

THE ST. ELIZABETH NEWS



Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



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Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women
3rd Paschal Sunday



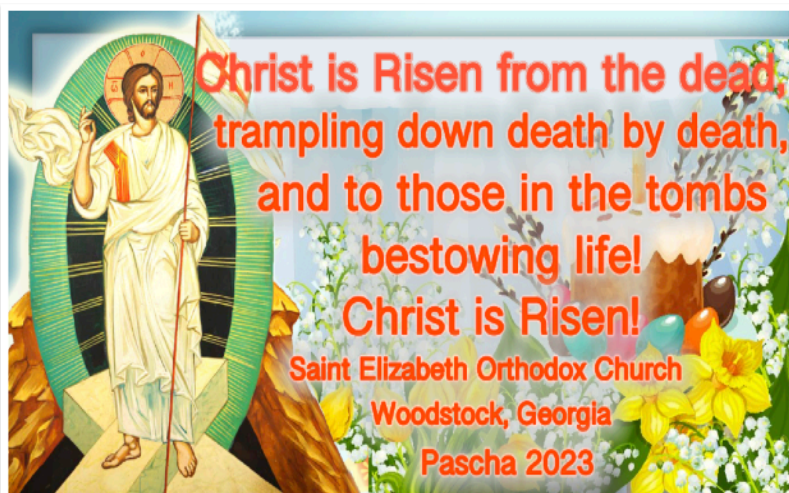
Epistle: Acts 6:1-7. **Gospel:** Mark 15:43-16:8

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Christ is among us! He is and always shall be! Welcome to St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church! Thank you for being here to worship our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ! If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before, you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday of the year. Liturgy means the work of the people. That means that we all have special and holy work to do this morning, and that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay after the Liturgy and join us in fellowship next door. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May the joy, hope, and salvation found in Christ's Resurrection be with you always and may God grant you many happy and blessed years!

This Week's Music...

Paschal Antiphons, & Birthgiver Hymns **pages 193-195**, Tropar and Kondak of the Holy Myrrhbearers **pages 200-201**





Two Week Schedule

Wednesday 05/03 5:30 pm- Moleben followed by Adult Class led by Dr. Tim Furnish on the Book of Acts

Saturday 05/06 4 pm- Great Vespers

Sunday 05/07 10 am- Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 05/10 9 am- Divine Liturgy: Mid Pentecost

5:30 pm- Vespers & Adult Class

Thursday 05/11 9 am- Divine Liturgy: Feast of Saints Cyril & Methodius

Saturday 05/13 4 pm Great Vespers

Sunday 05/14 10 am- Divine Liturgy: Mother's Day

Wednesday 05/17 5:30 pm- Moleben & Adult Class

Saturday 05/20 10 am- Divine Liturgy of the Departed
2 pm- Great Vespers

Sunday 05/21 10 am- Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 05/24 9 am- Divine Liturgy: The Leave of Pascha

6 pm- Great Vespers for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Thursday 05/25 9 am- Divine Liturgy: for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Sunday 05/28 10 am- Deacon's Service

Saturday 06/03 4 pm- Great Vespers on the Eve of Pentecost

Sunday 06/04 10 am- Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Pentecost

Monday 06/05 9 am- Divine Liturgy followed by Gospel Procession around the Church on the Feast of Day of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday 06/07 5:30 pm- Moleben followed by Adult Class

Saturday 06/10 4 pm- Great Vespers

Sunday 06/11 10 am- Divine Liturgy

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Today on the 3rd Sunday of Pascha, the Church honors and remembers the faithfulness of the Myrrbearing Women. Last week we remembered St. Thomas and heard about him and the other Apostles, who while hiding in the upper room encountered Christ risen from the dead. While the Apostles hid in fear, the Myrrh bearers, the faithful women who stood at the foot our Lord's Cross, lovingly and courageously went to the Tomb of Christ to properly care for the Holy Body of their Lord.

Among these brave and faithful women were Mary the Mother of God, Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, the wife of Chouza; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the rest, the scriptures are silent, but the fearless devotion of these women is truly an awe inspiring testament of faith.

The Myrrh Bearers are remembered throughout the ages because of the faith, love, and care they showed to Christ. The question we should all ask ourselves is "How can I be more like them? How can I care for the Body of Christ?" We are like the Myrrhbearers when we are good stewards to the Church. But what does that mean? Stewards are caretakers, people who lovingly and passionately care for something, just like the Myrrhbearers care for Christ. So then, the better question is how do we care for and love Christ's Body, the Church?

