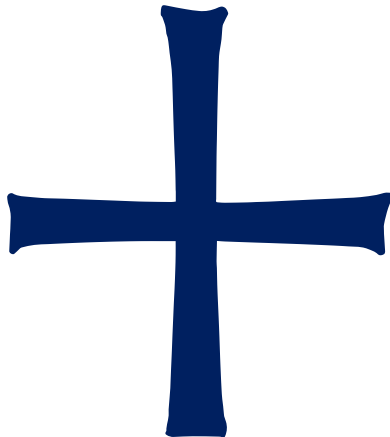


# SAINT ELIZABETH ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday Bulletin

July 23, 2023—Seventh Sunday After  
Pentecost



26580 Breidablik Place NW  
Poulsbo, WA 98370  
(360) 598-9700  
rector@stelizabethorthodox.org

<https://stelizabethorthodox.org>  
<https://oca.org>  
Facebook: [stelizabethorthodox.org](https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethorthodox.org)  
YouTube: [@saintelizabethorthodoxpoul8086](https://www.youtube.com/@saintelizabethorthodoxpoul8086)

## 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

- ❖ All-Parish Potluck—We will be having an all-parish potluck following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> as it is the fifth Sunday of the month with no meal team assigned. A sign-up sheet is posted for these meals on the bulletin board.
- ❖ 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.

## July Birthdays, Name Days & Anniversaries

- ❖ Name days—St. Vladimir (July 15<sup>th</sup>); Royal Passionbearer Tsarina Alexandra (July 17<sup>th</sup>); St. Maria of Paris (July 20<sup>th</sup>); St. Mary Magdalene (July 22<sup>nd</sup>); St. Christina (July 24<sup>th</sup>);
- ❖ Birthdays—Reader Vladimir (July 28<sup>th</sup>)

## This Week at St. Elizabeth

July 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup>—Sunday through Wednesday  
Parish Camping Trip at Dosewallips State Park

July 26<sup>th</sup>—Wednesday  
6:00pm Readers Vespers

July 29<sup>th</sup>—Saturday  
4:00pm Choir Practice  
6:00pm Readers Vespers

July 30<sup>th</sup>—Sunday  
10:00am Divine Liturgy (normal schedule)  
Followed by All-Parish Potluck

## Today's Hymns

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost—Tone 6.  
Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna (ca. 75).

### **Tone 6**      **Troparion**    *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave,  
seeking Thy most pure body.  
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //  
    glory to Thee.

### **Tone 5**      **Troparion**    *(Church)*

O God-wise Elizabeth,  
with humility thou didst hide thy nobility and honor Christ  
especially by imitating the labors of Martha and Mary.  
As a sacrifice to God, thou didst arm thyself with works of mercy,  
patience, and love.  
Seeing thy life of good works and suffering, we sincerely beseech  
thee, our true teacher.  
O Venerable Martyr, Grand Duchess Elizabeth, //  
    entreat Christ our God to enlighten and save our souls.

### **Tone 4**      **Troparion**    *(Martyrs)*

Thy holy martyr Trophimus and his companions, O Lord,  
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from  
Thee, our God.  
For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //  
    Through their intercession, save our souls!

**Tone 6      Kontakion    *(Resurrection)***

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,  
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty  
hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//  
    He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God  
    of all.

**Tone 2      Kontakion    *(Church)***

Who can tell of thy great acts of faith,  
O long suffering Grand Duchess Elizabeth,  
while enduring death in the depths of the earth,  
thou didst radiate the brightness of Paradise.  
Rejoicing in psalms and hymns, thou didst pray with the angels for  
thy torturers,  
"O Lord forgive them for they know not what they do." //  
    O Christ our God, through her prayers, have mercy, and save  
    our souls.

**Glory . . .**

**Tone 2      Kontakion    *(General Kontakion for Martyrs)***

You have appeared as bright lamps, O holy martyrs!  
Illumine the whole creation with the brightness of your miracles.  
Deliver it from infirmity and drive away the deep darkness,//  
    always interceding before Christ God for us all.

**Now and Ever . . .**

. . . over

## **Tone 6      Steadfast Protectress**

Steadfast Protectress of Christians / constant advocate before the Creator  
/ despise not the entreating cries of us sinners / but in thy goodness  
come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith / hasten to hear our  
petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos // for thou dost always  
protect those who honor thee.

---

## **Today's Scripture Readings**

### **Epistle Reading—Romans 15:1–7**

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

### **Gospel Reading—Matthew 9:27–35**

And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. 33And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” 34But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

## Today's Commemorations

### The Holy Priestly-Martyr Apollinarius

Apollinarius was a disciple of the Apostle Peter. He was born in the city of Antioch. St. Peter took Apollinarius with him from Antioch to Rome, where he consecrated him bishop of Ravenna. In Ravenna Apollinarius entered the home of the soldier Ireneus, whose son he healed of blindness. By this miracle, he converted the entire household to the Faith of Christ. He likewise cured the wife of the military commander of Ravenna of a terrible malady and baptized their entire household. Apollinarius remained with this household at the military commander's request. He formed a small house church there and remained with them for twelve years, preaching the Good News and baptizing unbelievers. On many occasions he was cruelly tortured by the pagan elders, but the all-powerful right hand of the Lord sustained and saved him. He was finally sentenced to exile in Illyria, in the Balkans. The boat in which Apollinarius was being transported was broken up in a storm and sank, and only St. Apollinarius, three of his clerics, and two soldiers were saved. The soldiers, having been saved miraculously, believed in the power of Apollinarius's God and were baptized. Apollinarius then went to preach the Holy Gospel throughout the Balkans, descending as far as the Danube River. After this, he set out for Thrace where, against much opposition, he also spread the Gospel of the Lord. After three years of labor in the Balkans, he was banished back to Italy. He returned to Ravenna, where the faithful rejoiced exceedingly at his return. Hearing of this, a pagan elder wrote to Emperor Vespasian about Apollinarius, accusing the saint of being a magician. He also asked the emperor if they should kill Apollinarius as an enemy of their gods. The emperor replied that they should not kill him, but require him to offer sacrifice to the gods or banish him from the city. The emperor declared: "It is not dignified to seek revenge against anyone for the gods, for they can avenge themselves against their own enemies if they are angered." In spite of this imperial decree, the pagans attacked Apollinarius and stabbed him with knives. This servant of God died of his severe wounds and was received into the Kingdom of God. The relics of St. Apollinarius repose in the church dedicated to him in Ravenna, Italy.

—Prologue of Ohrid

### **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.

