

# ✠ THE NEW WITNESS ✠ TO THE ANCIENT FAITH

A Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church

MAY 2023



*Christ is Risen!* This month we continue our celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. We celebrate the Midfeast of Pentecost on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and then look forward to Pentecost next month on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

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*In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the water of godliness, as Thou didst cry out to all: "If anyone thirst let him come to me and drink." O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!*

*"He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him," says the Lord. Alleluia. †*

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† Troparion and Communion hymn of the Midfeast of Pentecost.

## Parish Life & Announcements

### Record Pascha Turnout & Receptions into Holy Orthodoxy

This year, turnout for our Paschal Vigil was a record—107 attended! This marks one of only three instances in which more than 100 people attended our parish for a service. The other two were Bishop Benjamin's visit in 2022, and Palm Sunday this year.

We also received seven catechumens into the Church on Holy Saturday before the Paschal Vigil. Welcome home to Grace, Chris, Jon, Josh, Allison, Mike and Vic! You can see a photograph of our newest members following their baptisms and chrismations with Father John on the next page.

### Farewell to the Hatfields

Mike and Kristen Hatfield—and their wonderful children Ethan, Violet, Henry, Phoebe, and Luke—will be leaving our parish in May. They will be moving across the country to South Carolina, it will be sad to see them leave. Please wish them well! They will be missed and we wish them the best of luck and blessings in their new home.

## Suquamish Kitchen Update

Last month, on April 5<sup>th</sup>, our parish served its first community meal at the Suquamish Community Kitchen. We had a good turnout from parishioners and had a great team for this important work. All went smoothly, with a big “Thank You” to Blake for making sure our casserole turned out well!

This month we will be serving another meal at the Suquamish Community Kitchen on May 10<sup>th</sup>. This time the meal will be served in person (rather than as a take-out meal). And we have been warned that we will be very busy for the duration of the dinner service.

If you would like to join in this important ministry, and are available to help either on May 10<sup>th</sup> or beforehand baking desserts, please let Jamie Telegin or Father John know.

After May 10<sup>th</sup>, our next dates for serving meals at the Suquamish Community Kitchen will be July 12<sup>th</sup> and September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Call for Lenten Recipes

In March, we published a list of Lenten recipes submitted by members of our parish. Those recipes were largely reprinted from a previous edition of this newsletter under Susan’s stewardship, but it would be great to see that list grow so that we can publish more recipes next Lent.

If you found any great new recipes during the fast this year—or rediscovered “new” old ones that you’d like to share—please send them to us so that we can update our Parish cookbook next year. You can send them to Bryan Telegin at [teleginb@gmail.com](mailto:teleginb@gmail.com).

## Summer Camp Registration

Application deadlines are approaching for campers and volunteers for our annual deanery summer camp, to be held June 26<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>. As always, there is an especial need for camp counselors. If you would be interested in having your children



attend or volunteering yourself, please see Father John. There is also a flyer on the bulletin board. The deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. More information can be found at <https://www.stkatherine.org/summer-camp>.

## Editor's Note—A “Thank You” to Cheryl Magdalena

Last month, this newsletter included an entry describing new additions to our parish website, including an updated newsletter and calendar archive, posting of Father John's Sunday homilies, a new “Upcoming Dates & Events” tab, and a new tab about our lending library, which now includes a link to access our library's online digital catalogue so you can search our collection from home. You can access our digital catalogue [here](#).

We neglected, however, to give credit to Cheryl Magdalena for creating the digital library catalogue—a huge task and great benefit to our parish. Thank you, Cheryl!

## Garden Cleanup & Floral Creations

We will be weeding, trimming, planting and spreading wood chips in the parish garden on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Please contact Helenmae at [mhmreed@msn.com](mailto:mhmreed@msn.com) or (360) 917-6956 if you are able to deliver a yard of brown wood chips to spread around the garden. You will be reimbursed for the cost.

Also, if you would like to make simple flower arrangements between the feasts your help would be appreciated. Meet with Helenmae on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour for more details, or contact her at the email address or phone number above.

