

# THE NEW WITNESS TO THE ANCIENT FAITH

A Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church



## NOVEMBER 2023



*Glory to Jesus Christ!* This month, the Nativity Fast begins on November 15<sup>th</sup>, preparing us for the “Winter Pascha” season. We celebrate the Entrance of the Mother of God on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

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*Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O divine fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!*

*The most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasury of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord; she brings with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Of her the angels of God sing in praise: “Truly she is the tabernacle of heaven.”*✠

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✠Troparion and Kontakion of the Entrance of the Mother of God

## Parish Life & Announcements

### New Barrel Vault Iconography

Our parish council has now contracted with iconographer Brian Whirlledge for a full length icon for our barrel vault ceiling. The project will cost \$35,100, of which we have already sent a down payment of \$10,530 and collected an additional \$3,000 in donations and pledges. This leaves a remaining balance of \$21,750.

If you would like to contribute to this wonderful new project, please write “icon” in the memo line of your check or in the memo of your Zelle payment. Also, if you would like to pledge an amount now and write your check later, that works as well. We expect to receive a sketch from Brian soon.

### Nativity Fast

As we launch into the forty-day Nativity Fast on November 15<sup>th</sup>, remember that this period is given as an opportunity to undertake spiritual growth through repentance. As part of this, everyone should plan to make a confession during the course of the fast.

As always, Father John is available for confessions following Saturday evening vespers (no appointment needed) and by appointment throughout the week.

## Fall Festival



Our parish fall festival will be held Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will not be doing costumes this year, but will have lots of fun, fellowship, and games. A sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hall. Please join us and bring a Lenten snack! For questions, contact Joy at [whitetigerofjoy@gmail.com](mailto:whitetigerofjoy@gmail.com).

## Help Needed with Charity Ministry

If anyone is interested in co-leading the charity ministry alongside Jamie Telegin, please see Fr. John or Jamie. Another one or two people to share ideas with and help organize would be incredibly helpful to increase our parish's charitable efforts.

Especially needed is one or two more parishioners willing to oversee preparations for the meals offered at the Suquamish Community Kitchen.

## Suquamish Community Kitchen

This month we will be serving another meal at the Suquamish Community Kitchen on November 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us or make a dessert for the event, please email Jamie Telegin at [teleginj@gmail.com](mailto:teleginj@gmail.com).

## Diocesan Assembly

Roxanne Bennett and Fr. John attended the annual diocesan assembly in Santa Rosa, CA during the last week of October. More will be

said about the event in the weeks ahead. You can view the deanery, parish, and other reports for the assembly [here](#).

## Women's Fellowship

The Women's fellowship group began reading a new book in September—*The Scent of Holiness: Lessons from a Women's Monastery* by Constantina Palmer, an American woman who lived in Greece, visited a monastery regularly, and got to know the nuns. The Scent of Holiness is available on Amazon ([here](#)) and from the SVS Press website ([here](#)).

The Women's fellowship group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.—this month on November 7<sup>th</sup>, when we will be reading the chapter entitled “Knot Four.” Please join us!

## Men's Fellowship

The men's fellow ship group is continuing to read *Thinking Orthodox: Understanding and Acquiring the Christian Mind* by Dr. Jeannie Constantinou. Thinking Orthodox is available at Amazon ([here](#)) and from the Ancient Faith website ([here](#)).

The men's fellowship group meets every other Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.—this month on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Come think Orthodox with us!

## Livestreaming Services

We have completed our new internet system at the church enabling us to provide quality live streaming of services. It is important to remember two things about watching services online. The first is that it is offered as a ministry for parishioners who due to





health limitations (such as being sick during a given service) cannot attend. In this case it cannot be an alternative to being present with the assembly of the Body of Christ and participating in the sacraments. Second, it is offered as a ministry for non-parishioners—especially non-Orthodox—who want to learn about the Orthodox Church’s worship and our parish. To that end, if you have friends or acquaintances interested in learning about Orthodox worship, you can provide them with a link to our online streaming.

✦ Please e-mail Bryan Telegin at [bulletin@stelizabethorthodox.org](mailto:bulletin@stelizabethorthodox.org) for the Zoom link. The link is also in the signature line of Bryan’s regular parish-wide emails.

## Online Homilies

Independent of live streaming of services, Sunday homilies continue to be recorded and posted on our parish YouTube channel. We also post Fr. John’s most recent Sunday homily to the “resources” tab of our website.

## Removal of Metal Container & 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 the first row along the fence line. There is an overflow section of parking on the other side of the church building when needed.

If you look to the north of our building you will notice that the metal container that once littered the property has now been removed. We own the half-acre it stood on, which is now available for overflow parking. It may also be used some day for the expansion of our facilities.

