

✠ THE NEW WITNESS ✠ TO THE ANCIENT FAITH

A Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

This month, we finish our journey through Great Lent, celebrate the services of Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday on April 9th, and then celebrate the triumphal resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ with Pascha on April 16th.

Lift up your gates, O ye princes; and be lifted up, ye everlasting gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in.

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in war.

Lift up your gates, O ye princes; and be lifted up, ye everlasting gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in.

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory. †

† Psalm 23

Parish Life & Announcements

Baptisms and Chrismations

At 2:00 p.m. on April 15th—Great and Holy Saturday—our parish will be receiving seven catechumens into the Orthodox Church: Josh and Allison Toth, Mike Lindsey, John Olson, Chris and Grace Bynum, and Vic Peri. Please be sure to attend this wonderful service. And if you have not welcomed them yet into the church, please be sure to do so!

Holy Week Services

As we approach Holy Week and Pascha, there will be many services to attend. Below is a quick schedule of services beginning with Lazarus Saturday and running through Bright Tuesday.

April 8th—Lazarus Saturday
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

April 9th—Palm Sunday
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

April 10th to April 12th—Holy Monday to Holy Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

April 13th—Great & Holy Thursday

11:00 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy
6:30 p.m. Twelve Passion Gospels

April 14th—Great & Holy Friday

9:00 a.m. Royal Hours
2:00 p.m. Vespers with Entombment
6:30 p.m. Matins with Lamentations
8:30 p.m. All-Night Vigil of Psalmody

April 15th—Great & Holy Saturday

11:00 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy
2:00 p.m. Baptisms and Chrismations
4:00 p.m. Reading of Acts of the Apostles
11:30 p.m. Paschal Vigil: Nocturn

† April 16th—Pascha

12:00 a.m. Paschal Vigil: Matins and
Divine Liturgy
3:00 a.m. Parish Feast
2:00 p.m. Agape Vespers
3:00 p.m. Parish Picnic

April 17th—Bright Monday

10:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Parish Brunch

April 17th—Bright Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Blessing of Graves

In addition to this schedule, at the end of this newsletter you will find a list of Paschal greetings from around the world (from the OCA website). Don't be the only one at the parish who cannot shout *Christ is Risen!* in Norwegian at Pascha!

Paschal Preparations

Please check the sign-up sheets on the parish bulletin board. There are many opportunities to participate in the services of Holy Week, and there is a great need for volunteers to help prepare for Holy Week and Pascha. If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheets. If you have questions, please contact Joy at whitetigerofjoy@gmail.com.

Suquamish Kitchen Update

Our parish charity ministry will begin serving meals at the Suquamish Community Kitchen on April 5th. We have had a good response from parishioners in assembling a team to do this important work. If you would like to join in, let Jamie Telegin or Father John know.

Reminder about Confessions

As a reminder, every parishioner intending to receive holy communion at Pascha and beyond needs to make at least one sacramental confession during the course of the Great Fast. Father John is available for confessions as always on Saturday evenings following the evening service and at other times by appointment. During the Great Fast, Father John will also be available for confessions with advance notice on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Presanctified Divine Liturgy.

An Update from Nancy on Sergey Karpenko

Some of you may remember the little boy Sergey from the Ukraine. He lived in our home during the summers of 2010 through 2014. When he first came in 2010, he was nine years old. He worshipped and partook of the Eucharist with us. He is now 21 and has been fighting on the Ukrainian front.

Recently, he was hit by shrapnel in his stomach and left leg. According to his mother, the doctors saved his life. He is now in a military hospital in Kiev. He will have a long recovery.

Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you!
—Nancy

Website Additions

We recently updated our parish website at <https://stelizabethorthodox.org/>. Among other changes: You can now access an updated archive of past and present editions of this newsletter and monthly parish calendar. There is a new tab for the lending library, with a link to our digital inventory (so you can see what books you might be interested in checking out without having to be at church). On the “Sunday Homilies” tab, we will be posting Father John’s latest Sunday homilies, which you can also access on our parish YouTube page (along with past homilies). Last, there is a new “Upcoming Dates & Events” tab where we will be posting future dates of interest to parishioners beyond the current month.

