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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)
Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 4)

Holy Martyr Mamas; St John the Faster

Saturday, 14 September (1 September, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 15 September (2 September, 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 8 September

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	11 September (29 Aug, o.s.)	BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER Strict Fast: Wine & Oil permitted
Friday	13 September (31 Aug, o.s.)	Sash of the Theotokos Fast: Wine & Oil permitted

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 8 September

Su	12th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mt §116 [28:16-20]	
	1 Cor. §158 (15:1-11)	Mt §79 (19:16-26)
13TH WEEK after PENTECOST		
M	2 Cor. §186 (8:7-15)	Mark §11 (3:6-12)
Tu	2 Cor. §187 (8:16-9:5)	Mark §12 (3:13-19a)
W	Beheading of St John the Baptist	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18,45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1 • (2) Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7,12,18; 4:4-6 • (3) Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-20; 5:1-7	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Mt §57 (14:1-13)	
	Acts §33 (13:25-33a)	Mark §24 (6:14-30)
	W	2 Cor. §189 (9:12-10:7)
Th	2 Cor. §190 (10:7b-18)	Mark §14 (3:28-35)
F	2 Cor. §192 (11:5-21a)	Mark §15 (4:1-9)
Sa	1 Cor. §126 (2:6-9)	Mt §90 (22:15-22)
Su	13th Sunday after Pentecost	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	1 Cor. §166 (16:13-24)	Mt §87 (21:33-42)



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!

Sadly, Services for the Beheading of St John at St Elizabeth's have had to be cancelled this year. Father David must travel to Cooperstown, NY, to spend the week helping his daughter, Matushka Katharine Markevich, who slipped on Friday and sustained a serious spiral fracture of her leg. Our Lady of Tikhvin Church in Howell will have services for the Feast: Vigil on Tuesday evening at 6:00 and the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 on Wednesday morning.

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>

Happy New Year? Some may not many know that the Church Year begins on 1 September, old style (14 September, new style). The ancient Christian computation of years also differs from the standard Western reckoning. The years are counted from Adam, and so we begin the Church year 7528 on 1 / 14 September 2019. This computation was the official calendar of the Christian Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire. It was also used in Russia until Tsar Peter the

Great changed the New Year to 1 January and began counting years A.D. like the rest of Europe. So make your New Year resolutions!

A Moleben for the beginning of the Church Year will be served after the Divine Liturgy Sunday, 15 September. Let all of us who are able remain in church to praise God for this New Year and beseech His blessing upon it.

The September Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month rather than the 2nd Sunday, due to scheduling conflicts on the part of a few of the parish council members. All parish council members asked to make a note of this and are asked to try to attend, despite the change of Sundays.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