## Bookstore News & Christmas Cards

Do you send out Christmas cards? Have trouble finding cards that reflect a simple message of your Orthodox faith? The bookstore is selling Orthodox Christmas cards. This year we will not be doing pre-orders. Instead, the bookstore has purchased 12 boxes of mixed Christmas Orthodox cards. (We pre ordered 14 boxes last year.) We also have ordered six “Through the Seasons” calendars; the same as was pre-ordered last year.

These items should be in the bookstore at the beginning of November. We will not be re-ordering, so get them quick!



As with any item in the bookstore, the cards and calendars can be reserved by being placed on the reserve shelf and picked up when the purchaser has the funds to buy them. We apologize that we do not accept credit cards but we do take electronic payments via Zelle. Please see Nancy for details.

As a reminder, if you are looking for a popular title and can’t find it, please let us know. Also, if you are reading a book that

you think would others would be blessed by let us know this as well and we can add it to our “wish list” for a future order.

Thank you so much for your support of our parish bookstore! When you make your purchase if you could please record it on our inventory sheet on the bookstore table. This facilitates our inventory control and reorder process. Everybody has been so good about doing this! Thank you!

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## Charity Sunday

November 4<sup>th</sup>— After Liturgy we will be collecting for the St. Nicholas Uganda Children’s Fund, providing for the education, health, and welfare of Ugandan children, teens, and young adults. 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, donations to our in-Parish charity fund totaled \$940.00. Thank you for your generous donations!

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## Recurring Dates

### 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!

## Sunday & Monday Catechesis

Father John continues to teach catechesis every Monday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Catechesis is also held each Sunday during the second half of the Divine Liturgy—except for the fourth Sunday of each month, when there will be no Sunday catechesis.

## Choir Practice

The choir meets 30 minutes before 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 Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> after Liturgy, and Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. If you have questions about choir or if you are interested in joining us, please contact our choir director, Christine Adam.

## Game Night

Our parish game night is held the first Friday of every month at the club house where Nancy and Walter live, beginning at 6:30 and run till about 10:15 p.m. The address is 771 NE Beacon Place in Bremerton. There is parking alongside the entrance lane leading into the community parking area. Bring your games!

This month Game Night will be held on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, email Danielle at [chantrieri@hotmail.com](mailto:chantrieri@hotmail.com).

## Moleben of Healing

Our parish serves a moleben of healing on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. before vespers, this month on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Prayer List

### Departed

ND Michael  
ND Deborah  
ND Priscilla

### Living

Michael  
Cheryl Magdalena  
Allison Brigit  
Jordyn CSB  
Walter  
John  
Rd. Cornelius  
Jeff Seraphim  
Cosette  
Regan  
Shlomit

*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 [bulletin@stelizabethorthodox.org](mailto:bulletin@stelizabethorthodox.org).

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## Daily Readings

11/1	Col 3:17-4:1	Lk 11:42-46
11/2	Col 4:2-9	Lk 11:47-12:1
11/3	Col 4:10-18	Lk 12:2-12
11/4	2 Cor 5:1-10	Lk 9:1-6
<b>11/5</b>	<b>Gal 6:11-18</b>	<b>Lk 8:41-56</b>
11/6	1 Thess 1:1-5	Lk 12:13-15, 22-31
11/7	1 Thess 1:6-10	Lk 12:42-48
11/8	1 Thess 2:1-8	Lk 12:48-59
11/9	1 Thess 2:9-14	Lk 13:1-9
11/10	1 Thess 2:14-19	Lk 13:31-35
11/11	2 Cor 8:1-5	Lk 9:37-43
<b>11/12</b>	<b>Eph 2:4-10</b>	<b>Lk 10:25-37</b>
11/13	1 Thess 2:20-3:8	Lk 14:12-15
11/14	1 Thess 3:9-13	Lk 14:25-35
11/15	1 Thess 4:1-12	Lk 15:1-10
11/16	1 Thess 5:1-8	Lk 16:1-9
11/17	1 Thess 5:9-13, 24-28	Lk 16:15-18, 17:1-4
11/18	2 Cor 11:1-6	Lk 9:57-62
<b>11/19</b>	<b>Eph 2:14-22</b>	<b>Lk 12:16-21</b>
11/20	2 Thess 1:1-10	Lk 17:20-25
11/21	2 Thess 1:10-2:2	Lk 17:26-37
11/22	2 Thess 2:1-12	Lk 18:15-17, 26-30
11/23	2 Thess 2:13-3:5	Lk 18:31-34
11/24	2 Thess 3:6-18	Lk 19:12-28
11/25	Gal 1:3-10	Lk 10:19-21
<b>11/26</b>	<b>Eph 4:1-6</b>	<b>Lk 13:10-17</b>
11/27	1 Tim 1:1-7	Lk 19:37-44
11/28	1 Tim 1:8-14	Lk 19:45-48
11/29	1 Tim 1:18-20, 2:8-15	Lk 20:1-8
11/30	1 Tim 3:1-13	Lk 20:9-18

*Sundays in red.*

<https://www.o.ca.org/readings/monthly/2023/11>