There are so many wonderful and meaningful opportunities to do this. Just think of all the important ways that we care for Christ's Body by caring for His Church. In the Church, we are the members of Christ's Body, and so we also care for our Lord's Body by caring for one another. Right now, from your own homes you can be a myrrh bearer simply by loving your neighbor as yourself and praying for them. The time will come again when we have limitless ways to be myrrhbearers. A time when we can work again, side by side for the glory of our Lord. Today we can work side by side in an even more meaningful way by loving and forgiving one another.

St. Paul tells us that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that the Church is His Body. We are the Church and that very body, and so when we love one another as Christ loves all of us, then we care for the Body of Christ in a real way, just like the Myrrh-Bearers.

Article By Father Matthew Stagon



Who were the Myrrh-Bearing Women?

Mary Magdalene purchased myrrh and spices to anoint the body of the buried Christ, and to accord Him, following Jewish custom as much honor as possible. This role is fitting for her since two of the Evangelists place her among the several women, and third identifies her as performing this noble deed herself.

Mary the Theotokos (Mother of God) is the Mother of the Word and God Jesus Christ. It is assumed by the Church that she was present with the other women bearing myrrh.

Joanna is the wife of Chouza, the steward-administrator of King Herod Antipas and was also one of the women who first witnessed the Resurrection.

Mary was the wife of Cleopas (the brother of Joseph), the making this Mary the aunt of Jesus and sister-in-law to the Theotokos.

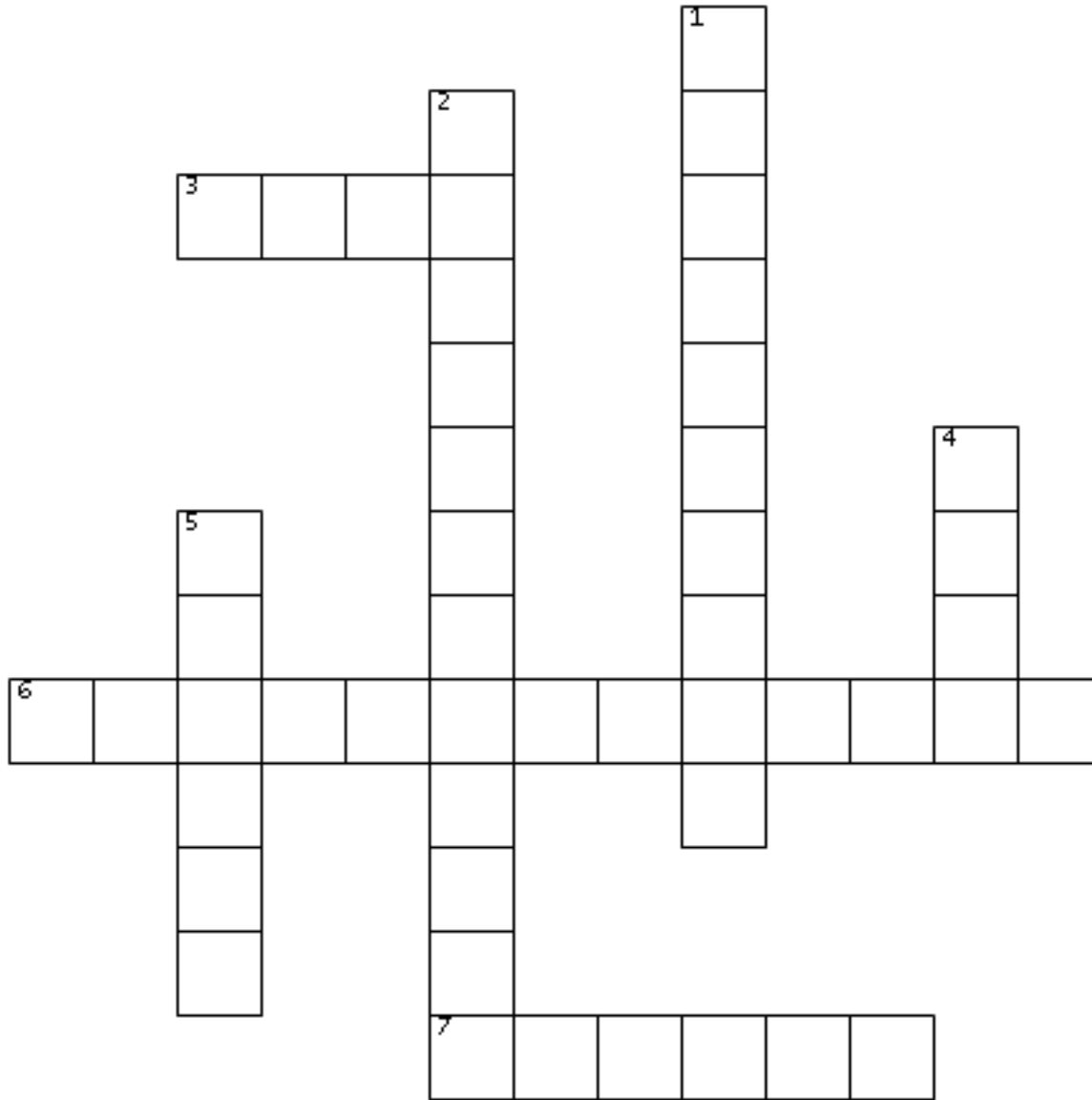
Susannah is the wealthy woman of the group who provided material means of support to the ministry of Jesus Christ during his three-year public ministry.

