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# *The New Witness*

*To the Ancient Faith*

*A Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church*



*Behold, how good  
and how pleasant it  
is for brethren to  
dwell together in  
unity!*

*Psalm 133:1*



# **PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **FUNERAL FOR PATTI LARGE**

We buried our sister in Christ Patti Large on Monday, June 27 after a beautiful funeral service and an all-night vigil of psalmody. On July 30 at 5:30 we will serve the forty-day panikhida for her immediately before Resurrectional Great Vespers.

## **NEW CATECHUMENS**

A little while back we enrolled Josh Toth to the catechumenate, and more recently Blake Piety and his children Chris and Brooklyn.

## **CHANDELIERS**

Gordy has been working very hard on completing our chandeliers for the temple and will soon be ready to install them. They are modeled on liturgical light fixtures that the parish council reviewed and decided to include as part of the temple remodel project that was mostly completed about a year ago. They are specifically designed to integrate well with the woodwork in the rest of the temple and you will notice the crosses on them match those of the iconostasis.

## **BISHOP'S VISIT**

Archbishop Benjamin is confirmed to visit our parish July 23-24 this year. Be sure to plan to attend the services that Saturday and Sunday.

## **NEW ICONS**

We are scheduled to have two brand new, hand-painted icons of Christ and the Theotokos for veneration in time for the bishop's visit.

## **ORTHODOX STUDIES**

We are considering the returning of Orthodox Studies to an in-person format, and scheduling it for Wednesday evenings following Daily Vespers. Anyone who has thoughts about this is encouraged to speak with Father John.

## **COVID PRECAUTIONS**

Everyone is reminded that with continued concerns about Covid parishioners should keep four particular precautions in mind:

- Everyone who wishes to do so should feel free to wear masks, but they are not required
- Windows can be opened to improve ventilation
- Doors to the parish hall can be left open during services
- If anyone tests positive for Covid and has recently been to the church, please be sure to let Fr. John know

## **MISSING**

The flower/plant ladies are missing the green and blue pitchers used for flower arrangements. They are used very often to water and feed plants, as well replenishing the water in flower bouquets in the nave. If you know where they may be, please put them underneath the kitchen sink in the red basin.

Thank you.

Helenmae

## **BOOKSTORE NEWS!!**

New (or new to us) titles:

"Life After Death According to the Orthodox Tradition" by Jean Claude Larchet

"The Prayer of a Broken Heart: An Orthodox Christian Reflection on African American Spirituality" by Rev. Paul Abernathy

Also check out the table in the Bookstore for other books and icons that might not be highlighted in this newsletter.

Please let one of us know if you'd like to see the Bookstore offer a book or icon that we don't currently carry. We'll do our best to find a copy or two and include it/them in our selection.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

In Christ's service,  
Nancy, Sheryl & Jamie

## **COFFEE HOUR TEAMS**

As we are now back into the full swing of things since covid has settled down, I would like to strongly encourage all members of the parish who do stay for coffee hour and are not yet on a team, to please do join a team. I know that there are some folks who are not attending coffee hour regularly, if at all, and for those there is not any expectation. But if you do stay each Sunday and partake of food, it is expected that you will also serve on a team once a month. Thank you so much for your service to this incredibly important ministry. Please contact Susan Ferrenberg [susansophia.f@gmail.com](mailto:susansophia.f@gmail.com) if you have any questions and to join a team.

## **ST. SEBASTIAN YOUTH CAMP...A SUCCESS!!!**

We sent 14 children from our parish and six adult volunteers to this year's youth camp in Gig Harbor! The director, Fr. Barnabas, said it was a record year of attendance with over 50 children and about 30 adult volunteers. Here is a photo of our children who went.



**PRAYER LIST**

ND: Newly Departed  
CSB: Child She Bears

Living

Michael  
Jeff Seraphim  
Irina  
Sara CSB  
Amber Brigit CSB  
Laura Gabriella CSB  
Jamie CSB  
Jovan CSB  
Monika  
Rachel  
Vern  
Jenny CSB  
Bruce

Departed

ND Patricia Petra  
ND Protodn. Averky  
ND Monk Ephraim  
Vicki

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