Storage Room Cleanout

We will need to clean out the second story storage room in the weeks ahead. We have a need for several strong parishioners as well as a coordinator to determine what is to be saved and what is to be discarded. See Fr. John if you can help!

Women’s Fellowship

The women’s fellowship group is reading *Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church* by Archimandrite Sergius. Our next meeting is April 4th at 6:30 p.m. and runs to around 8:00 p.m. You can bring a treat if you’d like, but that is not necessary. And if you need childcare, please let Terri Adkins know and we will provide it for you.

Please also send Terri notable passages or simply page numbers that you found interesting, useful, or confusing, and she will

print them out for the group to discuss on the 4th. You can contact Terri at adkinsterri7@gmail.com.

Men’s Fellowship

The men’s fellowship group is reading *His Life Is Mine* by St. Sophrony. We meet every other Saturday at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending, we’d love to have you! We meet this month on April 1st and April 29th (skipping Holy Saturday and April 22nd).

Help with Sunday Bulletins

Kristin Hatfield and her family will be moving away in May. We need someone to fill her shoes in preparing the Sunday bulletins. If you are able to take this on, please contact Father John.

Parish Meals

As a reminder, if you enjoy our Sunday meals after the Divine Liturgy, please consider joining one of our meal teams. And even if you don't join a team, please feel free to bring a dish that you may like to share with others!

To join a meal team, please contact Joy during coffee hour.

Live-Streaming Services

With very poor internet at the church, we have been experiencing very poor-quality video and audio. Father John will be deciding whether or not to continue to livestream services in the weeks ahead. If you would like to see livestreaming continue, be sure to contact him to let him know.

Bookstore News

The Psalms

Have you ever wanted to get more out of reading the Psalms? *Christ in the Psalms* by Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon is your resource, providing daily meditations on each of the 150 psalms. Each entry takes only one or two pages, so this book is a resource that one can use with limited time each day.

In addition, we continue to stock several copies of the Psalter, including *The Psalter According to the Seventy* by Holy Transfiguration Monastery, and *The Ancient Faith Psalter*. Regarding the latter, the Ancient Faith website explains:

A dedicated group of Orthodox monks (who wish to remain anonymous) have created a fresh English translation of the Masoretic Hebrew text of the Psalter, corrected to the Septuagint, that is eminently readable and singable.

And from Nancy Conrad: “This translation has greatly illumined the Psalms for me.”

Children's Prayer Book

To aid in prayer with your children, the *Children's Prayer Book* is small in size but has large print. The prayers are traditional Orthodox prayers and the icons are selected with children in mind as the primary reader.

Icons

Check out our inventory of saints—including Saints Panteleimon, Seraphim, and Lydia, to name a few. We continue to stock a large collection of icons of Christ, the Theotokos, and angels. But there are just three Resurrectional icons left—two of Mary

Magdalene at the Tomb with Christ and one of the Harrowing of Hades. We will be restocking our shelves after Pascha.

Egg Wraps

Just in time for Pascha, we have egg wraps in geometric and floral designs.



Each pack includes seven wraps. Slip the wrapper onto a boiled egg, place the egg on a spoon, and dip into boiling water until it shrinks around the egg. This is a fun way to make decorating your Pascha eggs easier!

Holy Week Service Books

Due to a major price increase the bookstore will no longer be stocking the booklets for Holy Week services. You can purchase them online from St. Tikhon's Press.

As always, thank you for supporting the parish bookstore! If you see any books we seem to be missing, please let us know.

Also, thank you for recording your purchases on the inventory sheet. It is very helpful in keeping track of the inventory and knowing what we need to reorder.

Charity Sunday

April 2nd—After Liturgy we will be collecting for our new charity, the Alaska Clergy Stipend Endowment of the Diocese of Sitka & Alaska, OCA.

Donations to the Alaska Clergy Stipend Endowment are seriously needed to remedy impoverished living conditions of clergy in the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska—the root of Orthodoxy in America. You can learn more about this much-needed endowment on the website for the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska ([here](#)), and watch a presentation about it on the OCA website ([here](#)).

