



THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS



St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Sunday September 6th 2015

14th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2nd Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Christ is Among Us



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Readers Service Led by Altar Server Anthony Mannino

Tropar and Kondak Tone 5– Blue Book pg. 93 Red Book pg. 108
Now and Ever...

Kondak of St. Elizabeth -Tone 2

The memory of Your prophets Zachariah and Elizabeth *

We celebrate today, O Lord*

By their prayers, we beseech You, O Christ our God, save our souls!

Tuesday 9/8 9:00 AM– Divine Liturgy– Birth of the Mother of God

Friday 9/11 6:30 PM– Art Class taught by Teresa Van Buul

Sunday 9/13 10 AM– Divine Liturgy– Followed by Parish Picnic at
Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church in Roswell, GA.

Thanks you for your prayers!

Please keep Fred, Helen, and the Mileshko family in your prayers. Fred suffered from a fall and broke his hip. He is recovering well from an operation to repair the damage. Fred and Helen thank all of you for your kindness, love, support, and most especially for your prayers!

St. Elizabeth is the mother of St. John the Baptist she was also the sister of St. Anna, the mother of the Birthgiver of God and the grandmother of Christ. St. Elizabeth's husband, St. Zachariah was a priest in the Temple. St. Elizabeth and St. Zachariah had been married for many years and had never been able to conceive a child. In Jewish tradition it was considered a great sin to be unable to bear children. Yet St. Elizabeth and St. Zachariah never lost hope - they never blamed God or lost their faith. St. Elizabeth and St. Zachariah endured "walking in all the commandments of the Lord" (Luke 1:6). In old age, God blessed Sts. Zachariah and Elizabeth with a son who would be named John. John would be known as The Forerunner and The Baptist. We all know his story, but what does the story of his parents life teach us?

From the life of St. Elizabeth we learn a lesson that we must always remember. It is the lesson of patience. The lesson of perseverance. We learn the lessons of hope, faith, and love in the Lord. The world looked at St. Elizabeth as cursed because of her barrenness; but the Lord saw her faith and endurance and blessed her with a son who one day baptize our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and announce His coming to the entire universe!

When our life becomes hard and we feel as though we are being tested, remember St. Elizabeth, our patron Saint. Ask her to pray for you. Ask her for the patience, hope, faith, and love that she had!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Art Class to be taught by Teresa**– Our very talented Teresa Van Buul will be teaching an Art Class at the Church **this week**, on **Friday September 11th at 6:30PM**. The cost to participate will be \$20 plus the donation of a school supply (check for the list in your email inbox) for those in need at the Johnston Elementary School on East Cherokee Drive. Even if you can't attend the class school supplies can be dropped off anytime between now and Sunday, September 13th.
- **Parish Picnic for Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church Sunday 9/13-Next Sunday!**– We have all been invited to attend the parish picnic and pig roast at Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church in Roswell, GA. If you are able please plan on attending and enjoying a day of fun and fellowship! The address is 2030 Old Alabama Rd, Roswell, GA 30076.
- **Archpastoral Visit from our Bishop, His Grace Bishop Gregory of Nyssa**- Our Bishop is planning a trip to the Atlanta Area on weekend of **September 20th**. He plans to visit with us over the weekend and celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday! We are blessed to be able to spend some time with time with our Bishop. Preparations for the visit will be discussed this week with more information to come next Sunday!
- **Community Garage Sale October 3rd– 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.
- **Our Annual Dinner, Wine Tasting, and Silent Auction is approaching! The date is set for October 17th at 3:00PM**– The menu will be “An OLD-SCHOOL NY STEAKHOUSE DINNER”. The food is sure to be delicious and the company is sure to be wonderful. If you have yet to sign up please see Serge, Boris or Evelyn Melnikoff. Also if you have any items you think would be appropriate for the silent auction or know of any persons or businesses who may make a donation please contact Serge, Boris or Evelyn. This is a big fundraiser for our Parish Family so please invite your friends, families, and neighbors! Thanks in advance for all 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 Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae , Carey, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, Szapka Family, Fred and Helen Milesenko

