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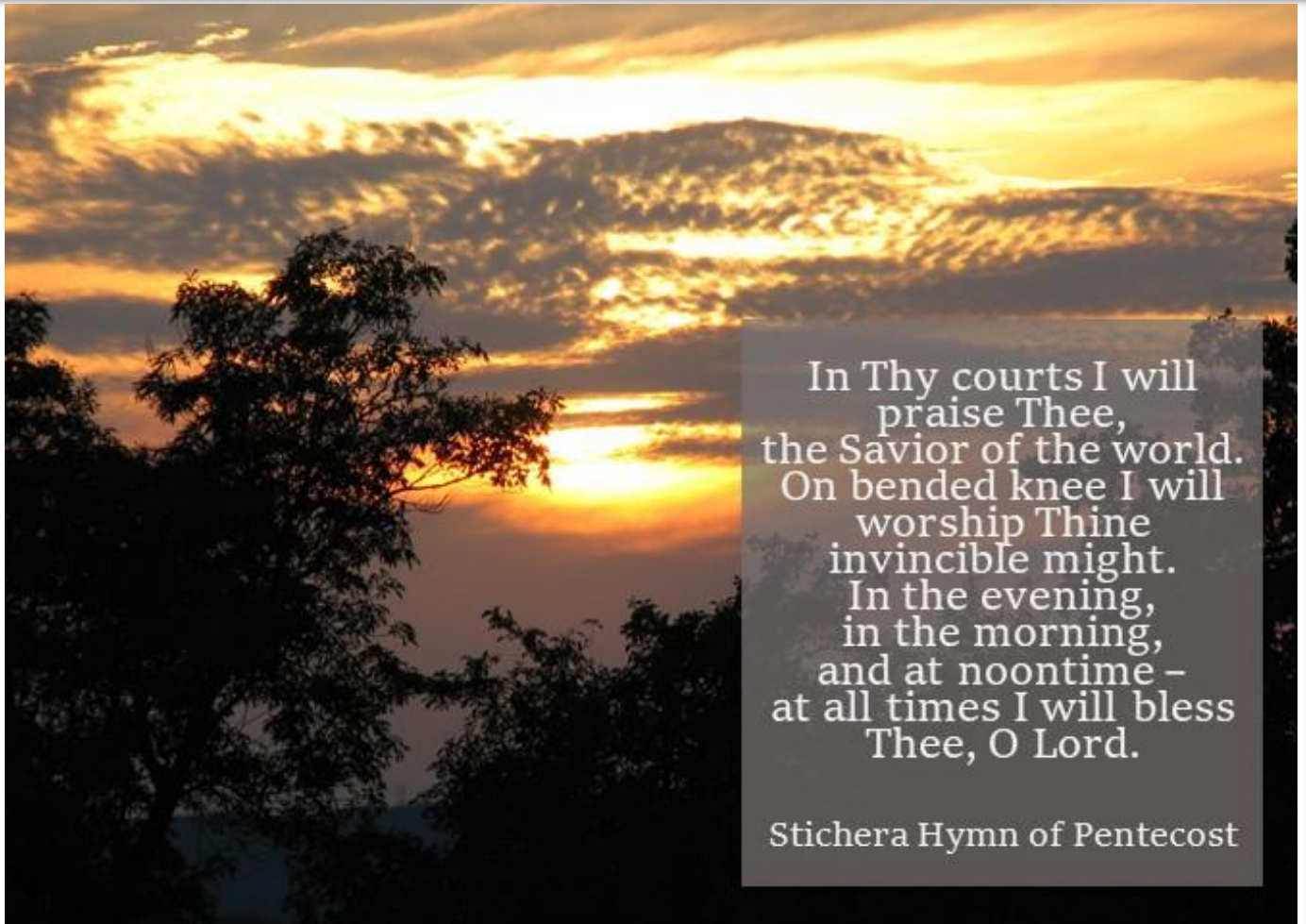
Archpriest John Strickland

June 2022

The New Witness

To the Ancient Faith

A Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church



In Thy courts I will
praise Thee,
the Savior of the world.
On bended knee I will
worship Thine
invincible might.
In the evening,
in the morning,
and at noontime –
at all times I will bless
Thee, O Lord.