Last month, parish donations to the St. Nicholas Uganda Children's fund totaled \$666.00. Thank you for your donations!

Recurring Dates

Catechesis

Sunday catechesis is over for now. But Father John will be holding one more Monday catechesis class on Monday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m., prior to the reception of our catechumens.

Orthodox Studies

With no daily vespers scheduled for Wednesdays during April, there will be no Orthodox studies this month.

Choir Practice

Christine Adam will be meeting with the choir each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. for warm-ups before liturgy.

Confessions

Father John is available for confessions every Saturday after vespers—and anytime by appointment. Email him at rector@stelizabethorthodox.org.

Classifieds

Fruit Tree Pruning & Play Station

David Johnson is looking for a PlayStation 3 or 4. He is also available to prune fruit trees and offers a free estimate. You can contact David at boizeau55@protonmail.com.

Prayer List

Departed

ND Arlene Anastasia
ND Ella

Living

Michael
Grace Elizabeth
Laurel Larissa
Cheryl Magdalena
Allison
Jordyn CSB
Jeff Seraphim
Irina
Adrienne Elizabeth CSB
Carrie CSB
Neta

ND: Newly Departed
CSB: Child She Bears



*St. Petersburg
Church of the Resurrection*

Miscellaneous

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 a mask, but masks 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 Father John know.

Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to submit any materials, announcements, classifieds, or requests for this monthly newsletter, please contact Bryan Telegin at teleginb@gmail.com.

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Daily Readings

4/1		Heb 9:24-28	Mk 8:27-31
4/2		Heb 9:11-14	Mk 10:32-45
4/3	Is 48:17-49:4	Gen 27:1-41	Prov 19:16-25
4/4	Is 49:6-10	Gen 31:3-16	Prov 21:3-21
4/5	Is 58:1-11	Gen 43:26-31, 45:1-16	Prov 21:23-22:4
4/6	Is 65:8-16	Gen 46:1-7	Prov 23:15-24:5
4/7	Is 66:10-24	Gen 49:33-50:26	Prov 31:8-31
4/8		Heb 12:28-13:8	Jn 11:1-45
4/9		Phil 4:4-9	Jn 12:1-18
4/10	Ez 1:1-20	Ex 1:1-20	Jb 1:1-12
4/11	Ez 1:21-28 (1:1-28, 2:1)	Ex 2:5-10	Jb 1:13-22
4/12	Ez 2:3-3:3	Ex 2:11-22	Jb 2:1-10
4/13	Ex 19:10-19	Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5	Is 50:4-11
4/14	Ex 33:11-23	Job 42:12-17 LXX	Is 52:13-54:1
4/15		Rom 6:3-11	Mt 28:1-20
4/16		Acts 1:1-8	Jn 1:1-17
4/17		Acts 1:12-17, 21-26	Jn 1:18-28
4/18		Acts 2:14-21	Luke 24:12-35
4/19		Acts 2:22-36	Jn 1:35-51
4/20		Acts 2:38-43	Jn 3:1-15
4/21		Acts 3:1-8	Jn 2:12-22
4/22		Acts 3:11-16	Jn 3:22-33
4/23		Acts 5:12-20	Jn 20:19-31
4/24		Acts 3:19-26	Jn 2:1-11
4/25		Acts 4:1-10	Jn 3:16-21
4/26		Acts 4:13-22	Jn 5:17-24
4/27		Acts 4:23-31	Jn 5:24-30
4/28		Acts 5:1-11	Jn 5:30-6:2
4/29		Acts 5:21-33	Jn 6:14-27
4/30		Acts 6:1-7	Mk 15:43-16:8