## 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.

## 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 May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and we will be reading the chapter “Seeds of Heaven and Hell.” Please send Terri your questions or comments for this discussion. You can contact Terri at [adkinsterri7@gmail.com](mailto: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 May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## Bookstore News

With Pascha behind us, we will be restocking our bookstore shelves soon. If you have any recommendations, please let us know. And as always, thank you for your support of our parish bookstore!



*Holy Women at Christ's Tomb*  
State Russian Museum, St. Petersburg

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## Charity Sunday

May 7<sup>th</sup>—After Liturgy we will be collecting for our parish. This fund is to assist members of the parish, their family members, and those in the community who have asked for assistance. You can give to this fund after Liturgy on the 7<sup>th</sup> or anytime throughout the month of May. Please indicate “charity” on the memo line of your check so we can ensure the money goes to the appropriate fund.

Last month, parish donations to the Alaska Clergy Stipend Endowment totaled \$1,064.00. Thank you for giving so generously!

## Recurring Dates

### Wednesday Vespers & Orthodox Studies

Wednesday vespers will resume on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m., followed by Orthodox Studies. This is a particularly good time for introducing family members and acquaintances to the Church. Come with questions for Fr. 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. Current practices are scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. sharp.

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](mailto:christineadam.choirdirector@gmail.com).

### Confessions

Father John is available for confessions every Saturday after vespers and by appointment. Email him at [rector@stelizabethorthodox.org](mailto:rector@stelizabethorthodox.org).

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## Classifieds

### Help Moving

David Johnson is moving to Silverdale around May 15<sup>th</sup> and needs help moving his stuff from Port Orchard—no furniture, but a lot of boxes. If you are able to help, please contact David at [boizeau55@protonmail.com](mailto:boizeau55@protonmail.com).

## Prayer List

### Departed

ND Arlene Anastasia  
ND George  
ND Lenna  
ND Warren  
Deborah Maria

### Living

Michael  
Laurel Larissa  
Cheryl Magdalena  
Allison  
Jordyn CSB  
Jeff Seraphim  
Irina  
Adrienne Elizabeth CSB  
Carrie CSB  
Cosette  
Eupraxia  
Abigail  
Victoria  
Thekla  
Marina CSB  
Maria Marina CSB  
Jayden  
Noelle  
Arlene  
Brittany  
Hazen  
Mitchell  
Priscilla  
Cheryl

*ND: Newly Departed*  
*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](mailto:teleginb@gmail.com).

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# May 2023 Daily Readings

5/1	Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60	John 4:46-54
5/2	Acts 8:5-17	John 6:27-33
5/3	Acts 8:18-25	John 6:35-39
5/4	Acts 8:26-39	John 6:40-44
5/5	Acts 8:40-9:19	John 6:48-54
5/6	Acts 9:20-31	John 15:17-16:2
5/7	Acts 9:32-42	John 5:1-15
5/8	Acts 10:1-16	John 6:56-69
5/9	Acts 10:21-33	John 7:1-13
5/10	Acts 14:6-18	John 7:14-30
5/11	Acts 10:34-43	John 8:12-20
5/12	Acts 10:44-11:10	John 8:21-30
5/13	Acts 12:1-11	John 8:31-42
5/14	Acts 11:19-26, 29-30	John 4:5-42
5/15	Acts 12:12-17	John 8:42-51
5/16	Acts 12:25-13:12	John 8:51-59
5/17	Acts 13:13-24	John 6:5-14
5/18	Acts 14:20-27	John 9:39-10:9
5/19	Acts 15:5-34	John 10:17-28
5/20	Acts 15:35-41	John 10:27-38
5/21	Acts 16:16-34	John 9:1-38
5/22	Acts 17:1-15	John 11:47-57
5/23	Acts 17:19-28	John 12:19-36
5/24	Acts 18:22-28	John 12:36-47
5/25	Acts 1:1-12	Luke 24:36-53
5/26	Acts 19:1-8	John 14:1-11
5/27	Acts 20:7-12	John 14:10-21
5/28	Acts 20:16-18, 28-36	John 17:1-13
5/29	Acts 21:8-14	John 14:27-15:7
5/30	Acts 21:26-32	John 16:2-13
5/31	Acts 23:1-11	John 16:15-23

*Sundays in red*

<https://www.oca.org/readings/monthly/2023/05>