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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 2*)

Commemoration of the Holy Protomartyr & Equal of the Apostles Thecla

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**19th SUNDAY after PENTECOST** (*Tone 2*)  
**Protomartyrs & Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla**  
*Saturday, 6 October (23 September, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
 Confessions

*Sunday, 7 October (24 September, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
 Coffee Hour

**20th SUNDAY after PENTECOST** (*Tone 3*)  
**PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

*Saturday, 13 October (30 September, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
 Confessions

*Sunday, 14 October (1 October, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
 Coffee Hour

## SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 7 October

<i>Su</i>	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §64 (20:11-18)</i>	
	2 Cor. §194 (11:31-12:9)	Luke §17 (5:1-11)
	<b>20TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>	
<i>M</i>	Phil. §241 (2:12-16a)	Luke §16 (4:37-44)
<i>Tu</i>	Phil. §242 (2:16b-23)	Luke §18 (5:12-16)
<i>W</i>	Phil. §243 (2:24-30)	Luke §21 (5:33-39)
<i>Th</i>	Phil. §244 (3:1-8)	Luke §23 (6:12-19)
<i>F</i>	Phil. §245 (3:8b-19)	Luke §24 (6:17-23a)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Cor. §168 (1:8-11)	Luke §19 (5:17-26)
<i>Su</i>	<b>20th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>PROTECTION OF THE ALL-HOLY THEOTOKOS</b>	
	<i>Vespers Paramia: (1) Genesis 28:10-17 •</i>	
	<i>(2) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a • (3) Proverbs 9:1-11</i>	
	<i>9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §65 (20:19-31)</i>	
	Gal. §200 (1:11-19)	Luke §26 (6:31-36)
	Heb. §320 (9:1-7)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

## FASTING DAYS Week of 7 October

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	10 October (27 Sept, o.s.)	M Callistratus; St Sabbatius Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	12 October (29 Sept, o.s.)	St Cyriacus of Palestine Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

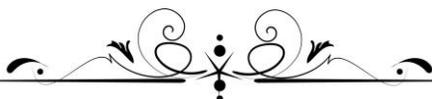
**Many thanks to those who donated funds** to adorn the Cross and the church with flowers on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**Many Thanks** to those who made the Parish Picnic such a success! Special thanks are due to the Yanovsky family who offered their yard for us to use for the picnic. Thanks to all who brought grills, food, drink, condiments, and themselves! Thanks to those who set up the picnic, to those who manned the grills, and to those who remained to clean up! This time of fellowship and fun is very important in building up our little parish.

**During October we will have a Special Collection** to help cover our contribution to the Diocese of Eastern America and New York. All parishes are required to give ten percent of their regular income to the Diocese. This special collection will help to minimize the impact of our parish's obligation on our General Fund. Please give generously.

**The Feast of St Sergius of Radonezh** is celebrated on 8 October. St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Howell (Lakewood), New Jersey, will be having services to celebrate the memory of this important Russian Saint. Vigil will be served on the eve of the Feast at 6:00 p.m.. Divine Liturgy will be served on the morning of the Feast at 9:30. All of St Elizabeth's parishioners are invited to Lakewood to celebrate St Sergius' Day with our sister Parish.

**The Cathedral of St Alexander Nevsky** is located at 200 Alexander Avenue in Howell, New Jersey 07731.



For additional information, the Cathedral's website is:  
<http://www.stalexandernevskycathedral.org>

**The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God**, though not one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, is still considered a most important Feast of the Theotokos. It commemorates a vision, seen during an All-Night Vigil in the Church of Blachernæ in Constantinople, seen by St Andrew the Fool-for-Christ and his disciple Epiphanius, of the Mother of God standing in the air above the assembled faithful, her arms outspread in prayer and draped with an omophorion or veil. Surrounding the Theotokos, they saw St John the Forerunner and many angels and Saints. The meaning of this vision is clear: the Mother of God spreads the protecting veil of her intercessions over all the race of Christians, as our Champion Leader, our heavenly Protectress. The sacred icon of the Protection of the Theotokos depicts two different events that took place took place in the Church of Blachernæ four hundred years apart. In the icon we see the 10th Century vision just described: at the top of the icon, the Mother of God, flanked by angels and surrounded by the Apostles, St John the Baptist, the holy Hierarchs and other Saints, with Saints Andrew and Epiphanius in the lower right of the icon beholding the vision. Beneath the Mother of God in the center of the icon, stands a young deacon of the 6th Century: St Romanus the Melodist, the famous hymnographer, holding in his left hand an open scroll with the text of the Kontakion for the Nativity of the Lord, which honors the Mother of God. St Romanus is with his choir, attended by the Emperor Leo the Wise together with the Empress and the Patriarch of Constantinople. This scene with St Romanus is included in the icon because his feast is also celebrated on the same day, 1 October.

**Holy Virgin Protection Church in New Brunswick** is celebrating its Patronal Feast on Sunday, 14 October (1 October, o.s). For those who would like to celebrate this important Feast of the Mother of God with our sister parish, their service schedule will be as follows: the Vigil Service will be served on the Eve of the Feast at 5 o'clock and the Hours and Holy Liturgy on the morning of the Feast at 9:30. Our parishioners should be aware that the divine services at Holy Protection Church are in Slavonic.

**Holy Virgin Protection Russian Orthodox Church** is located at 301 Handy Street in New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901-2942. For additional information, the parish's website is: <http://www.pokrovchurch.net>

**There will be services for the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God at St Elizabeth's Church** to help those unable to make the trip to Holy Protection Church in New Brunswick. Our schedule for the Feast will be as usual: the Vigil Service on Saturday at 6 o'clock and the Divine Liturgy on at 9:30 on Sunday morning.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**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 Glorification of the New Martyrs of Russia** was proclaimed on 1 November (19 October, o.s.) 1981 by our Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia. As one of the most important of the Russian New Martyrs, it was on this day that Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr was glorified (canonized) by the Synod of Bishops of our Church. As we know, the primary Feast of St Elizabeth is 5 / 18 July, but she is also commemorated the day before on the Feast of the Royal Martyrs, as well as on the Feast of the New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, which is observed on the Sunday closest to 25 January, o.s. St Elizabeth and her companions were martyred in 1918 in Alapaevsk, and so this year is the Centenary of their martyrdom.

**The Orthodox Church of St Elizabeth** the New Martyr was founded on 18 July 1998, and so we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our parish this year.

**Bishop NICHOLAS of Manhattan** will be visiting our church in Rocky Hill on Wednesday, 31 October, for the Vigil Service and Thursday, 1 November, for the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, to observe the 100th Anniversary of St Elizabeth's martyrdom and the 20th Anniversary of our Parish. After the Divine Liturgy, we will have a celebratory luncheon. Though these services fall during the week, we ask that as many of our parishioners and friends attend the services and remain for the festal meal with Bishop NICHOLAS.

**The Vigil of the Feast of St Elizabeth's Glorification** 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. 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.

**Ss Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in South River** proudly invites you to their annual Fall Ethnic Festival, to be held on Saturday, 27 October, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The event will take place in the Church Hall located at 9 Jeffrie Avenue in South River. Free ethnic entertainment will be provided by "Neli and Stacys". The festival will feature lots of great food: stuffed cabbage,

pierogis, kielbasa and sauerkraut and desserts etc. There will also be many great tricky tray raffle baskets to try your luck with!