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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 2)

Commemoration of the Holy Prophet Obadiah (Abdias);

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Barlaam of Cæsarea in Cappadocia

SERVICES THIS WEEK

27TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 2)

Prophet Obadiah & Martyr Barlaam of Cæsarea

Saturday, 1 December (18 November, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 2 December (19 November, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Coffee Hour
12:30 PM Adult Study

ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Monday, 3 December (20 November, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Tuesday, 4 December (19 November, o.s.)

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

28TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST (Tone 3)

St Innocent of Irkutsk

Saturday, 8 December (25 November, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 9 December (26 November, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Coffee Hour
12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

<i>Wednesday</i>	5 December (22 Nov, o.s.)	Apostle Philemon & Company Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Thursday</i>	6 December (23 Nov, o.s.)	St Amphilochius & St Gregory Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	7 December (24 Nov, o.s.)	Great Martyr Catherine Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Saturday</i>	8 December (25 Nov, o.s.)	Apodosis of the Entry Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Sunday</i>	9 December (26 Nov, o.s.)	St Innocent of Irkutsk Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 2 December

<i>Su</i>	27th Sunday after Pentecost	
	5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §113 (24:12-35)	
	Eph. §233 (6:10-17)	Luke §66 (12:16-21)
	28TH WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	2 Tim. §294 (2:20-26)	Luke §86 (17:20-25)
<i>Tu</i>	ENTRY OF THE ALL-HOLY THEOTOKOS	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Exodus 40:1-5, 9-10, 16, 34-35 • (2) I Kings 7:51; 8:1, 3-7, 9-11 • (3) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §4 (1:39-49, 56)	
	Heb. §320 (9:1-7)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)
<i>Tu</i>	2 Tim. §297 (3:16-4:4)	Luke §87 (17:26-37)
<i>W</i>	2 Tim. §299 (4:9-22)	Luke §90 (18:15-17, 26-30)
<i>Th</i>	Titus §300a (1:5-2:1)	Luke §92 (18:31-34)
<i>F</i>	Titus §301 (1:15-2:10)	Luke §95 (19:12-28)
<i>Sa</i>	Eph. §218 (1:16-23)	Luke §51a (10:19-21)
<i>Su</i>	28th Sunday after Pentecost	
	6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §114 (24:36-53)	
	Col. §250 (1:12-18)	Luke §71 (13:10-17)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in the midst of the Nativity Fast, which began on 28 November (n.s.) and continues for forty days until the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord on 7 January (n.s). We eat no animal products (meat, meat products, eggs, and dairy products) throughout the forty days. The general rules for this period are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are normal fast days; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, wine and oil are permitted; and on Saturdays and Sundays we may eat fish, wine, and oil. But since greater Saints' Days frequently brings a further mitigation of the fast from the general rules, it is important to consult an

FASTING DAYS Week of 2 December

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Sunday</i>	2 December (19 Nov, o.s.)	Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Monday</i>	3 December (20 Nov, o.s.)	St Gregory the Decapolite Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Tuesday</i>	4 December (21 Nov, o.s.)	ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

annual Orthodox calendar to find the correct fasting regimen for a particular weekday.

All Parishes of the Eastern American Diocese have been directed by the Metropolitan to take a special collection to be given to the St Herman's Youth Conference Executive Committee. These donations help the Committee keep the fees for the attendees very low. This is important so that as many youth as possible can attend the Youth Conference in December. At St Elizabeth's, we will be asking for special donations for this worthy cause on the Sundays of December. Please give generously.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (21 November / 4 December) is one of the Twelve Great Feasts. On it we remember the presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple in Jerusalem when she was three years old by her holy parents, the Righteous Joachim and Anna, where she remained serving the Lord until she was twelve years of age. All the faithful should be in church to honor the All-Pure One on this holy day.

The Feast of the Entry of the Mother of God is celebrated for only five days, from the Feast Day itself through the *Apodosis* (Leave-taking) of the Feast on 8 December (n.s.). The festal period of this Feast is shorter than the usual eight days due to its falling within the Nativity Fast. The troparion and kontakion of the Entry are chanted or read at all the services of the Church on each of the five days. The texts for these hymns may be found in the *Jordanville Prayer Book*. To celebrate the Feast at home, the troparion of the Feast (*'Today is the prelude of God's good will...'*) can be sung instead of the 'Our Father' before meals, while the kontakion of the Feast (*'The most pure temple of the Saviour...'*) can be sung instead of the usual thanksgiving troparion after each meal. It would also be most appropriate to sing the troparion and kontakion of the Feast at the end of our morning and evening prayers at home.

Father will provide written excuses to students who are absent or late for school due to attendance at services for any of the Great Feasts of the Church. Please notify him in advance so that he can have it ready for your child.

LOOKING AHEAD

Two Professors and three Seminarians from Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, New York, on Sunday, 16 December 2018, at St Elizabeth's for the Divine Liturgy and trapeza. During the meal, the Seminarians and Professors will speak about the current state of Holy Trinity Seminary and one of the professors, Fr Deacon

Andrei Psarev will offer a presentation on: 'the Inter-Council Presence of the Russian Church as a Phenomenon of Conciliarity'.

The Parish gives gift bags in the name of St Nicholas to the children who attend services for the Feast of St Nicholas (December 18th & 19th.). If you would like to participate in this worthy effort, we ask you to give a small monetary donation so that Lenten candy and snacks can be purchased to be put in these bags. Please mark your donation 'St Nicholas Bags.'

A Sister from St Elizabeth's Convent in Minsk, Belarus will be visiting us for the Feast of St Nicholas the Wonderworker on 18 and 19 December 2018. We have had Sisters visit us a few times in the past and it is always edifying. We hope that Sister will speak to the assembled children at the end of the Liturgy and give a little talk to all at trapeza following the Liturgy. The Sisters bring devotional items and handicrafts with them on their parish visits, so there will be an opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts as well.

We still need a volunteer family to provide a bed for the night of 18 December 2018 for the Sister from Belarus. She will also need to be picked up at the train station in Princeton Junction on December 18th and brought to St Elizabeth's for the Vigil Service, If you can pick up Sister from the train station and/or put her up for the night, please let Fr David know.

Ignatius Fiocca will be baptised, Lord willing, on Saturday, 22 December 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St Elizabeth's. All our parishioners are invited to witness the Baptism

The annual St Herman of Alaska Youth Conference will take place in Albany, New York at *the Nativity of the Mother of God Church*, from Sunday, 23 December through Thursday, 27 December 2018, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia and of His Grace, Archbishop Gabriel of Montreal and All Canada. The program includes spiritual lectures and discussion groups, church services, the chance to meet other Orthodox youth, and social outings. Youth from age 16 through young adult are invited. The Registration fee includes all lectures, activities, meals and lodging (quad occupancy). Transportation will be provided from the hotel to all activities and services. The cost for the conference will be a discounted rate of \$300 prior to the November 30th deadline and includes lodging, meals, and local transportation. Limited scholarships are available. After 10 December, the price will increase to \$350. Please register early, as space is limited. For further information and registration, please visit the website at www.StHermanConference.com This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and socialize with other Orthodox Christian youth and clergy from the United States, Canada, Russia, and elsewhere. We would love to see all

our youth from St Elizabeth's in Rocky Hill participate in this event.