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# *The New Witness*

*To the Ancient Faith*

*A Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church*



Come, all you ends of the earth,  
let us praise the most holy translation  
of the Mother of God;  
for she has placed her spotless soul  
into the hands of her Son!  
Therefore the world,  
restored to life by her holy Dormition,  
in radiant joy celebrates this feast with  
psalms and hymns and spiritual songs  
together with the Angels and the Apostles.

Stichera at the Litya for Dormition, August 15

# **PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **BISHOP'S VISIT**

We had a good turnout for Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy during Archbishop Benjamin's visit July 23-24. More than one hundred people were in attendance on Sunday. We also had new candlesticks, known as the dikiry and trikiry, as well as a episcopal staff made for the bishop's use when visiting our parish.

## **NEW ICONS**

If you haven't seen them yet, be sure to look for the new veneration icons in our temple. Archbishop Benjamin blessed them recently during his visit.

## **ORTHODOX STUDIES**

Beginning in August, Orthodox Studies will return to an in-person format and will be held on Wednesday evenings following Daily Vespers. Come to the church midweek to attend the service and stay after to participate in discussions about questions from parishioners and inquirers about our Orthodox faith!

## **CATECHESIS**

Father John will be organizing the schedule for our catechesis classes by the end of August. If you would like to participate in these, be sure to let him know so that he can select times that will accommodate your needs if possible.

## **CONFESSIONS**

Father John is available any time by appointment and after vigil on Saturday evening without appointment to hear them.

## **PRECAUTIONS**

Parishioners are reminded that anyone who prefers to wear masks during the services is encouraged to do so. Also, doors and windows can be opened when temperatures allow for greater ventilation. Finally, if anyone tests positive for Covid after being present at a parish event, please contact Fr. John to let him know.

## **BOOKSTORE NEWS!!**

No major news here but please let one of us know if you'd like to see the Bookstore offer a book or icon that we don't currently carry. We'll do our best to find a copy or two and include it/them in our selection.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

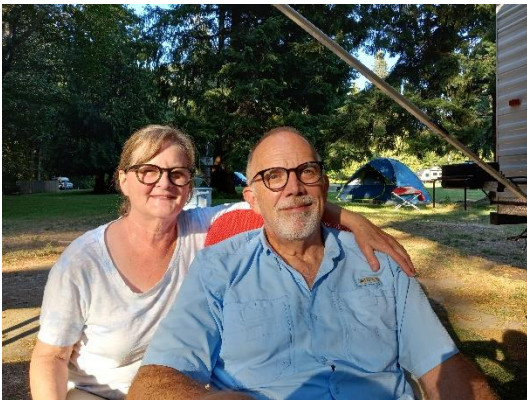
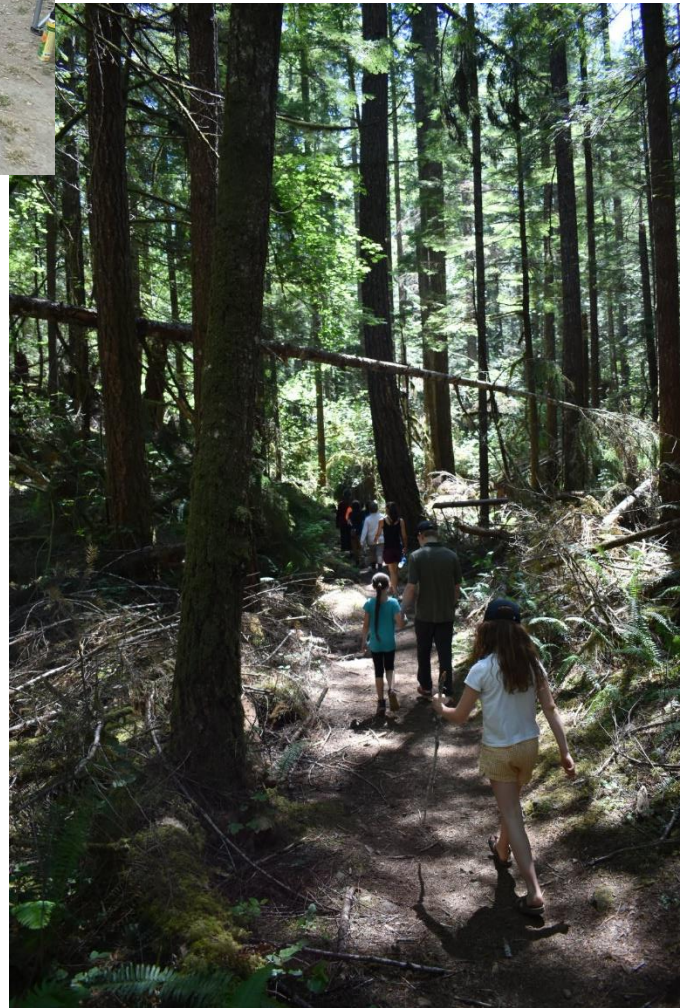
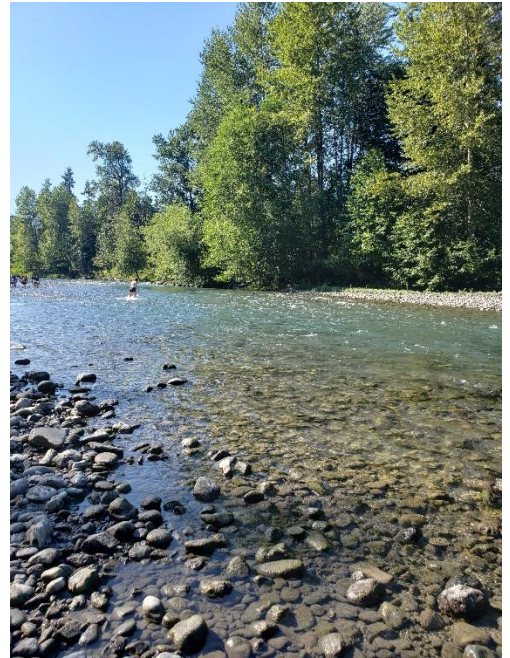
In Christ's service,  
Nancy, Sheryl & Jamie

