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# *The New Witness*

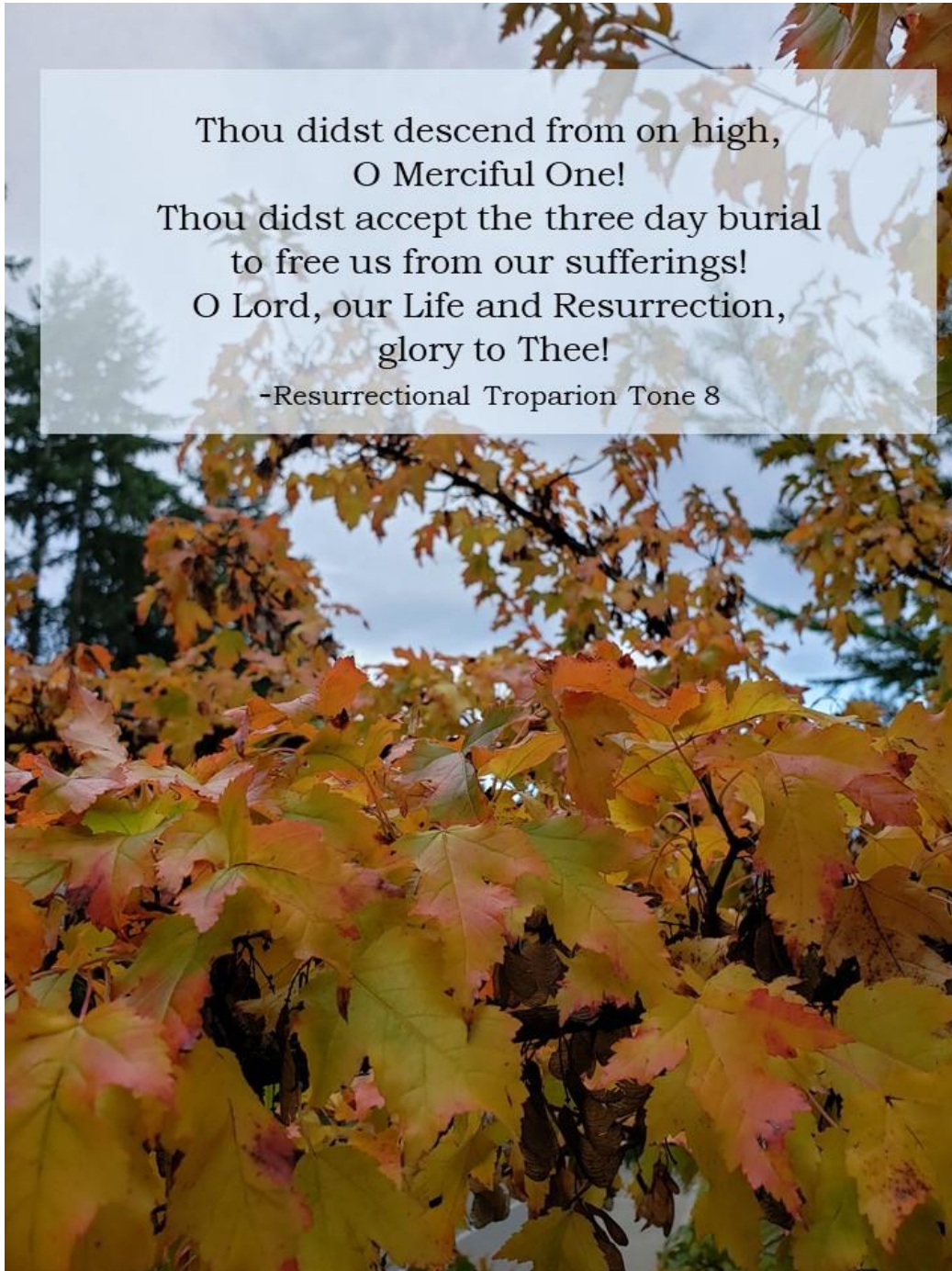
*To the Ancient Faith*

*A Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church*



Thou didst descend from on high,  
O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three day burial  
to free us from our sufferings!  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection,  
glory to Thee!

-Resurrectional Troparion Tone 8



# **PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **FAREWELL TO THE FERRENBERGS**

After many grace-filled and fruit-bearing years of ministry at Saint Elizabeth Church, the Ferrenbergs will be moving to Fargo, North Dakota early in October. Our final Sunday with them will be October 2. Be sure to plan to stay after the Divine Liturgy that day for a special farewell during the coffee hour.

