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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 4) Commemoration of the Holy Greatmartyr Procopius

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 4)

Great Martyr Procopius; 'Kazan' Icon

Saturday, 20 July (7 July, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 21 July (8 July, o.s.)

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

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 5)

Holy Fathers of the First 6 Councils & St Vladimir

Saturday, 27 July (14 July, o.s.)

No Vigil Service at St Elizabeth's

6:00 PM Vigil Service in Jackson, NJ

Sunday, 28 July (15 July, o.s.)

No Divine Liturgy at St Elizabeth's

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy in Jackson, NJ

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 6)

St Mary Magdalene & Hieromartyr Phocas

Saturday, 3 August (21 July, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 4 August (22 July, o.s.)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 21 July

Su	5th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §113 (24:12-35)</i>	
	Rom. §103 (10:1-10)	Mt §28 (8:28-9:1)
6TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	Rom. §121 (16:17-24)	Mt §51 (13:10-23)
Tu	1 Cor. §122 (1:1-9)	Mt §52 (13:24-30)
W	1 Cor. §127 (2:9-3:8)	Mt §53 (13:31-36a)
Th	1 Cor. §129 (3:18-23)	Mt §54 (13:36b-43)
F	1 Cor. §130a (4:5-8)	Mt §55 (13:44-54a)
Sa	Rom. §100 (9:1-5)	Mt §32 (9:18-26)
Su	6th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §114 (24:36-53)</i>	
	Rom. §110 (12:6-14)	Mt §29 (9:1-8)

FASTING DAYS Week of 21 July

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	24 July (11 July, o.s.)	GM Euphemia; St Olga of Russia Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	26 July (13 July, o.s.)	Archangel Gabriel; St Stephen Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 28 July

Su	6th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke §114 (24:36-53)</i>	
	Rom. §110 (12:6-14)	Mt §29 (9:1-8)
7TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	1 Cor. §134 (5:9-6:11)	Mt §56 (13:54-58)
Tu	1 Cor. §136 (6:20b-7:12)	Mt §57 (14:1-13)
W	1 Cor. §137 (7:12b-24)	Mt §60 (14:35-15:11)
Th	1 Cor. §138 (7:24-35)	Mt §61 (15:12-21)
F	1 Cor. §139 (7:35-8:7)	Mt §63 (15:29-31)
Sa	Rom. §108 (12:1-3)	Mt §39 (10:37-11:1)
Su	7th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §63 (20:1-10)</i>	
	Rom. §116 (15:1-7)	Mt §33 (9:27-35)

FASTING DAYS Week of 28 July

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	31 July (18 July, o.s.)	Martyrs Emilian & Hyacinth Xerophagy (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	2 August (20 July, o.s.)	Holy Prophet Elias Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We congratulate Irina & Aleksandr Machuskiy who were married at St Elizabeth's on the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul, 12 July 2019. Many parishioners were able to be in attendance to support the newlyweds.

We congratulate Nichole L'vov who was baptised at St Elizabeth's Church on Monday, 15 July 2019. Nichole and Pavel L'vov are celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a church wedding in Moscow on Monday, 22 July 2019.

We congratulate Justin Neidig who was tonsured a Reader and then ordained to the Subdiaconate by Bishop Nicholas on St Elizabeth's Day, 18 July 2019. Axios!

We congratulate Fr Seraphim Komleski who was elevated to the rank of Protodeacon by Bishop Nicholas on St Elizabeth's Day, 18 July 2019. Axios!

Many Thanks to all who helped make our Patronal Feast such a success:

- **To Fr Deacons Seraphim, Steven, & Stephanos**, Subdeacons Daniel, Philip, and Justin, our Readers, and Servers who assisted at the festal services;
- **To Claudia Maxey** for arranging the music and choir rehearsals for the Feast Day;
- **To Reader Gregory** for directing the choir on the Feast Day;
- **To the choir members** who attended rehearsals and those who sang at the festal services;
- **To the servants of God who cleaned** the church for St Elizabeth's Day;
- **To the servants of God who picked up** so many beautiful flowers for the church on the Feast;
- **To the servants of God who arranged** the flowers and decorated the church for the Feast Day;
- **To Matushka Faith** who coordinated our Festal Meal after the Holy Liturgy on St Elizabeth's Day;
- **To those who made monetary donations** for food and the table & chair for our festal meal;
- **To the servants of God who did the shopping** for the many foods and supplies for the festal meal;
- **To the servants of God who prepared** the dishes and desserts served at the festal meal;
- **To those who set up** for the Festal Meal on St Elizabeth's Day.
- **To those who stayed to clean up** after the meal.

