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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 2*) NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES THIS WEEK

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 2*) NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER

Saturday, 6 July (23 June, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 7 July (24 June, o.s.)

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

HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

Thursday, 11 July (28 June, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Friday, 12 July (29 June, o.s.)

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

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 3*)

Unmercenary Cosmas and Damian of Rome

Saturday, 13 July (30 June, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 14 July (1 July, o.s.)

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

FASTING DAYS

Week of 7 July

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Sunday</i>	7 July (24 June, o.s.)	Nativity of St John the Baptist Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Monday</i>	8 July (25 June, o.s.)	Martyr Febronia Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Tuesday</i>	9 July (26 June, o.s.)	'Tikhvin' Icon of the Theotokos Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Wednesday</i>	10 July (27 June, o.s.)	St Sampson the Hospitable Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Thursday</i>	11 July (28 June, o.s.)	Ss Sergius & Herman of Valaam Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	12 July (29 June, o.s.)	APOSTLES PETER & PAUL Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of 7 July

3rd Sunday after Pentecost	
Nativity of St John the Baptist	
<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 17:15-17, 19; 18:11-14; 21:1-8 • (2) Judges 13:2-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21 • (3) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18, 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1	
<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
Rom. §88 (5:1-10)	Mt §18 (6:22-33)
Rom. §112 (13:11b-14:4)	Luke §1 (1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80)
4TH WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	Rom. §102 (9:18-33) Mt §40 (11:2-15)
<i>Tu</i>	Rom. §104 (10:11-11:2a) Mt §41 (11:16-20)
<i>W</i>	Rom. §105 (11:2b-12) Mt §42 (11:20-26)
<i>Th</i>	Rom. §106 (11:13-24) Mt §43 (11:27-30)
<i>F</i>	Holy Preëminent Apostles Peter and Paul
<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) 1 Pet. 1:3-9 • (2) 1 Pet. 1:13-19 • (3) 1 Pet. 2:11-24	
<i>Matins Gospel:</i> John §67 (21:15-25)	
2 Cor. §193 (11:21b-12:9)	Mt §67 (16:13-19)
<i>F</i>	Rom. §107 (11:25-36) Mt §44 (12:1-8)
<i>Sa</i>	Rom. §92 (6:11-17) Mt §26 (8:14-23)
<i>Su</i>	4th Sunday after Pentecost
<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §112 (24:1-12)	
Rom. §93 (6:18-23)	Mt §25 (8:5-13)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in the midst of the Apostles Fast, which began on the Monday after All Saints' Sunday and continues until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on 12 July (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 annual Orthodox calendar to find the correct fasting regimen for a particular weekday.

When the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul falls on a Wednesday or Friday, it is a fast day with fish, wine, and oil permitted.

The Parish needs donations for flowers for the Feast of St Elizabeth on 18 July. Please mark flower donations clearly. You may include a Commemoration List with

your donation and the names will be commemorated at the Proskomedion on the Feast.

The Ladies of the Parish (and others who are interested) will have a brief meeting at coffee hour this Sunday and next to plan the particulars for our festal meal following the Divine Liturgy on St Elizabeth's Day.

The Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24 June / 7 July), though not one of the Twelve Great Feasts, is nonetheless a very important Holy Day in the Church Calendar. It commemorates the birth of the Saviour's Forerunner, of whom our Lord said, 'Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist...' (St Matthew 11:11) St John the Baptist's holy birth was miraculous. His parents, Ss Zacharias and Elisabeth, were advanced in age when the Archangel Gabriel announced that Elisabeth would bear a son, though she had been barren. And this came to pass as the Archangel had foretold. This year the Feast falls on a Sunday, making it easier for the faithful to fully participate.

Our Lady of Tikhvin Church, part of the Cathedral Parish of St Alexander Nevsky, in Howell (Lakewood), New Jersey, is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 9 July. Vigil will be served on the eve of the Feast at 6 o'clock. Divine Liturgy will be served on the morning of the Feast at 9:30, followed by a festal trapeza. All of St Elizabeth's parishioners are invited to Lakewood to celebrate this important Russian Icon of the Theotokos and to support our sister Parish.

The Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul (29 June / 12 July), honours Saints 'Peter and Paul, who were separate in body yet united in spirit, the foremost of the preachers of God, the first as Leader of the Apostles, and the other who laboured more than the rest' (Sticheron on 'Lord I have cried...' at Great Vespers for the Feast.) Though not numbered with the Twelve Great Feasts, the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul is nonetheless a most important Holy Day in the Church Calendar. This is demonstrated by the fact that Orthodox Christians keep a Fast of varying length from eight to forty-two days to prepare to celebrate this Feast. All the faithful should attend the services for this Holy Day.

Concerning Confession and Holy Communion: Those who have been to Confession during the past two weeks may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy on the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, 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 Ss Peter and Paul may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgies on the following two Sunday mornings

and on the Feast of St Elizabeth under the same conditions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our Parish's Patronal Feast, honouring our heavenly Intercessor, St Elizabeth the New-Martyr, is on Thursday, 18 July (5 July, o.s.). The Vigil Service will be served at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 17th. On the Feast Day itself, the Meeting of Bishop Nicholas and the Hours will be at 9:00 AM and the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM. Please reserve these dates so you can attend services for our Parish Feast Day.

We will have a Festal Meal on St Elizabeth's Day. We are hoping that each family in the Parish will contribute by donating funds and/or providing dishes that the Sisterhood has planned to serve at the meal. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket, marked 'Feast Day Meal.' If you are able to help with providing a dish, please speak to Matushka Faith.

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 rocorsc@gmail.com.

Looking ahead: There will be no services at St Elizabeth's Church on the weekend of 27 - 28 July. Metropolitan Hilarion 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. Please mark your calendar and take this opportunity to visit our sister Parish.

