

THE NEW WITNESS TO THE ANCIENT FAITH

A Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church



JUNE 2023



Glory to Jesus Christ! This month we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 4th. The Apostles' Fast begins on June 12th and runs for seventeen days this year—through June 28th. We celebrate the feast day of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29th.

*Blessed are You O Christ Our God /
You have revealed the fishermen as
most wise / by sending down upon
them the Holy Spirit / through them
You drew the world into Your net / O
Lover of Man, Glory to You!*

*When the Most High came down and
confused the tongues, / He divided the
nations; / but when he distributed the
tongues of fire / He called all to unity. /
Therefore, with one voice, we glorify
the All-holy Spirit! ✠*

✠Troparion and Kontakion of Pentecost

Parish Life & Announcements

Archbishop Benjamin's Visit & Tonsuring of Jack Thompson

Our bishop will be visiting our parish in July. He will arrive and preside at Great Vespers on Saturday, July 15th and serve the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 16th. All members of Saint Elizabeth should plan to attend these two services.

Archbishop Benjamin is scheduled to tonsure Jack Thompson a reader just prior to the Liturgy. Be sure to keep Jack in your prayers as this important day for him and our parish approaches.

Summer Camp Applications

Application deadlines are approaching for campers and volunteers for our annual deanery summer camp, to be held June 26th through June 29th. As always, there is an especial need for camp counselors. If you would be interested in sending children or volunteering, please see Father John. There is also a flyer on the bulletin board. The application deadline is June 1st but late applications will be accepted with a fee. More information can be obtained online at <https://www.stkatherine.org/summer-camp>.

Security System Considerations

The parish council met in May with our parishioner Dorian Roberts, who specializes in video security systems. The council is considering whether to have such a system installed in light of the recent theft of our tent heater and ongoing concerns about maintaining optimal levels of security in our buildings and on our property. Any parishioners with thoughts about the use of video cameras are encouraged to speak with Father John.

Parking

Parishioners should be aware that we have had occasional difficulty backing out of the main parking lot on Sundays. Please be sure to park in the second row with enough space for those in the first row along the fence. There is an overflow parking area on the other side of the church when needed.

Help Needed with Meal Teams

Our meal teams need your help. If you enjoy our Sunday meals together—and if you have not joined a meal team yet—please join one! Monthly meal contributions can be large or small, and every little bit helps. Email Joy at whitetigerofjoy@gmail.com or contact her at church to join a team.

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 June 6th at 6:30 p.m. and we will be reading the chapter "Monasticism: Ancient and Contemporary Values for a Timeless Tradition." Please send Terri your questions or comments for this discussion. You can contact her 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 June 10th and June 24th.

Live-Streaming Services

We will continue to livestream our services through Zoom for the time being. If anyone cannot attend and would like to watch only the homily, we regularly post Father John's Sunday homilies on our [website](#) and also on our parish [YouTube](#) channel.



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Bookstore News

The bookstore will be restocking soon, so please be on the lookout for new arrivals. We also will be having a sale beginning in early June—up to 50% off select titles.

As a reminder, please record your purchases on the bookstore clipboard and be as detailed as you can—for example, if you purchase an icon, please write down which one (the title should be on the back). Thank you!

Charity Sunday

June 4th—After Liturgy we will be collecting for Kitsap Homes of Compassion, a local charity working to find housing for those in need. If you forget your checkbook on Charity Sunday, you can always make a donation later in the month. Just write “charity” in the memo line of your check.

Last month, parish donations to our in-parish charity fund totaled \$988.00. Thank you for your generous donations!

Recurring Dates

Wednesday Vespers & Orthodox Studies

Come pray with your fellow parishioners at vespers, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.—and then stay after for a half-hour or so discussing interesting and important topics of our Orthodox faith. This is a particularly good time for introducing family members and acquaintances to the Church. Come with questions for Father John!

Choir Practice

The choir meets 30 minutes prior to each service to warm up and review the music of the day. The choir also meets a couple times a month for choir practice. This month, practices are scheduled for Saturday, June 10th and Saturday, June 24th—both at 4:00 p.m.

If you have questions about choir or if you are interested in joining us, please email the choir director, Christine Adam, at christineadam.choirdirector@gmail.com.

Confessions

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

Classifieds

Electrician and Plumber Needed

Danielle and Fraser are looking for an electrician and a plumber. If you have any recommendations, please contact them at church or email Danielle at chantrieri@hotmail.com.

Prayer List

Living

Michael
Laurel Larissa
Cheryl Magdalena
Allison Brigit
Jordyn CSB
Rd. Cornelius
Jeff Seraphim
Irina
Adrienne Elizabeth CSB
Carrie CSB
Cosette
Maria Marina CSB
Priscilla
Archpriest Michael

CSB: Child She Bears

Miscellaneous

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

6/1	Acts 25:13-19	Jn 16:23-33
6/2	Acts 27:1-44	Jn 17:18-26
6/3	Acts 28:1-31	Jn 21:15-25
6/4	Acts 2:1-11	Jn 7:37-52, 8:12
6/5	Eph 5:9-19	Mt 18:10-20
6/6	Rom 1:1-7, 13-17	Mt 4:25-5:13
6/7	Rom 1:18-27	Mt 5:20-26
6/8	Rom 1:28-2:9	Mt 5:27-32
6/9	Rom 2:14-29	Mt 5:33-41
6/10	Rom 1:7-12	Mt 5:42-48
6/11	Heb 11:33-12:2	Mt 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30
6/12	Rom 2:28-3:18	Mt 6:31-34, 7:9-11
6/13	Rom 4:4-12	Mt 7:15-21
6/14	Rom 4:13-25	Mt 7:21-23
6/15	Rom 5:10-16	Mt 8:23-27
6/16	Rom 5:17-6:2	Mt 9:14-17
6/17	Rom 3:19-26	Mt 7:1-8
6/18	Rom 2:10-16	Mt 4:18-23
6/19	Rom 7:1-13	Mt 9:36-10:8
6/20	Rom 7:14-8:2	Mt 10:9-15
6/21	Rom 8:2-13	Mt 10:16-22
6/22	Rom 8:22-27	Mt 10:23-31
6/23	Rom 9:6-19	Mt 10:32-36, 11:1
6/24	Rom 3:28-4:3	Mt 7:24-8:4
6/25	Rom 5:1-10	Mt 6:22-33
6/26	Rom 9:18-33	Mt 11:2-15
6/27	Rom 10:11-11:2	Mt 11:16-20
6/28	Rom 11:2-12	Mt 11:20-26
6/29	Rom 11:13-24	Mt 11:27-30
6/30	Rom 11:25-36	Mt 12:1-8

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<https://www.oca.org/readings/monthly/2023/06>