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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone V

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 5*)
St Thomas of My Maleon; St Acacius of My 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*)
Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Councils

Saturday, 26 July (13 July, o.s.)
5:00 PM Vigil Service *at St Vladimir's, Jackson*
No Vigil Service at St Elizabeth's

Sunday, 27 July (14 July, o.s.)
9:10 AM Divine Liturgy *at St Vladimir's, Jackson*
No Divine Liturgy at St Elizabeth's

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 7*)
Prophet Ezekiel; Ss Symeon & John

Saturday, 2 August (20 July, o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 3 August (21 July, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 8*)
Apostles Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, & Parmenas

Saturday, 9 August (27 July, o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 10 August (28 July, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 1*)
Apostles Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, & Parmenas

Saturday, 9 August (27 July, o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 10 August (28 July, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

FASTING DAYS Week of 20 July

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 20 July

Su	6th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §114 (24:36-53)	
	Rom. §110 (12:6-14)	Mt §29 (9:1-8)
7TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	1 Cor. §134 (5:9-6:11)	Mt §56 (13:54-58)
Tu	1 Cor. §136 (6:20b-7:12)	Mt §57 (14:1-13)
W	1 Cor. §137 (7:12b-24)	Mt §60 (14:35-15:11)
Th	1 Cor. §138 (7:24-35)	Mt §61 (15:12-21)
F	1 Cor. §139 (7:35-8:7)	Mt §63 (15:29-31)
Sa	Rom. §108 (12:1-3)	Mt §39 (10:37-11:1)
Su	7th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §63 (20:1-10)	
	Rom. §116 (15:1-7)	Mt §33 (9:27-35)

FASTING DAYS Week of 27 July

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	30 July (17 July, o.s.)	Great Martyrs Marina (Margaret) Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
Friday	1 August (19 July, o.s.)	St Seraphim of Sarov Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 27 July

Su	7th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §63 (20:1-10)	
	Rom. §116 (15:1-7)	Mt §33 (9:27-35)
8TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	1 Cor. §142 (9:13-18)	Mt §65 (16:1-6)
Tu	1 Cor. §144 (10:5-12)	Mt §66 (16:6-12)
W	1 Cor. §145 (10:12-22)	Mt §68 (16:20-24)
Th	1 Cor. §147 (10:28-11:7)	Mt §69 (16:24-28)
F	1 Cor. §148 (11:8-22)	Mt §71 (17:10-18)
Sa	Rom. §111 (13:1-10)	Mt §47 (12:30-37)
Su	8th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §64 (20:11-18)	
	1 Cor. §124 (1:10-18)	Mt §58 (14:14-22)

FASTING DAYS Week of 3 August

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	6 August (24 July, o.s.)	M. Christina; Ss Boris & Gleb Fast: wine & oil permitted
Friday	8 August (26 July, o.s.)	Martyr Hermolaus & Companions Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 3 August

Su	8th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §64 (20:11-18)</i>	
	1 Cor. §124 (1:10-18)	Mt §58 (14:14-22)
9TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	1 Cor. §150 (11:31-12:6)	Mt §74 (18:1-11)
Tu	1 Cor. §152 (12:12-26)	Mt §76 (18:18-22; 19:1-2, 13-15)
W	1 Cor. §154 (13:4-14:5)	Mt §80 (20:1-16)
Th	1 Cor. §155 (14:6-19)	Mt §81 (20:17-28)
F	1 Cor. §157 (14:26-40)	Mt §83a (21:12-14, 17-20)
Sa	Rom. §113 (14:6-9)	Mt §64 (15:32-39)
Su	9th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §65 (20:19-31)</i>	
	1 Cor. §128 (3:9-17)	Mt §59 (14:22-34)

FASTING DAYS Week of 10 August

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	13 August (31 July, o.s.)	St Eudocimus of Cappadocia Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
Friday	15 August (2 Aug, o.s.)	Protomartyr Stephen Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 10 August

Su	9th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §65 (20:19-31)</i>	
	1 Cor. §128 (3:9-17)	Mt §59 (14:22-34)
10TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	1 Cor. §159 (15:12-19)	Mt §84 (21:18-22)
Tu	1 Cor. §161 (15:29-38)	Mt §85 (21:23-27)
W	1 Cor. §165 (16:4-12)	Mt §86 (21:28-32)
Th	2 Cor. §167 (1:1-7)	Mt §88 (21:43-46)
F	2 Cor. §169 (1:12-20)	Mt §91 (22:23-33)
Sa	Rom. §119 (15:30-33)	Mt §73 (17:24-18:4)
Su	10th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §66 (21:1-14)</i>	
	1 Cor. §131 (4:9-16)	Mt §72 (17:14-23a)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many Years to the newly ordained Priest Patrick, Matushka Magdelene, and their sons Basil and Nicholas! Today is the first Divine Liturgy that Fr Patrick is serving as a priest. While Fr David is away at St Seraphim's Camp from 28 July – 10 August, Fr Patrick will be taking the liturgical services and Confessions at St Elizabeth's. Glory to God!

We welcome Archpriest Feodor Kotrelev, the brother of Katya Darenkova, who is serving with us today. Katya's Mother Tatiana, her sister Alexandra, and her niece Militsa are also with us, as is

Nikolai Darenkov's Godfather Maxim. We are so pleased to see them!

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

- **To Protodeacon Seraphim**, our Readers, and Servers who assisted at the festal services;
- **To Reader Innokenty Yanovsky** for arranging the music and choir rehearsals, and for directing the choir on the Feast Day;
- **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 servants of God who picked up** and arranged the flowers and who decorated the church so beautifully for the Feast Day;
- **To the servants of God who weeded** and spruced up the church grounds for St Elizabeth's Day;
- **To ladies of the parish** 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 servants 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.

There will be no services at St Elizabeth's Church on the weekend of 26-27 July. Metropolitan Nicholas has asked that the parishes in the New Jersey Deanery close so that their parishioners can attend the services at St Vladimir Memorial Church in Jackson that weekend for the St Vladimir's Day celebrations.

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: buttoned down shirts and dress shoes should be worn. Men (other than clergy at prescribed times) should never wear a hat in church. 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. 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 is not acceptable 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) our Prayer Book, and travel icons 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.