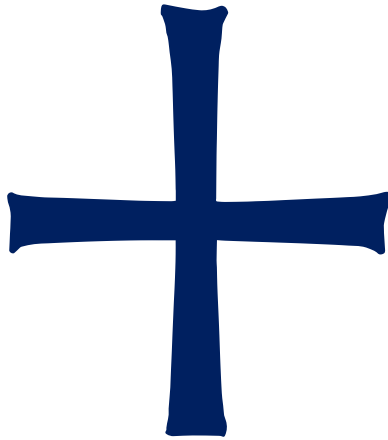


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Welcome to St. Elizabeth

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.

—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.
- ❖ 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 24th)
- ❖ Birthdays—Ellis Telegin (June 26th)

This Week at St. Elizabeth

June 21st—Wednesday
6:30pm Vespers & Orthodox Studies

June 24th—Saturday
9:00am Men's Fellowship
4:00pm Parish Council
4:00pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Great Vespers

June 25th—Sunday
10:00am Divine Liturgy (normal schedule)

Today's Hymns

Second Sunday After Pentecost—Tone 1. All
Saints of North America (All Saints of Russia)

Tone 1 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!//
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Tone 8 **Troparion** *(All Saints of America)*

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation,
the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints
who have shone in them.
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace//
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Tone 1 **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://
“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Glory . . .

Tone 3 Kontakion *(All Saints of America)*

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America

now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.

With them the Angels glorify Him,

and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; //

and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

Now and Ever . . .

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 2:10-16

. . . but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 4:18-23

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Today's Commemorations

All Saints of America

There is a similar version of the murder of Peter the Aleut in a letter dated November 22, 1816, from Simeon Yanovsky (the chief director of the Russian-American Company in Alaska) to Igumen Damascene of the Valaam Monastery in Russian Finland. . . . Yanovsky writes about a conversation he once had with St. Herman.

Yanovsky told the monk the story of how Roman Catholic priests in California tried to force the Aleut hunters to embrace Roman Catholicism. The prisoners said "We are Christians; we have been baptized." They even showed the Latin priests their baptismal crosses.

"No, you are heretics and schismatics," replied one of the priests. "If you do not agree to take the Catholic Faith, we will torture you." The captives were then told to "think it over."

Coming back later that night, the priests found that the Aleuts again refused to renounce Orthodoxy and to embrace the Roman Church. They took a prisoner and cutoff one of the toe joints from one of his feet and then from the other. In response to this, the Aleut simply repeated: "I am a Christian; I will not betray my faith." Next they cut a joint off each finger—first from one hand then from the other. Then they hacked off one foot at the instep and then one hand at the wrist. The Aleut's wounds were terrible, and he eventually died from the loss of blood. The remaining Aleuts were promised that they would be tortured the next day unless they forsook their false religion.

During the night, an order came, commanding that the remaining prisoners be sent immediately under guard to Monterey, the capital of California. The order was carried out.

After Yanovsky told this all to St. Herman, the elder asked the name of the tortured Aleut. "Peter," Yanovsky replied, "but I cannot remember his other name." Then, standing before the icon, the monk crossed himself, and said, "Holy, newly martyred Peter, pray to God for us!"

—*Portraits of American Saints*, George A. Gray
on the martyrdom of St. Peter the Aleut, Martyr of San Francisco

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.

