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THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 4*) HOLY NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF THE RUSSIAN LAND

SERVICES THIS WEEK

37TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 4*) NEW MARTYRS & CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA

Saturday, 9 February (27 January, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 10 February (28 January, o.s.)

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

MEETING OF THE LORD

Thursday, 14 February (1 February, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Friday, 15 February (2 February, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Blessing of Candles

SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN & PHARISEE (*Tone 5*)

Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord

Saturday, 16 February (3 February, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 17 February (4 February, o.s.)

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

FASTING DAYS Week of 10 February

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	13 February (31 Jan, o.s.)	Unmercenarys Cyrus & John Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	15 February (2 Feb, o.s.)	MEETING OF THE LORD Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 10 February

<i>Su</i>	37th Sunday after Pentecost (Sunday of Zacchaeus)	
	Sunday of the New Martyrs & Confessors of Russia	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Isaiah 43:9-14a • (2) Wisdom 3:1-9 • (3) Wisdom 4:7-15	
	<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §112 (24:1-12)	
	1 Tim. §285a (4:9-15)	Luke §94 (19:1-10)
	Rom. §99 (8:28-39)	Luke §106 (21:12-19)
	33RD WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	1 Pet. §59 (2:21b-3:9)	Mark §54 (12:13-17)
<i>Tu</i>	THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • (2) Deuteronomy 10:14-21 • (3) Wisdom 3:1-9	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> John §36 (10:9-16)	
	Heb. §334 (13:7-16)	Matt. §11 (5:14-19)
<i>Tu</i>	1 Pet. §60 (3:10-22)	Mark §55 (12:18-27)
<i>W</i>	1 Pet. §61 (4:1-11)	Mark §56 (12:28-37)
<i>Th</i>	1 Pet. §62 (4:12-5:5)	Mark §57 (12:38-44)
<i>F</i>	THE MEETING OF THE LORD	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Exodus 12:51, 13:1-3, 10-16, 22:29; Numbers 8:16; Leviticus 12:1-4, 12:6, 8; Numbers 8:16-17 • (2) Isaiah 6:1-12 • (3) Isaiah 19:1-5, 12, 16, 19-21	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §8 (2:25-32)	
	Heb. §316 (7:7-17)	Luke §7 (2:22b-40)
<i>F</i>	2 Pet. §64 (1:1-10a)	Mark §58 (13:1-8)
<i>Sa</i>	2 Tim. §293 (2:11-19)	Luke §88 (18:2-8a)
<i>Su</i>	The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee	
	<i>5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §113 (24:12-35)	
	2 Tim. §296 (3:10-15)	Luke §89 (18:10-14)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special collection for Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, New York, has been mandated by our Metropolitan and the Synod of Bishops of ROCOR on the Sunday nearest the Feast of the Three Hierarchs: 12 February, n.s. A special collection will be taken at St Elizabeth's during the Sundays of February. This collection will help the Orthodox Theological Seminary of our Russian Orthodox Church Abroad to continue to educate the future clergy of our Church in a spirit of fidelity to Orthodox Tradition in a monastic setting. Funds are needed to pay faculty, provide scholarships to students, maintain facilities, and expand programming. Holy Trinity Seminary now conducts instruction in the English language and is

moving forward to with plans to institute a Master of Divinity (MDiv) program. Please give generously.

On Sunday, 10 February, a lecture entitled ‘The Canonization of the Russian New Martyrs at the ROCOR Council of Bishops in 1981: How it Happened’ given by Archpriest Serafim Gan at 6:00 p.m. in the St Vladimir’s Memorial Church Hall, 134 Perrineville Road, Jackson, New Jersey. For more information, you may contact Fr Seraphim Chemodakov at (732) 580-1586 or Fr.Seraphim.Chem@gmail.com.

On Sunday, 10 February, Cherubini’s Requiem in C Minor will be performed at 7:00 p.m. by the *Westminster Community Chorus* in Bristol Chapel at the Westminster Choir College. At least one of our parishioners, Katya Darenkov will be singing. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors. Box Office: (609) 921- 2663 or Online. For information: <https://www.rider.edu/events/westminster-community-chorus-cherubinis-requiem>

The Feast of the Meeting of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 / 15 February) is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church. It commemorates the Presentation of our Saviour in the Temple as a forty-day-old child and the purification according to the Mosaic Law of His Immaculate Mother after His birth. The faithful should attend as many of the services for the Feast as they are able.

The Blessing of Candles is performed on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in some Orthodox traditions, including that of the Russian Church. This custom is also found in the Western Church. It undoubtedly comes from the reference to Christ ‘the Light to enlighten the Gentiles’ in the Song of St Symeon first uttered at the time of the Saviour’s Presentation in the Temple. Blessed Candles are brought home by the Faithful and kept with reverence in the Icon Corner. They are lit as a supplication to Christ for help or protection, as during a storm or in time of family dissension.

Request Forms for Blessed Candle are in the back of the church. These forms help ensure that a sufficient number of candles will be blessed so that no one is disappointed on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord. Please fill out the form with your family name, the number of blessed candles that you are requesting, and amount of your donation, and leave them at the candle desk with your donation. The blessed beeswax candles are the larger size candle offered the candle desk, so your donation should reflect this. The Blessed Candle Request Forms can be filled out any time prior to the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord

(15 February, n.s.). Your blessed candles may be picked up any time after the Blessing of the Candles. Your candles will be reserved for you even if you are unable to attend the Liturgy on the Feast.

The Feast of the Meeting is celebrated for a variable number of days, from a single day to a full eight days, depending on when the Great Fast begins. (To determine the number of days of the Feast in any given year, an annual calendar should be consulted. This year the Feast of the Meeting is observed for eight days.) The troparion and kontakion of the Meeting are chanted or read at all the services of the Church on each of the days of the festal period. To celebrate the Feast at home, the troparion of the Feast (*‘Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos ...’*) can be sung instead of the ‘Our Father’ before meals, while the kontakion of the Feast (*‘Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb by Thy birth ...’*) 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 can provide written excuses for absence or lateness for students attending Liturgy for a Great Feast. Just let him know you need it in advance.

Concerning Confession and Holy Communion: Those who have been to Confession in the past two weeks may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy on the Feast of the Meeting (15 February, n.s.), provided that no serious sin has been committed which would require another Confession and that the other usual preparations for Holy Communion are observed (i.e. attendance of the Vigil Service the evening before Holy Communion, reading the Pre-Communion Prayers, and the forgiveness of others). Likewise, those who have been to Confession for the Feast of the Meeting may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy the following two weeks under the same conditions.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Sunday, 24 February, a lecture entitled ‘Ministry to the Incarcerated’ given by Archpriest David Straut at 6:00 p.m. in the St Vladimir’s Memorial Church Hall, 134 Perrineville Road, Jackson, New Jersey. For more information, you may contact Fr Seraphim Chemodakov at Fr.Seraphim.Chem@gmail.com or by calling (732) 580-1586.

