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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
**HOLY PROPHET ZECHARIAH
AND RIGHTEOUS ELIZABETH**
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4
Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel Readings

Matthew 22:2-14
Matthew 23:29-39

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (Holy Prophet Zechariah and the Righteous Elizabeth)

Robed in the vestments of the priesthood, according to the Law of God you offered whole-burnt offerings in a sacred manner, wise Zachariah. You became a luminary and a seer of the mysteries, bearing within yourself the signs of grace, all-wise one. Slain by the sword in the temple of God, O prophet of Christ, intercede together with the Forerunner that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion (Holy Prophet Zechariah and the Righteous Elizabeth)

Today the prophet Zachariah, priest of the Most High and parent of the Forerunner, has prepared a banquet to his memory to nourish the faithful, mixing the drink of righteousness. Therefore we praise him as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

An archangel told Zachariah that his son, “will be great in the sight of the Lord” (Luke 1:15) and “will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias.” (Luke 1:17)

The Church’s New Liturgical Year began September 14 (Julian Calendar)

Troparion: O Creator of the Universe, You appointed times by Your own power; bless the crown of this year with Your goodness, O Lord! Preserve in safety Your rulers and Your cities: and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!



Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour for refreshments and to get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John today. And come again for worship and fellowship.

Memory Eternal

We pray for the soul of Alexia Koliass 40 days since her repose. She faithfully served our parish as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, Choir Director, and Bake Sale Chairman for many years. We also pray for Zoran Stamenic’s mother, Prodana, 40 days since she fell asleep in the Lord and for Dn. Stefan’s uncle, Jerry, on his 1st anniversary. Večnaja Pamjat+

Feastday Divine Liturgies

Wed., September 21 10:30AM Nativity of the Theotokos followed by fasting potluck

Tues., September 27 10:30AM Exaltation of the Cross followed by a fasting potluck

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, September 21 at 7PM on Zoom

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion of Fr. Lawrence Farley’s commentary on the Gospel of Luke; this week is chapter 16. Fr. John will email the Zoom link and his notes.

Ss. Peter and Paul Mediterranean Festival, Potomac, MD – Fri.–Sun., September 23-25

Enjoy Middle Eastern food, music, and vendors. See www.peterpaulpotomac.org/festival

Sisterhood Annual Meeting – Sunday, September 25

All women of the parish are invited to next Sunday’s Sisterhood meeting following Coffee Hour. The agenda will include an election of officers and planning for the December Bake Sale.

Addictions Workshop Support Network – Monday, September 26 – 7-8:15PM

The Addictions Support Network is free and open to all individuals interested in listening to ongoing support presentations/lectures hosted by St. Nicholas Cathedral.

<https://zoom.us/j/2100687480> Meeting ID: 210 068 7480, Password: 208156

Musician Sunday – October 2

It was announced at the 20th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America that the first Sunday after the feast of Saint Romanus the Melodist (October 1) would be designated Musician Sunday. It is to be a day to recognize the vital ministry of our choirs in the life of the Church and to honor those who serve as musicians in our parishes.