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SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: Sunday of the Blind Man (Tone 5)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES THIS WEEK

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA: Blind Man

Saturday, 1 June (19 May, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 2 June (20 May, o.s.)

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Wednesday, 5 June (23 May, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Thursday, 6 June (24 May, o.s.)

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

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA: Holy Fathers

Saturday, 8 June (26 May, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 9 June (27 May, o.s.)

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

FASTING DAYS Week of 2 June

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	5 June (23 May, o.s.)	Apodosis of Pascha
		Fast: fish, wine & oil permitted
Friday	7 June (25 May, o.s.)	3rd Finding of the Head of St John
		Fast: fish, wine & oil permitted



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of 2 June

SIXTH WEEK OF PASCHA	
<i>Su</i>	Sixth Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man <i>8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §64 (20:11-18) Acts §38 (16:16-34) John §34 (9:1-38)
<i>M</i>	Acts §39 (17:1-15) John §40 (11:47-57)
<i>Tu</i>	Acts §40a (17:19-28a) John §42 (12:19-36a)
<i>W</i>	Apodosis of Pascha Acts §41 (18:22-28) John §43 (12:36-47)
<i>Th</i>	Ascension of the Lord <i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Isaiah 2:2-3 • (2) Isaiah 62:10-63:3, 7-9 • (3) Zachariah 14:1, 4, 8-11 <i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20) Acts §1 (1:1-12) Luke §114 (24:36-53)
<i>F</i>	Acts §42 (19:1-8) John §47 (14:1-11a)
<i>Sa</i>	Acts §43 (20:7-12) John §48 (14:10b-21)
SEVENTH WEEK OF PASCHA	
<i>Su</i>	7th Sunday of Pascha: Fathers of the 1st Council <i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 14:14-20 • (2) Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • (3) Deuteronomy 10:14-21 <i>10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §66 (21:1-14) Acts §44 (20:16-18a, 28-36) John §56 (17:1-13)

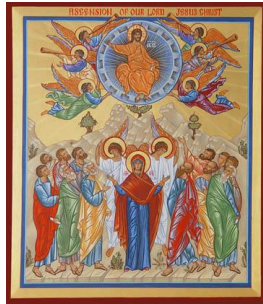
THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Apodosis (Leave-taking) of Pascha, the thirtieth day of Pascha and the day before Ascension Thursday, is this Wednesday. On this day the whole service of Pascha is sung again. This reaffirms that Holy Pascha is not just a single day, but a period of time or season in our Church life. In some traditions, this is a fast-free day, with all foods being permitted, though the Leave-taking of Pascha always falls on a Wednesday. In Russian practice, however, this day is not fast-free, but fish, wine, and olive oil are permitted.

Although there will be no services for the Apodosis of Pascha at St Elizabeth's, there will be services at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Lakewood. Vespers and Matins for the Feast will be served on Tuesday evening at 6:30; and Liturgy for the Feast will be on Wednesday morning at 9:30. What a beautiful way to say farewell to the Feast of Feasts!

The Paschal Office, a short service of prayer that replaces the daily services of the Hours, Compline, and the Midnight Office during Bright Week and on the Leave-taking of Pascha. The faithful also say the

Paschal Office as a replacement for their morning and evening prayers on these days. In Russian practice, the Paschal Office is always sung, never simply read, thereby underscoring our overflowing joy in Christ's Resurrection. The Office consists of the paschal troparion, the hymn *'Having beheld the resurrection of Christ...'*, the Hypakoë and kontakion of the Feast, and a few other paschal hymns. The Paschal Office is a beautiful distillation of the joyful prayer of the Feast. You may find the text of the Paschal Office in *The Jordanville Prayer Book*.



The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, the fortieth day after Pascha, is this Thursday, the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Pascha. On this day we remember our Saviour's Ascension into Heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father. In ascending into the heavens, the Son of God remained united to His human nature. The Incarnation was not simply a temporary condition in order to achieve our salvation, but God remained united to our human nature even in ascending to Heaven and will remain so forever. What joy should be ours in celebrating this Holy Day! The Ascension is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church and all Orthodox Christians should be in church of the Feast.

During the ten days from Ascension Day through the Saturday before Pentecost, the introductory prayers *Glory to Thee, our God. Glory to Thee!* and *O heavenly King...* are neither said in the liturgical services nor in prayers at home. Although during the forty days of Pascha, these prayers are replaced by the triple repetition of the paschal troparion, during the post-festal period of the Ascension, "*Glory to Thee...*" and "*O heavenly King...*" are not replaced by any other prayer or troparion. The omission of the beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit should awaken within us a longing for and expectation of the coming of the Comforter at the Feast of Pentecost when we resume saying this prayer.

Our Parish needs donations for greens and flowers to adorn the church for the Great Feast of Pentecost. If you would like to make a donation for this, please put it in the church collection basket and mark it 'Flowers'.

You may include a Commemoration List with your donation.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Summer Youth Program at Holy Trinity Monastery was established to expose our young men to the rich spiritual heritage and legacy of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad. Its objectives are to nurture the development of the young men in the areas of spiritual discipline, steadfastness and sobriety through a structured program of participation in the monastic community. The dates for the 2018 Program are Sunday, 24 June to Saturday, 14 July. The age range for participants is 15 to 18 years old. During this three-week period the young men will attend and participate in the daily cycle of services and are expected to partake of the Mysteries of Holy Confession and Communion once a week. While attending meals in the monastery refectory they will listen to the daily readings of the lives of saints. There will be spiritual instruction in the Law of God on a daily basis and the young men will work alongside the monastics in their various daily obediences: tending the monastery's cemetery, working in the vegetable garden, caring for the chickens, cooking for the brotherhood, helping with various construction and repair projects, etc. They will also have the opportunity to enjoy summer recreational activities such as sports, swimming, hiking, fishing, campfires, and field trips. For more detailed information on the Program please visit: <http://jordanville.org/summer.html>

St Seraphim's Orthodox Summer Camp, will have its 27th annual camp during the week of 4 – 11 August 2019. The camp, located in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, is open to children from the third grade until 18 years old. The camp was begun with the blessing and encouragement of Metropolitan Laurus of blessed memory and continues to be one of the major activities for youth in the Russian Church Abroad. Children attend from all over America, Canada and other countries. Each day is filled with activities. The day begins with Morning Prayers and The Law of God. A number of clergy (including our own Fr David and Fr Dcn Stephanos) volunteer their week to be with the children and make themselves available for spiritual needs. Each day sees a wide variety of sporting activities, arts and crafts, hiking, swimming and water sports. The evenings are filled with activities and bonfires. Lastly, Evening Prayers are said together. Abundant adult supervision is drawn from parents and church representatives. The cost of the camp is \$400. Registration deadline for Early Bird Discount is 15 July. A camper discount of 25% is applied for all siblings after the first two. All information is to be found on the camp website. Registration is available only online at www.stseraphimcamp.org. If you have questions, please email rocorscc@gmail.com.