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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 2)
Afterfeast of the Dormition; Holy Martyr Andrew the General

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES THIS WEEK

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 2)

Holy Martyr Andrew the General

Saturday, 31 August (18 August, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 1 September (19 August, o.s.)

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

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)

Holy Martyrs Adrian & Natalia

Saturday, 7 September (25 August, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 8 September (26 August, o.s.)

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

FASTING DAYS Week of 1 September

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	4 September (22 Aug, o.s.)	Martyr Agathonicus & companions Xerophagy (No oil)
Friday	6 September (24 Aug, o.s.)	St Peter of Moscow Fast: Wine & Oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 1 September

Su	11th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John §67 (21:15-25)</i>	
	1 Cor. §141 (9:2b-12)	Mt §77 (18:23-35)
12TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	2 Cor. §179 (5:10-15)	Mark §2 (1:9-15)
Tu	2 Cor. §180 (5:15-21)	Mark §3 (1:16-22)
W	2 Cor. §182 (6:11-16a)	Mark §4 (1:23-28)
Th	2 Cor. §183 (7:1b-10a)	Mark §5 (1:29-35)
F	2 Cor. §184 (7:10-16)	Mark §9 (2:18-22)
Sa	1 Cor. §125a (1:26-29)	Mt §82 (20:29-34)
Su	12th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mt §116 [28:16-20]</i>	
	1 Cor. §158 (15:1-11)	Mt §79 (19:16-26)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God is celebrated for nine days, from the Feast Day itself through the Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Feast on 5 September. The troparion and kontakion of the Dormition are chanted or read at all the services of the Church during this period. The texts for these hymns may be found in the *Jordanville Prayer Book*. To celebrate the Feast at home, the Troparion of the Feast (*'In giving birth, thou didst preserve the virginity...'*) can be sung instead of the 'Our Father' before meals, while the Kontakion of the Feast (*'The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos...'*) 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.

A Moleben for Students and Teachers will be served after the Holy Liturgy today. It is important to begin the academic year with supplication and thanksgiving to the Lord. All students and teachers are asked to step forward at the end of the Moleben for a special blessing with Holy Water.

Metropolitan Hilarion has directed a special collection to be taken on the second Sunday of September to benefit the Synodal Music Commission, which oversees the Synodal Church Singer's School and the organization of the Church Singer's Conferences. The 28th Russian Orthodox Church Musician's Conference, entitled 'Continuity & Growth: Ensuring the Future of Liturgical Chant in our Parishes.', will take place at Church of the Epiphany in Boston, Massachusetts, from 2 - 6 October of this year. At St Elizabeth's we will be collecting for this good work in our Church during the Sundays of September.

September is the beginning of both the school year and the Church year, and so marks a time of new beginnings. Let us resolve to improve our spiritual lives. We are never too old to learn our Faith. Let us learn along with our children this new Church School year.

Remember to update your Commemoration Book, The beginning of the Church year is a good time to take a moment to look over your Commemoration Book

(Pomyannik). Are there any changes? Do you wish to add any names for Health and Salvation? Have any of your relatives reposed? Are all the names Orthodox? Please use proper baptismal names, and avoid nicknames or shortened diminutive names (e.g. use Constantine not Costa or Gus, Natalia not Natasha, Elizabeth not Lisa or Liz.) If someone's secular name and baptismal names are different, use the baptismal name. If you include non-Orthodox names, please clearly mark them as such, using parentheses or an asterisk. Prospora should not be given for the unbaptised or for non-Orthodox. For non-Orthodox loved ones it is proper to light candles before the icons and to pray that the Lord enlighten them and have mercy on them.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Feast of the Beheading of St John the Baptist (29 August / 11 September) is also a fast day on whatever day it falls. On this day we celebrate the memory of the Saint whom our Saviour was the greatest born of woman (cf. St Luke 7:28), but we also mourn his death at the hands of the iniquitous Herod through the wicked machinations of Herodias and Salome. We abstain from all animal products and fish on this Holy Day. In Russian practice wine and oil are always permitted on this day. In Greek practice, wine and oil are generally not permitted unless the Feast falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

We all remember the horrific events of 11 September 2001. So many lives were lost in the terrorist attacks on our Nation at the hands of Islamic extremists. September 11th should be a national day of mourning and prayer for those who met painful and sudden death on that day. How appropriate that Orthodox Christians who adhere to the Church Calendar already observe this day as a fast in memory of St John the Forerunner!

St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Howell (Lakewood), New Jersey, is celebrating its Patronal Feast on 12 September. Vigil will be served on the eve of the Feast at 6:00 p.m.. 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 the memory of this important Russian Saint and to support our sister Parish.

The Cathedral of St Alexander Nevsky is located at 200 Alexander Avenue in Howell, New Jersey 07731. For additional information, the Cathedral's website is: <http://www.stalexandernevskycathedral.org>

Two of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church fall in the month of September. These are the Feasts of the Nativity of the Theotokos (8 / 21 September) and the

Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross (14 / 27 September). All faithful Orthodox Christians should be in church to celebrate these important Feasts, so do please plan ahead to be present in church for the festal services.

St Elizabeth's Annual Picnic will be held on the last Sunday of September instead of our usual Sunday coffee hour. Please plan to attend. It will be a great opportunity for Parish fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns will be provided by the parish. We need salads, baked beans, chips, drinks, and other accompaniments brought by parishioners. Please let Matushka know if you plan to attend and what you plan to bring. The Parish also needs to borrow an additional gas grill with fuel. Please speak to Father if you can bring one. The grills can be brought to church on Saturday evening or on Sunday morning.

Regarding Anger

The passion of anger, in which one may include all forms of aggression toward other people, is also bears evidence of the absence of love for one's neighbor. Meekness, gentleness, (a virtue that is the opposite of anger) is an expression of love; some of the Holy Fathers even equate meekness with love for one's neighbour.

Archimandrite Sergius (Shevitch)

The Lord does not accept prayers offered in anger... Where there is no peace [among people], there is the enemy and darkness, and spiritual weariness, and the rest of elements of hell.

Abbot Nikon (Vorobiev)

On Holding Your Tongue

The Lord will protect your soul so long as you hold your tongue. Do not say more than necessary; much talking drives away the Holy Spirit.

Learning to be silent is a great undertaking. In remaining silent, you emulate our Lord, Who "... answered nothing, so that Pilate marvelled..." (St Mark 15:5).

Elder Andronicus (Lukash) of Glinsk

You need to strive more to be silent. Vacuous people talk a great deal. If you say little, people will listen to your words. When older people speak, hear them out, without interruption. Afterwards, you may respond, politely and meekly.

Elder John (Maslov) of Glinsk