

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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 A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese
 Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

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Sunday October 11th 2015 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Glory be to Jesus Christ

Icon of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council



Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Tropar Tone 2– Blue Book pg. 84 Red Book pg.99

Tropar and Kondak for the Holy Fathers– Blue Book pg.114
 Red Book pg. 130

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services

Wednesday 10/14 7:20PM– Moleben to The Mother of God followed by Orthodox Study Class

Thursday 9AM 10/15– Divine Liturgy for Special Intentions

Saturday 10/17– 3PM Silent Auction, Wine Tasting, and Dinner– **Great Vespers** following cleanup

Sunday 10/18– Divine Liturgy 10AM

Orthodox Spirituality and the 7th Ecumenical Council:

The 7th Ecumenical Council gives to us something that we all love. Something that when we behold we can see the reflection of the light of Christ. Something that we have in

our Church and something that we need in our homes. The 7th Ecumenical Council gives to us the Holy Icons.

St. John of Damascus, who was present at the council, said this concerning Icons, “Concerning the charge of idolatry: Icons are not idols but symbols, therefore when an Orthodox venerates an icon, he is not guilty of idolatry. He is not worshipping the symbol, but merely venerating it. Such veneration is not directed toward wood, or paint or stone, but towards the person depicted. Therefore relative honor is shown to material objects, but worship is due to God alone.” St. John said what we know to be true! We don’t worship Icons or Saints! It is God alone who we worship.

The Icons and the Saints bring us closer to Christ, they help us to know Christ better so that we can see Him more clearly. The Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council fought to preserve this right for all of the future generations of the Church. So that all of us could come into our Churches and into our homes and see the living Christ depicted in the icons and worship Him by showing Him our love when we kiss and venerate His most Holy Image.

The Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council also made a powerful statement about the Orthodox Faith, it is usually read on The Sunday of Orthodoxy, but here it is a few months early! "As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as grace has illumined, as truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dispelled, as wisdom has presented, as Christ has triumphed; this we believe, this we declare, this we preach: Christ our true God, and His saints we honor in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in temples, in icons, on the one hand bowing down and worshipping Christ as God and Master, on the other hand honoring the saints as true servants of the Master of all, and offering to them due veneration. This is the faith of the Apostles! This is the faith of the Fathers! This is the faith of the Orthodox! ➡ Ctd. On Back

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This is the faith which has established the Universe! Therefore with fraternal and filial love we praise the heralds of the faith, those who with glory and honor have struggled for the faith, and we say: for the champions of Orthodoxy, faithful emperors, most-holy patriarchs, hierarchs, teachers, martyrs and confessors: may their memory be eternal."

The Saints worked tirelessly in this life and continue to pray that we preserve the Truth of Jesus Christ and the fullness of His Church. The Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council remind us all just how much we must cherish the True Faith that we are Blessed to bear witness to and be a part of.

Let us all pray that we may grow in love and with faith in our God, the Creator of the universe. And let us pray that we may share that love and faith with everyone whom we encounter! Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Annual Trip to Cagle's Family Farm**– After Church Today!!!
- **Our Annual Dinner, Wine Tasting, and Silent Auction is approaching! The date is set for October 17th at 3:00PM– This Saturday at 3PM!!!**
- **Community Garage Sale Postponed due to rain-New Date- October 24th– Volunteers Needed!!!**
Please tells your friends, family and neighbors! Remind them that it's a great place to set up a booth and enjoy a day of searching for hidden treasures! Make reservations before August 31,2015 email SEOCGA@yahoo.com for registration forms and information OR call 770-485-0504.
- **JR ACRY Coat (Warm Clothes) and Food Drive**– The colder months are rapidly approaching and people in our community need your help! If you have any gently used winter clothing (things you would wear!) please bring them in and support the youth of St. Elizabeth's in their first Winter Coat Drive! Along with the coats please consider bringing in some good non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving Season. The youth of St. Elizabeth's will meet at the Church on **Saturday, November 21st** at 9AM for the Feast day of the Entrance of Mary into the Temple and then pass out the clothes and food and to those who are in need in the local community. This is a great opportunity to teach our kids to be good stewards of the Church and the local community. Please support them and the less fortunate in the Woodstock area by participating in this outreach effort to the very best of your abilities. Most of us have more than we need, think of those who do not, and make a concerted effort to give what you can to this cause. God Bless you and thank you for your support!

Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining , Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela , Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae , Carey, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George Szapka Family, Fred and Helen Mileszko, Robin

