

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

Volume XXI

Number 07

14 / 27 October 2019

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 2*) HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ŒCUMENICAL COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES THIS WEEK

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 2*) **HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH COUNCIL**

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

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

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

ST JOHN OF KRONSTADT

Thursday, 31 October (18 October, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Friday, 1 November (19 October, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday of Souls

Saturday, 2 November (20 October, o.s.)

5:15 PM General Pannykhida

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 3*)

Venerable Hilarion the Great

Saturday, 2 November (20 October, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 3 November (21 October, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Annual Meeting

FASTING DAYS Week of 27 October

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	30 October (17 Oct, o.s.)	Prophet Hosea; M Andrew of Crete Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	1 November (19 Oct, o.s.)	St John of Kronstadt Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of 27 October

19th Sunday after Pentecost		
Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Œcumenical Council		
<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 14:14-20 • (2) Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • (3) Deuteronomy 10:14-21		
<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §64 (20:11-18)		
	2 Cor. §194 (11:31-12:9)	Luke §35 (8:5-15)
	Heb. §334 (13:7-16)	John §56 (17:1-13)
20TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
<i>M</i>	Phil. §241 (2:12-16a)	Luke §43 (9:18-22)
<i>Tu</i>	Phil. §242 (2:16b-23)	Luke §44 (9:23-27)
<i>W</i>	Phil. §243 (2:24-30)	Luke §47 (9:44-50)
<i>Th</i>	Phil. §244 (3:1-8)	Luke §48 (9:49-56)
<i>F</i>	Phil. §245 (3:8b-19)	Luke §50 (10:1-15)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Cor. §168 (1:8-11)	Luke §29 (7:1-10)
20th Sunday after Pentecost		
<i>9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §65 (20:19-31)		
	Gal. §200 (1:11-19)	Luke §83 (16:19-31)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the final Sunday for the special collection to help cover our contribution to the Diocese of Eastern America and New York. If you have already donated may the Lord bless you. If you have not, please consider giving today.

Concerning the observance of Halloween, a pious Orthodox priest wrote to his parishioners: 'Please remember that Halloween is a pagan festival and that trick-or-treating comes from the Druid worship of the dead. Our Christian ancestors suffered martyrdom and torment rather than burn a pinch of incense to the Roman gods, yet many parents willingly let their children participate in a ceremony of pagan worship. Please come and pray in church in honour of a great modern Christian Orthodox Saint whose eve coincides with the pagan Halloween.'

The Feast of St John of Kronstadt's Glorification falls on 1 November (19 October, o.s.) in our Russian Church Abroad, the day on which the Saint was glorified (canonized) by the Synod of Bishops, which also happens to be the date of his birth in 1829 and his Nameday, the Feast of St John of Rila, his heavenly patron. The Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia was the first part of the Russian Orthodox Church to glorify St John of Kronstadt. This occurred in 1964, 56 years after the

righteous priest's repose in 1908, and 26 years before the Church in Russia would be free to glorify the Saint on 8 June 1990. As is usual with the Saints, we also celebrate the date of St John's repose on 2 January (20 December, o.s.), but that day is also the Forefeast of the Nativity of the Lord and the commemoration of St Ignatius the God-bearer. The autumn feast of St John of Kronstadt gives us the opportunity to celebrate his memory without the additional commemorations necessary during his winter feast. But the Bishops of our Russian Church Abroad had an additional reason for instituting this second commemoration of St John of Kronstadt: the Vigil of the Feast falls on the evening of Halloween and provides those of us in the Anglo-Saxon world with an opportunity to celebrate this great Saint, while others around us are knowingly or unknowingly celebrating a demonic pagan feast. The Bishops felt that Orthodox Christian children should be in church keeping a holy Vigil to this modern spiritual struggler, who reposed at the beginning of the 20th century, while Halloween is being observed by the society around them.

We will have a full schedule of services at St Elizabeth's for the Feast of St John of Kronstadt: on the Eve of the Feast, 31 October, the Vigil Service begins at 6 o'clock and on the morning of the Feast, 1 November, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30, preceded by the Hours at 9:10.

Daylight Savings Time ends next Saturday. Next Sunday, the first Sunday of November, we return to 'real time' (i.e. Eastern Standard Time.) So remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday evening, or you will be at church early!

St Elizabeth's Annual Meeting will be held on the first Sunday of November. Year-in-review reports for the past year are to be presented by the Rector, Church Warden, Treasurer, Auditing Committee, and Building Committee. Planning for the current year will also take place. Parishioner concerns will be heard, and Parish Council members for the coming year elected. All voting members of the Parish are asked to attend.

Those attending the Annual Meeting are asked to bring a dish of food for the meal that will precede the Meeting. Please let Matushka know what you plan to bring.

We have a few individuals and families who regularly attend services at St Elizabeth's, and even confess and commune, but have not yet sought to become formal members of the Parish. If you are one of these and would like to be a formal member of the Parish, please speak to Fr David about this.

All Parishes of the Eastern American Diocese have been directed at Thanksgiving by the Metropolitan to take a special collection to be given to the Fund for Assistance to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. The Fund for Assistance has three aims: (a) the moral-spiritual education of youth, (b) the financial assistance of the needy clergy of our Church, and (c) the care for those in dire need throughout the world through an Emergency Relief Fund. At St Elizabeth's, we will be asking for special donations for this worthy cause on the Sundays of November. Please give generously.

We will be collecting toys for the Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County's 'Christmas Care' Program during the month of November. These toys will be given at Christmas to children whose father or mother is incarcerated at the Somerset County Jail. The Jail Chaplaincy asks that the toys be new, of a non-violent nature, and within the price range of \$10.00 to \$25.00. Please help make Christmas brighter for some child who is separated from their parent at Christmas.

We will also be collecting personal care items during the month of November for the Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County's 'Christmas Care' Program. These items will be given to each Inmate incarcerated at the Jail at Christmas. In this way we can show Christ's love to those who Jesus charged us to visit (St Matthew 25:31-46). The Jail Chaplaincy needs the following items for the Inmates:

- Shampoo (*not* Conditioner),
- Bars of Deodorant Soap (*no* Ivory soap, please),
- Solid Underarm Deodorant (*no* aerosol cans),
- Toothpaste.

Please consider donating items to this worthy cause.

Our Lady of Kazan Church in Newark is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 4 November (22 October, o.s). We will be joining our sister parish for this Feast of one the Mother of God's most venerated Icons. The service schedule is as follows: on the evening of 3 November: the Vigil Service at 6:30; and on the morning of 4 November: the Greeting of the Bishop and the Hours at 9:30, and the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10:00. *There will be no services at St Elizabeth's for this Feast.*

The Church of Our Lady of Kazan Church is located at 78 Heller Parkway in Newark, New Jersey 07104. For additional information, the parish's website is: <http://www.ourladyofkazan.org>

LOOKING AHEAD