## **FLOWER DONATIONS**

If you would like to share flowers from your garden with those at church, please contact me, Helenmae, at 360-917-6956.

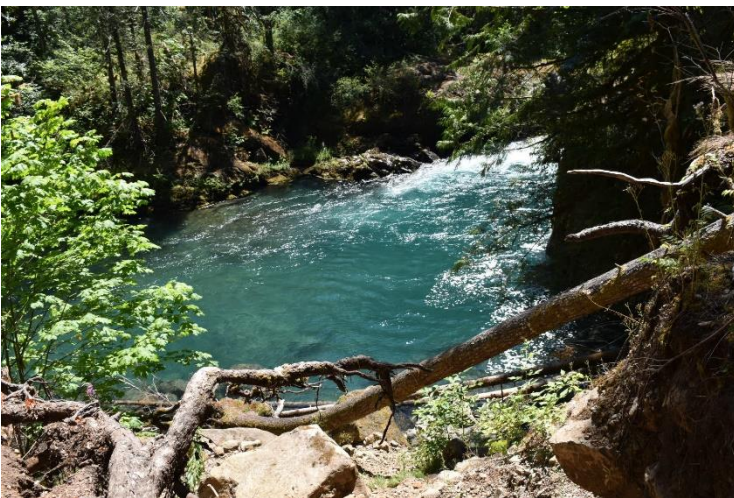
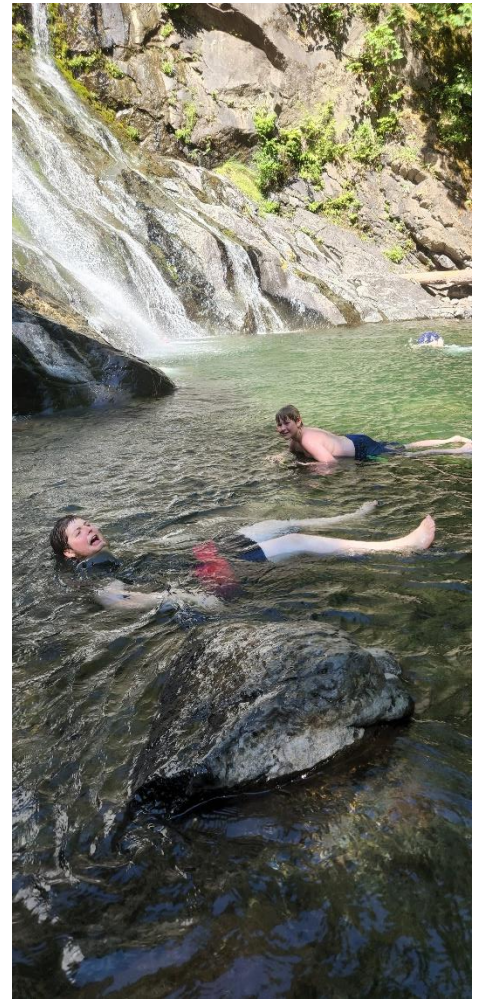
Blue flowers are needed for the Dormition of the Theotokos which is fast approaching. If you have them to share we need them by Saturday morning the 13th of August.  
Thank you so much!

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH CAMPING TRIP...A SUCCESS!!!** We had 10 campsites reserved and a total of 36 folks from 8 months to 80ish years young. We rested, visited, played games, swam, collected oysters, hiked, and more. What a blast! Keep a watch out for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Camping trip for 2023! Mark your calendars for July 23-26<sup>th</sup>!





We even had a visitor want to join us.





O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins,  
and mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone,  
and give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and adore You,  
a heart to delight in You,  
to follow and to enjoy You,  
for Christ's sake.

*St Ambrose of Milan, 337–397 AD*

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

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### **SEEKING**

Fraser & Daniel are still seeking to buy a small home in Kitsap County. If you know of one that may be on the market soon, please reach out to them.

### **FREE**

Bryan Telegins parents recently moved to Silverdale and have a couple items they need to give away as they don't have room.

1. 32 inch flat screen tv (with remote).
2. metal trundle bed to hold two twin mattresses (one on top and a pull-out on the bottom). She has a mattress for the top and a mattress pad, but not for the bottom. She also has a new quilt cover for it.

Both are in great shape. She just doesn't have room.

If anyone is interested, they can call Bryan's mom (Linda) at 530.925.1826. Pictures are available if needed.

### **PRAYER LIST**

*ND: Newly Departed CSB: Child She Bears*

#### **Departed**

Joshua

#### **Living**

Michael

Jeff Seraphim

Irina

Sara CSB

Amber Brigit CSB

Jamie CSB

Jovan CSB

Monika

Vern

Jenny CSB

Donald

Arlene

Brittany

Kimberly

Lester

Noelle

Isaiah

Hazen

Renezmae