Stichera Hymn of Pentecost

PARISH NEWS:

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Welcome to Jamie Telegin who's joined the Bookstore ministry!

Look for these new - or, new to us - titles arriving soon:

"The Spiritual Roots of the Ecological Crisis" by Jean-Claude Larchet

"My Life in Christ" about St. John of Kronstadt

Recording Bookstore Purchases: We're having a difficult time reconciling the Bookstore inventory and need your help. Please record each item you're buying on a separate line on the sales sheet by the blue cash box and pay at the time of purchase. If you prefer to borrow books, we have a Lending Library for that purpose.

Thank you for supporting the Bookstore ministry.

Nancy, Sheryl and Jamie

BAPTISMS AT PENTECOST

We will be receiving Malachai and Alie Ardoin through holy baptism at Pentecost this year. Malachi was at sea during Pascha and the two were therefore unable to be received at that time. The baptisms will take place one hour before the Liturgy.

APOSTLES FAST

The Apostles Fast is rather short this year: only a week and a half. Father John will be available throughout the period for confessions by appointment, so let him know if you'd like to plan on that.

BISHOP'S VISIT

Archbishop Benjamin is scheduled to visit our parish July 23-24 this year. Be sure to plan to attend the services that Saturday and Sunday. Due to his health issues, there is still some uncertainty about his visit and Fr. John will be sure to keep everyone informed if there is a change in schedule.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Everyone is reminded that with continue concerns about Covid parishioners should keep four particular precautions in mind:

- Everyone who wishes to do so should feel free to wear masks, but they 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 Fr. John know

CATECHESIS & ORTHODOX STUDIES

Catechesis has concluded with the reception of most of our catechumens at Pascha. We resumed online Orthodox Studies on Monday, May 9 and it will continue every other week after that.

JUNE GAME NIGHT

We will have game night on Friday, June 10th at 6:30pm. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and people! All ages are welcome!

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED

I am looking for a new person to take over the official position of church photographer. Anyone can contribute pictures, but it is nice for someone to be responsible for gathering/publishing images throughout the year. We aren't looking for a professional, just someone who enjoys taking photos that can be shared, used in the newsletter, and/or on the website. Contact Fr. John or Roxanne Reid-Bennett

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for Women's Fellowship on the first Tuesday evening (6:30pm) of every month. Food, fellowship, and a book study. We are reading *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives* and this month we will start where we left off, on Chapter 6 through the end of the book (maybe 😊). Even if you haven't read the book you may be interested in hearing what others have to say and the fellowship alone is wonderful. Bring some food to share if you would like.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for Men's Fellowship on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month, at 9am. We'll have breakfast and a book study. This month we will begin reading the book *Everywhere Present* by Fr. Stephen Freeman. Please read the introduction and chapter 1 to begin. Our first June meeting will be the 11th and the next one is the 25th. See you then!

LOOKING AHEAD

June 12th Pentecost followed by Kneeling Vespers (at 1pm)

June 20-24 Pacific Northwest Youth Camp

July 23/24 Bishop Benjamin to visit

July 24-27 Annual Parish Camping @ Dosewallips State Park

WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY—Family news, announcements, biographies, pictures, milestones, and more. If you have something you think would fit this column, please let me know.

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Prayer List

ND: Newly Departed

CSB: Child She Bears

Departed

Archbp. Paul

Archbp. Hilarion

Living

Camilla Athanasia

Patricia Petra

Michael

Jeff Seraphim

Irina

Amber Brigit CSB

Laura Gabriella CSB

Jamie CSB
Jovan CSB
Archpriest Anthony
Monika

Frank
Rachel
Jenny CSB
Marea

CLASSIFIEDS –got something to sell or a business to promote? This is the place for that. Send in your classifieds to susansophia.f@gmail.com by the 25th of every month.

WOODEN CROSSES ON THE WALL IN THE BOOKSTORE

My son, Ryan Johnson, makes these beautiful crosses so I asked him if he would be interested in making them for people who would like to have one. If you want to purchase a cross, he would like for you to give him a call or email him. He lives in Idaho.

His phone number is 916-627-5134, and email is ryan.is.johnson@gmail.com.

Feel free to talk with me about the crosses also.

Thanks so much,

Jan Johnson