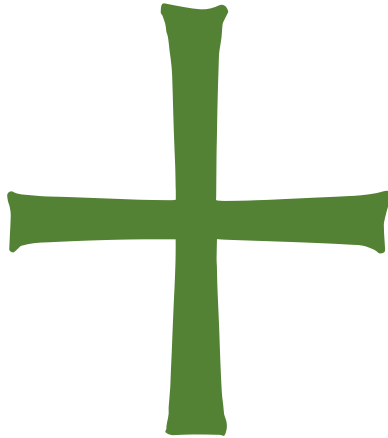


# SAINT ELIZABETH ORTHODOX CHURCH



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## Welcome to St. Elizabeth

WELCOME VISITORS! We are delighted you are here. It is our sincere desire that your participation today in the Divine Liturgy will draw you closer to Christ and His Church. Please join us after the service for coffee and refreshments in our fellowship hall. If you have questions about any facet of Orthodox worship, our priest—Father John Strickland—would be very happy to meet and assist you in any way possible.

If you are not familiar with the Orthodox Church, you may see some things that are new to you—icons and incense, the sign of the cross, veneration of the saints, and a lot of standing. These elements have been part of traditional Christian worship from ancient times. They reflect the heavenly nature of the Church.

If you would like to learn more about Orthodoxy, we have a small bookstore where Orthodox publications may be purchased and a lending library where many Orthodox books and periodicals can be borrowed. If you would like to learn more about our parish, please visit our website at <https://stelizabethorthodox.org>. There, you can find a link to our parish YouTube page where you can view Father John's Sunday homilies.

Please note that Orthodox priests may serve Communion only to baptized and chrismated members of the Orthodox Church. The Eucharist is the paramount expression of unity among Christians; but the reality today is that many Christians are not united in matters of doctrine and practice. While some Christians are content to agree to disagree, we believe true unity will occur only when modern Christians are reconciled to the ancient Church, with its faith and life delivered “once, and for all.” In light of this, we respectfully request that rather than partaking of the Eucharistic Chalice, our non-Orthodox guests join us in receiving the *antidoron*—or blessed bread—served at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Please feel free to contact Fr. John any time at (360) 598-9700 or [rector@stelizabethorthodox.org](mailto:rector@stelizabethorthodox.org).

—Thank you for joining us today. Glory to Jesus Christ!

## Bulletin News

- ❖ Meal Teams—If you enjoy our Sunday meals and have not joined a meal team, please join one! We need your help. Contact Joy at whitetigerofjoy@gmail.com or talk to her at church to join a team.
- ❖ Women’s Fellowship—The Women’s Fellowship group meets this Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. We are still in *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* and will be discussing the chapter “Monasticism.” This chapter has much to say about marriage as well as monasticism, so read ahead and email or call Terri at adkinsterri7@gmail.com with your thoughts or questions so she can prepare a discussion sheet.
- ❖ Men’s Fellowship—The men’s fellowship meets Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to discuss Part II of *His Life is Mine* by St. Sophrony.
- ❖ Electrician and Plumber Needed—Danielle and Fraser are looking for an electrician and a plumber. If you have recommendations, please contact them at chantrieri@hotmail.com.
- ❖ Cleaning Teams—Are you looking for a ministry where nobody sees you but everyone sees the results of your labor? Cleaning the narthex, nave and bathrooms is the job for you! We need a cleaning team for the last week of the month. You can clean any day of the week post Sunday service through mid-afternoon Saturday. Two people are best. Maybe your spouse or friend would like to join you. Please see Nancy.

## June Birthdays, Name Days & Anniversaries

- ❖ Name days—St. Henry (June 24<sup>th</sup>); St. Luke of Crimea (June 11<sup>th</sup>)
- ❖ Birthdays—Carol Lyons (June 4<sup>th</sup>), Ellis Telegin (June 26<sup>th</sup>)
- ❖ Anniversaries—Jefferis (June 8<sup>th</sup>)

## This Week at St. Elizabeth

June 6 <sup>th</sup> —Tuesday 6:30pm Women’s Fellowship Group	June 10 <sup>th</sup> —Saturday 9:00am Men’s Fellowship 4:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Great Vespers
June 7 <sup>th</sup> —Wednesday 6:00pm Moleban of Healing 6:30pm Vespers & Orthodox Studie	June 11 <sup>th</sup> —Sunday 10:00am Divine Liturgy (normal schedule)

## Today's Hymns

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha—Tone 7. Holy Pentecost:  
Feast of the Holy Trinity

### Tone 8      Troparion of Pentecost

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,  
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise  
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,  
and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//  
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

**Glory . . . Now and ever . . .**

### Tone 8      Kontakion of Pentecost

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,  
He divided the nations;  
but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to  
unity.//  
Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

### **Instead of the Trisagion:**

“As many as have been baptized . . .”

### **Instead of “It is truly meet . . .”:**

Rejoice, O Queen, \* glory of mothers and virgins! \* No tongue,  
however sweet or fluent, \* is eloquent enough to praise thee  
worthily. \* Every mind is overawed \* by thy childbearing.

\*\*\* Therefore, with one voice, we glorify thee.

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Epistle Reading—Acts 2:1-11

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

### Gospel Reading—John 7:37-52, 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed

in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.”

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

## Today’s Commemorations

### Pentecost

In the Church’s annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is “the last and great day.” . . . With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ’s disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to “appropriate” these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom. . . . [E]very Sunday now will be called “after Pentecost”—and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle.

From the OCA website

### Saints Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus

“The Gospel tells us that when the Saviour entered Lazarus’ home, Martha busied herself to provide a fitting reception for the Divine Guest, while Mary sat at His feet listening to His words. When Martha asked why Mary did not help, Our Lord answered, *Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her* (Luke 10:41-42). In commenting on this passage, the Church explains that Martha was not blamed for her zeal in serving the Lord; she was merely cautioned against being overly concerned with the affairs of this world; her love for Him had found a purely human expression. As for Mary, she understood that ‘one thing was needful,’ and therefore sat at His feet to listen. Martha is a symbol of active service to Our Lord, while Mary symbolizes a spiritual absorption in Divine Mysteries.”

*Grand Dutchess Elizabeth of Russia: New Martyr of the Communist Yoke*, by Lubov Millar  
—on St. Elizabeth’s decision to dedicate her convent to Sts. Martha and Mary

### **The Nicene Creed: the Symbol of Faith** (sung together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages: Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; and He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets.

In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Pre-Communion Prayers** (said together)

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I believe also that this is truly Thine own pure Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Therefore I pray Thee: have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss; but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord in Thy Kingdom.

May the communion of Thy Holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment, nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body. Amen.

