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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 5*)

Our Venerable Fathers Thomas of Mt Maleum & Acacius of Mt Sinai

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

6th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (*Tone 5*)

St Thomas of Mt Maleon; St Acacius of Sinai

Saturday, 19 July (6 July o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 20 July (7 July o.s.)

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

7th SUNDAY after PENTECOST (*Tone 6*)

Holy Fathers of the 1st 6 Ecumenical Councils

Saturday, 26 July (13 July o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 27 July (14 July o.s.)

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

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

<i>Wednesday</i>	23 July (10 July, o.s.)	Robe of the Lord; St Antony of Kiev Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	25 July (12 July, o.s.)	Martyrs Proclus & Hilary of Ancyra Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

<i>Su</i>	6th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §114 (24:36-53)	
	Rom. §110 (12:6-14)	Matt. §29 (9:1-8)
7TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
<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>	7th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §63 (20:1-10)	
	Rom. §116 (15:1-7)	Matt. §33 (9:27-35)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Namedays – 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).

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 24th (St Olga): Olga Welsh; 25th (St Veronica): Veronica Whitacre; 26th (Archangel Gabriel): Gabriel O'Brien.

Birthdays – 22nd: Juliana Bibas.

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

THE REST OF JULY

Namedays – 29th (Martyr Valentina): Valentina Babitsch.

Birthdays – 29th: Jennifer Mary Hotz.

AUGUST

Namedays – 1st (St Seraphim of Sarov): Seraphima Morrow.

Birthdays – 3rd: Alexei Darenkov, Andrew Welsh; 13th: Mat. Anna Gail Komleski; 19th: John Whitacre; 27th: William Patrick Brien; 28th: Andrew O'Brien.

Wedding Anniversaries – 29th: Daniel & Nadezhda Sexton (2010).

Baptism Anniversaries – 9th: Dcn Seraphim Komleski (1976); 19th: Nicolas Straut (1995).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to the Hotz and Morrow families for making sure that we had beautiful music for the Vigil Service yesterday evening! In particular we thank

Jennifer Mary Hotz and Timothy Morrow for directing the choir last night in the absence of Reader Gregory and Claudia Maxey.

And many thanks to Juliana Bibas for directing the choir today for the Divine Liturgy today!

Reader Daniel Lieuwen was ordained a Subdeacon by Metropolitan Hilarion during the Sixth Hour on the Feast of St Elizabeth the New Martyr this past Friday. The day was made more joyful by the presence of his parents, Francis and Trena Lieuwen, who have visited our little parish several times in the past. Many years to the newly ordained Subdeacon Daniel, to his proud wife, Elizabeth, and the entire Lieuwen family!

Many Thanks to all who helped make our Patronal Feast such a success:

- **To Fr Deacons Seraphim and Steven**, Subdeacons Stephanos and Daniel, our Readers, and Servers who assisted at the festal services;
- **To Claudia Maxey** for arranging the music and choir rehearsals for the Feastday;
- **To Reader Gregory** for directing the choir on the Feastday;
- **To the choir members** who attended rehearsals and those who sang at the festal services;
- **To the servants of God who cleaned** the church for St Elizabeth's Day;
- **To the servant of God who picked up** so many beautiful flowers for the church on the Feast;
- **To the servants of God who arranged** the flowers and decorated the church for the Feastday;
- **To Matushka Faith** who coordinated our Festal Meal after the Holy Liturgy on St Elizabeth's Day;
- **To those who made monetary donations** for food for our festal meal;
- **To the servant of God who did the shopping** for the many foods and supplies for the festal meal;
- **To the servants of God who prepared** the dishes and desserts served at the festal meal;
- **To those who set up** for the Festal Meal on St Elizabeth's Day.
- **To those who stayed to clean up** after the meal.

We are blessed today to have the Kalish family with us. Fr Kevin and Matushka Erin Marie were our parishioners several years ago. They had their first home in Princeton and their eldest child, Elizabeth Anna, was baptised here at St Elizabeth's. Fr Kevin was our first parish deacon, having been ordained during his sojourn in New Jersey while a graduate student at Princeton University. The Kalish family has grown by two more children, James and Mary, and they are now transplanted New Englanders living in Massachusetts. Fr Kevin is the Rector of the Church of

the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia in Norwich, Connecticut. (Father David is no longer going to feel sorry for himself because he lives a mere half an hour away from his own church!) The Kalishes were with us for the Vigil Service and the Divine Liturgy on our Patronal Feast this past Friday. 18 July 2014 was a very significant day for Fr Kevin and Matushka Erin Marie because it was their tenth wedding anniversary. How blessed we were that they decided to spend that important anniversary with us! Many Years to the Priest Kevin, Matushka Erin Marie, and their three children!

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.