serve may not contain meat, eggs, or dairy products. But since this is our Patronal Feast, fish, wine, and oil are permitted at the meal.* 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.