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

As Susan Ferrenberg completes her work of many years assembling and distributing our parish newsletter, we have introduced a new way of distributing it to non-members interested in learning more about Orthodoxy and the parish. In the past, our website has offered inquirers the opportunity to sign up for distribution of the newsletter. Now, thanks to the work of Alexander Lee, we are placing links to the newsletter and our online schedule on a newly created page (<https://stelizabethorthodox.org/newsletter>) of the website. Be sure to take a look, and let Alexander or Father John know if there are any difficulties viewing it.

Moving forward, Bryan Telegin will be taking over the Parish Newsletter. He will send reminders out but as in the past, send all newsletter submissions to Bryan by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. You may send them to [teleginb@gmail.com](mailto:teleginb@gmail.com). Thank you, Bryan!

## **CATECHESIS**

Catechesis for the year ahead began in September. All catechumens will be attending classes on Monday evenings at 6:30 and gatherings during the second half of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. All inquirers and visitors are also invited to participate. Schedules for both Monday and Sunday catechesis are posted on the bulletin board.

## **ORTHODOX INQUIRIES**

Our informal conversations about Orthodoxy have returned to Wednesday evenings following Vespers (which occurs at 6:30). Come to pray with other parishioners at Vespers and stay after for a half-hour or so discussing interesting and important features of our Orthodox faith! This is a particularly good opportunity for introducing family members and acquaintances to Church.

## **EASTERN WALL ICONOGRAPHY**

We are anticipating installation of our eastern wall iconography some time during the month of November. We hope to complete the work during the course of a week so that there is no scaffolding in place Saturday or Sunday. More information about this exciting project will be announced once we settle with the iconographer on a definite date.

## **ENTRYWAY IMPROVEMENT**

Several of our parishioners will be improving the covered entryway of our main building. This is intended to allow for an easier drop off of those using wheelchairs. Be sure to watch your step during the work!

## **CONFESSIONS**

Father John is available any time by appointment and after vigil on Saturday evening without appointment to hear confessions.

## **COVID PRECAUTIONS**

Parishioners are reminded that anyone who prefers to wear masks during the services is encouraged to do so. Also, doors and windows can be opened when temperatures allow for greater ventilation. Finally, if anyone tests positive for Covid after being present at a parish event, please contact Fr. John to let him know.

## **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Christine Adams is stepping in to help with the choir transition once Kelsey moves. She would like to meet with the choir each Sunday morning, starting October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am for warm-ups before liturgy. Choir members, please make every effort to be to church early on Sunday mornings. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Christine would like to meet at 5pm for choir practice. Thank you you, Christine!!!

## **SEEKING PARISH PHOTOGRAPHER**

Looking for a new St. Elizabeth Photographer. It is nice to have events captured as they happen. Anyone can take pictures and share, but we need one person who is willing to gather and distribute images, and hopefully take them too. Contact Roxanne Reid-Bennett for details. [rox@tara-lu.com](mailto:rox@tara-lu.com)

## **GAME NIGHT**

Second Friday of each month we gather for Game Night. Bring your favorite board game and a snack (usually Lenten) and your favorite people and join us in the parish hall for some fun! All ages are welcome!

This month is Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>! See you there!

## **OUTDOOR CLEAN UP TIME**

Once more it is time to work together and get our hands dirty cleaning up outside the church. Please join us on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm to mow, edge trim, weed the gardens and clean up all around the outside of the church. This is the same day as Men's Fellowship! *Please* join us after the fellowship!! More hands make light work, even if for part of the time!!

There will be a sign-up sheet so please consider joining in this ministry to beautify the Church. Thanks!

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FOR OCTOBER**

Hello ladies! Let's gather on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for some fun fellowship. Our new book is The Jesus Prayer by Kallistos Ware. Amazon has the book for \$8.76 or Kindle for \$2.99.

Terri Adkins has graciously agreed to host and facilitate discussion for Women's Fellowship moving forward. Thank you so much, Terri!!!

## **SUBS NEEDED & REGISTRATION FOR CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church school begins October 16<sup>th</sup>!!!

For this upcoming school year. Please see Roxanne if you are interested. And if you haven't registered your children yet please do so ASAP.

Please fill out a separate registration for each child. However, we only require enough Parent information to identify families. For those of you who have filled this out before, you should answer "Yes" to this being your first child only if your address/contact information has changed. For new parents, with multiple children, you only have to fill out the address information once.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5z\\_ykboQHnPIY9Nu4il1ZdfmIHjM65CyhNJhnlMri1ifavA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5z_ykboQHnPIY9Nu4il1ZdfmIHjM65CyhNJhnlMri1ifavA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

## **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Kristen Hatfield has graciously offered to take on the responsibility of preparing the bulletins distributed weekly at our Sunday Divine Liturgy. These will now include a space for listing parishioners' name days and anniversaries. She will be creating a directory of birthdays, name days, and anniversaries. You can either send her that info the week of or just send it all to her now. Of course, if you don't want that info seen in the bulletin, there is no pressure to do so! We just thought it would be a nice way to stay connected as a church family.