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.

A word on summer attire: Although it may be warm in the summer, we should continue to observe modesty and dignity in church. Men should wear long trousers and not shorts. It is not proper to attend church services in casual attire such as tee shirts and sneakers. At all times of the year women should wear skirts or dresses, not pants, and the skirts should be at least at knee length. Even in summer, women should have their heads covered, and should have sleeves (even if short) and not straps over their shoulders. This is a matter of respect for the House of God, and for the clear directives of the Holy Scriptures and of Church teaching. Fashion and personal preference should be subordinate to these.

Summertime is vacation time, but there is no vacation from God or our Orthodox Christian Faith. The summer season brings many pleasures and opportunities to relax and enjoy ourselves. However, as Orthodox Christians we must always bear in mind the Lord's commandment to remember

the Lord's Day and to keep it holy. We sin when we absent ourselves from church for no compelling reason other than our own indolence. When we travel, we are not released from the commandment to worship on Sundays. Therefore, when we are making our travel plans, we should look up in advance the Orthodox parishes in the vicinity of our destinations, and make a point of attending the Divine Services on Saturday evenings, Sunday mornings, and the Great Feasts of the Church. (Going to a non-Orthodox place of worship does not fulfill our duty to go to church on these days.) If we find ourselves in a place where there is no Orthodox Church nearby, we should still mark the time from sunset on Saturday evening to sunset on Sunday evening as a time of prayer and private worship. We should therefore bring our Bible (at least the New Testament) and our Prayer Book with us on vacation, and read the appointed prayers, Epistle and Gospel as a family. We should pray together, and out loud, at the usual times of the church services – after supper on Saturday night, and before lunch on Sunday morning.

The 'Kazan' Icon of the Mother of God

The celebration of the Most-holy Theotokos, in honor of her Icon known as the Kazan Icon, was established in thanks for the saving of Moscow and all Russia from the attack of the Poles in 1612. The late 16th and early 17th Centuries are known in Russian history as the Time of Troubles. The nation was attacked by Polish armies, who mocked the Orthodox Faith, and who looted and burned churches, towns and villages. By means of deceit, they succeeded in seizing Moscow. In response to the appeal of His Holiness Patriarch Hermogenes (commemorated on 12 May) the Russian people rose up in defense of the homeland. The miraculous Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos was sent from Kazan to join the militia led by Prince Dimitry Mikhailovitch Pozharsky.

In his 'Homily on the day of the appearance of the Icon of the Mother of God in Kazan' (celebrated 8 July), Holy Hierarch Dimitry of Rostov (commemorated 21 September) said: The Mother of God saves from great misfortunes and evils not only the righteous, but also the sinful, but what manner of sinners? Those, who like the prodigal son, return to their Heavenly Father; who lament [over their sins]; who, like the publican, beat their breasts; who are like the sinful woman that wept at the feet of Christ and washed His feet with her tears; those who, like the thief on the cross, confess Him. The Mother of God looks after such sinners and rushes to help them, and saves them from great misfortunes and evils.

Recognizing that the misfortune had been permitted because of their sins, the entire people and militia observed 3-day fast, and turned to the Lord and His most-pure mother for divine help. Their prayers were heeded. Holy Hierarch Arseny (later to become bishop of Suzdal), who was a prisoner of the Poles, sent word that he had had a vision revealing by the intercession of the Most-holy Virgin, God's judgment been had turned to mercy. Inspired by this news, the armies on 22 October 1612 liberated Moscow from the Polish occupiers. The celebration in honor of the Kazan Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos was established in 1649. To this day, that Icon is highly venerated by the Russian Orthodox people.