Salome is the generally considered to be the wife of Zebedee, and mother of the Apostles James and John. She who asked the Lord to have her sons sit one on His right, and the other on His left.

Mary of Bethany is the sister of Lazarus. She was a believer even before Jesus raised her brother from the dead and continued to be a faithful servant of God long after the Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

Martha of Bethany is the other sister of Lazarus. She was also a believer in Jesus Christ before He raised her brother Lazarus from the dead. It is generally assumed that both she and her sister were present as the news of the Resurrection of Christ was announced to the world.

The Myrrh-Bearing Women



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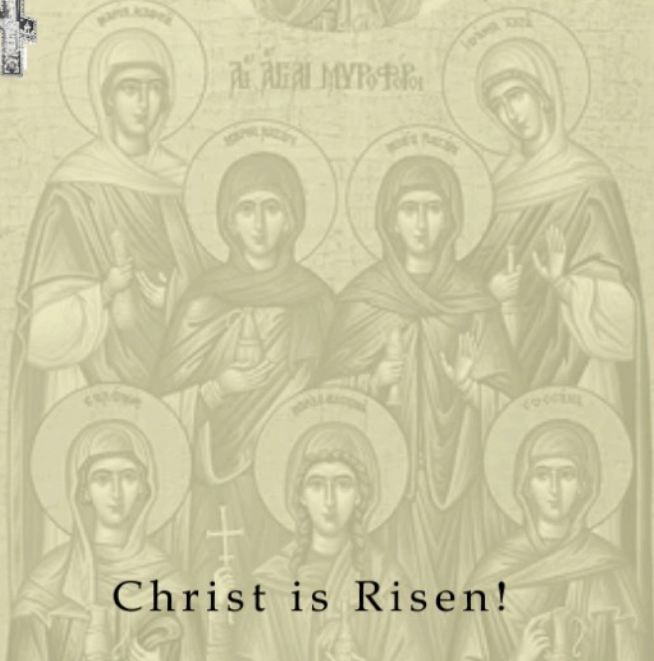
- 3. Jesus's aunt, the wife of Saint Joseph's brother Cleophas was there.
- 6. She purchased myrrh and spices to anoint Christ's body.
- 7. She is the mother of James and John.

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- 1. Christ's mother, the Theotokos or _____ of God was among the women.
- 2. When we serve Christ with love and without fear we are _____ just like these women.
- 4. The the Myrrh-Bearing Women arrived at Christ's tomb before _____ on the third day.
- 5. Mary and _____ are the sisters of Lazarus of the Four Days and were faithful followers of Christ before and after His Ressurrection. They were also among the first to hear the Good News!



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Christ is Risen!

Before the dawn,
Mary and the women came and
found the stone rolled away
from the tomb.
They heard the angelic voice:
“Why do you seek among the
dead as a man the One who is
Everlasting Light?
Behold the clothes in the grave!
Go and proclaim to the world:
The Lord is risen!”
He has slain death, as He is the
Son of God, saving the race of
men.

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- **Your Are Invited to an Armed Forces Day Party at the Sparks Family Home in Dawsonville on May 20th from 2-7pm-** 908 Little Mountain Road Dawsonville, GA 30534 - Please RSVP Text or Call at 678-315-3856. GPS and directions can be tricky, please grab a sheet with directions in the atrium near the silverware!
- **Parish Meeting / Group Conversation on Stewardship after the Liturgy on Pentecost (6/4)**
- **Little Saints Sunday School-** Today after the Liturgy!
- **Meeting for all Potential Altar Servers-** Today during coffee hour after Sunday School! I would like for all the boys and young men in the parish over 8 years old along with a parent to attend a brief meeting in the Church after Sunday School about serving at the altar. Any boy younger than 8 who is interested in attending the meeting and learning more about the joys of serving at the Altar is welcome.
- Next Sunday May 7th - Parish Family Sunday is Back! Please join us next Sunday as we will hold a special coffee hour with Ice Breakers for adults followed by some fun outdoor activities with water balloons for the kids! Parents should bring a bathing suit or a change of clothes for their kids that can get wet/dirty.



Come to Camp Nazareth!

Join Us at Camp Nazareth!