Lastly, if you have any announcements that you would like to submit for the bulletin please send them to Kristen at [summers72983@hotmail.com](mailto:summers72983@hotmail.com) by each Saturday. Thank you!!!

## **GARDENS**

Dear gardeners, wanna be gardeners and those just who want to help keep our church grounds looking nice, I have set the third Saturday of the month to be the day to take care of the gardens. This will begin on Saturday, October 15 (9a-1p. Come when you can and stay as long as you want).

During the very late fall and winter, little will need to be done but from spring thru the summer and fall fun chores start. This entails weeding, dead heading flowers, trimming plants/ bushes back, applying compost, transplanting plants, weed eating etc. Last year a good group of committed men and women have helped to get the jobs done quickly. A few have moved and a few will head towards sunny weather leaving us with less people. Please consider being part of the gardening crew with us and let me know if you are interested or have questions about how you may be involved.

Your sister in Christ, Helenmae Reed

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Daffodil, tulips and other bulb planting will be done after coffee hour on October 8. We will be planting them in containers. Bring your gloves, spades and an apron if you like and join us in planting bulbs for a beautiful array in the spring.

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Our coffee hour teams have shrunk a little over the last few months. Please be mindful of the smaller teams and those times when there may be a little less food available as folks travel or may be out sick. Parents especially help your children through the line so that we have less waste and we can assure there is enough food for everyone, especially visitors.

And as usual, if you are not on a coffee hour team but you stay regularly for coffee hour, please join in this very important ministry. Please email Joy Jackson at [whitetigerofjoy@gmail.com](mailto:whitetigerofjoy@gmail.com). Or talk to her at coffee hour!

## **BOOKSTORE NEWS**

Bookstore orders were placed this past week so be looking for restocked items and these new (or, new to us) titles:

"The Fullness of Joy: A Story of Loss and Renewal" - A young adult novel about St. Seraphim and his animal companions.

"Memory Eternal: Living With Grief As Orthodox Christians"

"Preparing For Confession" - We're delighted this book is back in publication! It has practical advice that every Orthodox Christian might want to understand "for a more powerful experience of the Sacrament of Confession". It answers many questions such as "what is sin?" and "what is the priest's role?"

"The Whole Counsel of God: An Introduction to Your Bible" written by popular "the Lord of Spirits" podcast co-host Fr. Stephen de Young.

"A Taste of Paradise: Stories of Saints and Animals"

These are just a few titles; several more are arriving along with popular favorites such as "Life After Death According to the Orthodox Tradition", "The Perfection of Women in Christ" and Fr. John's books.

Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Sheryl, Jamie and Nancy

## **5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH CAMPING TRIP!**

I know it seems early but reservations can be made beginning October 23rd. We would like to change it up & try to get a whole loop with lots of open space for our community time together. For those unfamiliar we all get our own camping sites close together and then we plan breakfasts and dinners together, we have morning prayers and evening vespers together and in between we plan fun hikes and other activities.

If you would like to try and get a camping cabin it will be most important for you to jump on that quickly on the 23rd of October. Cabins go quickly.

If you are ready to make your reservations (on October 23rd) please go to <https://washington.goingtocamp.com/> and select this information to search:

Park: Dosewallips State Park

Dates: July 23 to July 26 (or longer if you want)

Choose your equipment and then search.

The loop we would like to take over will be sites 61-70 in B Loop. The loop right next door has places for RV hook-ups (77-80) as well as the camping cabins. There are also RV hook-ups in many other places in the park. If you want the camping cabins you will need to change the tab just above the search info from "camping" tab to the "roofed" tab.

If you have any questions at all please feel free to reach out to Jamie Telegin at [teleginj@gmail.com](mailto:teleginj@gmail.com) or Susan Ferrenberg at [susansophia.f@gmail.com](mailto:susansophia.f@gmail.com) (yes, the Ferrenbergs plan to grab a reservation and be there!!!).

Check out the photos from last year's camping trip in the August 2022 Newsletter which can be found in your email or on the church website.

### **PRAYER LIST**

*ND: Newly Departed CSB: Child She Bears*

#### Departed

ND Met. Herman

ND Vern Paul

ND Brett

#### Living

Michael

Jeff Seraphim

Irina

Sara CSB

Monika

Michael

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **SEEKING**

Fraser is still seeking to buy a small home in Kitsap County. If you know of one that may be on the market soon, please reach out to him.

### **HELP NEEDED & FURNITURE FOR SALE**

David Johnson is moving to Ellensburg soon. He is seeking some help to get his apartment cleaned up. He also has some furniture for sale. Please contact him if you are able to help out or you might have interest in some furniture. [boizeau55@protonmail.com](mailto:boizeau55@protonmail.com)