Sundays in red

<https://www.o.ca.org/readings/monthly/2023/04>

Paschal Greetings From Around the World

Aleut:	Khristus anahgrecum!	Alhecum anahgrecum!
Aleut:	Khris-tusax agla-gikux!	Agangu-lakan agla-gikux!
Albanian:	Krishti U Ngjall!	Vertet U Ngjall!
Alutuq:	Khris-tusaq ung-uixtuq!	Pijii-nuq ung-uixtuq!
Amharic:	Kristos tenestwal!	Bergit tenestwal!
Anglo-Saxon:	Crist aras!	Crist sodhlice aras!
Arabic:	El Messieh kahm!	Hakken kahm!
Armenian:	Kristos haryav ee merelotz!	Orhnial eh harootyunuh kristosee!
Athabaskan:	Xristosi banuytashtch'ey!	Gheli banuytashtch'ey!
Bulgarian:	Hristos voskrese!	Vo istina voskrese!
Byelorussian:	Khrystos uvaskros!	Saprawdy uvaskros!
Chinese:	Helisituosi fuhuole!	Queshi fuhuole!
Coptic:	Pchristos aftooun!	Alethos aftooun!
Czech:	Vstal z mrtvých Kristus!	Vpravdě vstal z mrtvých!
Danish:	Kristus er opstanden!	Ja, sandelig opstanden!
Dutch:	Christus is opgestaan!	Ja, hij is waarlijk opgestaan!
English:	Christ is risen!	Indeed He is risen!
Eritrean-Tigre:	Christos tensiou!	Bahake tensiou!
Esperanto:	Kristo levigis!	Vere levigis!
Estonian:	Kristus on üles tõusnud!	Ta on tõesti üles tõusnud!
Ethiopian:	Christos t'ensah em' muhtan!	Exai' ab-her eokala!
Finnish:	Kristus nousi kuolleista!	Totisesti nousi!
French:	Le Christ est réssuscité!	En verite il est réssuscité!
Gaelic:	Taw creest ereen!	Taw shay ereen guhdyne!
Georgian:	Kriste aghsdga!	Cheshmaritad aghsdga!
German:	Christus ist auferstanden!	Wahrlich Er ist auferstanden!
Greek:	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
Hawaiian:	Ua ala hou 'o Kristo!	Ua ala 'I 'o no 'oia!

Hebrew:	Ha Masheeha houh quam!	Be emet quam!
Hungarian:	Krisztus feltamadt!	Valoban feltamadt!
Ibo (Nigeria):	Jesu Kristi ebiliwo!	Ezia o' biliwo!
Indian (Malayalam):	Christu uyirthezhunnettu!	Theerchayayum uyirthezhunnettu!
Indonesian:	Kristus telah bangkit!	Benar dia telah bangkit!
Italian:	Cristo e' risorto!	Veramente e' risorto!
Japanese:	Harisutos Fukkatsu!	Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!
Javanese:	Kristus sampun wungu!	Tuhu sampun wungu!
Korean:	Kristo gesso!	Buhar ha sho nay!
Latin:	Christus resurrexit!	Vere resurrexit!
Latvian:	Kristus ir augsham sales!	Teyasham ir augsham sales vinsch!
Lugandan:	Kristo ajukkide!	Amajim ajukkide!
Norwegian:	Christus er oppstanden!	Sandelig han er oppstanden!
Polish:	Khristus zmartwyckwstal!	Zaprawde zmartwyckwstal!
Portuguese:	Cristo ressuscitou!	Em verdade ressuscitou!
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	Adevărat a înviat!
Russian:	Khristos voskrese!	Voistinu voskrese!
Sanskrit:	Kristo'pastitaha!	Satvam upastitaha!
Serbian:	Hristos vaskrse!	Vaistunu vaskrse!
Slovak:	Christos vstal z mŕtvych!	Vpravde vstal z mŕtvych!
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado!	En verdad ha resucitado!
Swahili:	Kristo amefufukka!	Kweli amefufukka!
Swedish:	Kristus är uppstånden!	Han är sannerligen uppstånden!
Syriac:	M'shee ho dkom!	Ha koo gam!
Tlingit:	Krisdos kux_ wudigút!	X'éiga kux_ wudigút!
Turkish:	Hristos diril - di!	Hakikaten diril - di!
Ugandan:	Kristo ajukkide!	Kweli ajukkide!
Ukrainian:	Khristos voskres!	Voistinu voskres!
Welsh:	Atgyfododd Crist!	Atgyfododd yn wir!
Yupik:	Xris-tusaq Ung-uixtuq!	Iluumun Ung-uixtuq!
Zulu:	UKristu uvukile!	Ngempela uvukile!