This summer, Tripp Prince and Michael Mason will be leading a group of youth to participate in our diocesan summer camp, Camp Nazareth, in Mercer, Pennsylvania. Camp Nazareth assigns camping weeks based on your regional deanery, so this year's session runs from **Sunday, July 30th-Saturday, August 5th**. While we know this may conflict with some school schedules, if at all possible, we would love for you to consider this incredible opportunity! As a small mission parish, the youth of St. Elizabeth's in years past have been deeply blessed by the opportunity to participate in the youth ministry of our diocese on a larger scale. It is a chance for them to make lifelong Orthodox friendships, deepen their faith, and have one of the most fun weeks of their year!

In order to make appropriate travel arrangements, we need a final head count with confirmed camp registration no later than **Sunday, May 21st**. This allows us to rent an appropriately sized vehicle for the trip.

Fr. Matthew is willing to help figure out travel arrangements for children who will already be in school and would be unable to travel with Tripp and Michael.

The Details:

- July 30th-August 5th
- Kids ages 8-18
- Cost: \$335 plus cost of transportation
- Note: scholarships and financial aid are available through the camp and Saint Elizabeth's. Cost will never keep a child from participating!
- Deadline: **May 21st**
- For more information, please contact Tripp Prince at tripp.prince@gmail.com.



Remember to Pray for Vocations

Since Peter and Andrew first heard the call of Christ and dropped their nets over two thousand years ago, men and women have been called to serve Christ and His Church. No matter what we do in life, no matter what our vocation, it is our calling, honor, and duty to serve our Lord. It so easy in the busy and distracting world we live in to block out the sound of our Lord calling to us. The challenged laid out before all of us is to silence our earthly cares and listen to the loving sound of our Lord calling us to His purpose. In order to hear that call, we need to pray for it and listen to what Christ is telling us. Remember to always pray that the Lord make his purpose clear to you and to others, so that we might know our vocation.

As a mission Parish we have been charged by God to share His beauty and truth with the world. We should always be praying that we are working for God's purpose and for His glory; that we are ready to receive the souls He sends our way and share with them the light, beauty, and truth of His Holy Orthodox Church. We should pray that God always guides us to His light, teaches us His commandments, and that He shows us how and helps us to serve Him. We need to pray not only for ourselves, but for everyone, and for the whole world: for vocations for men and women at every level of service to Christ and His Bride, the Orthodox Church.

The Church is always in need of men and women to serve in special vocations. The Church needs monks and nuns, Sunday school teachers and mentors for the young people. She needs workers and cleaners, and she needs singers, Altar servers, deacons, priests, and bishops. The Church needs all of these things and more to make up the Body of Christ and we are called on to pray that men and women everywhere answer the call to serve Christ.

Just like Peter and Andrew answered Christ's call so long ago, we are always in need of men to answer the call to the priesthood today. And so, we are called upon to especially pray for men, both young and old alike to take up their cross and answer that same apostolic call of service.

I ask all of you to add this prayer to your daily prayers:

O Lord and Master of the harvest, who told us the harvest is great, but the laborers are few, call many to be Your future priests. For there are children to baptize, and the sick to heal, there are the dying to care for, the Bread of Life to distribute, and the Word of God to teach; there are sins to forgive and charity to be done in Your Name. grant O Lord that



Parish Family Prayer List

For the Health of: Evelyn & the Melnikoff Family, Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Kara, Joanna, James, Anna, Basil, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Tyler, Maria, Page Family, Dean, Margaret, Metropolitan Gregory and his family, Rick, James, David, Joseph, Maria Starcova, David & Paulette Novak, Suzette, Bob, David, Marilyn & family, Mark, Fr. Dcn. Stephen, Michelle, James, Rachel, Kate, Fr. Blaschak & Family, Larry, Alexandra, Tammy, Trahan & Skiba Family, The Hood Family, the Mileshko Family, the Blanar Family, Burt, Sandy, Stephanie, Mary, Tommy, Stephen, Emilia, Simon, Alisha, & Aaron Zak, the Puziculiks Family, Fr. Andy, Davina, & Alexandra, Stan, Fr. Dcn. Charlie & Family, Justin, Charlie, Herbert and Mary Schleining, Spencer, Julie, Anna, Galina & Family, Irinia & Family, Fr. Jim & Pani Kathy Dutko, Rick, Katlain, Elenor, Teddy, Mark, Robert & Cindy, Melissa, Ben, Anthony, Rachel, Christine, Cora, Rick, Michelle, Tim, Robert, Tripp, Rachel & Family, The Kelemecz Family, Leonard, Leo, & the Olaru Family, Joanna Price, Kim, Isaiah, the Wells Family, Dave, Ashley & family, Mary, Tim, Andrew, Robert, Derrick, Michael, Eli, Ean, Ellie, Amber, Christopher, Deborah, Ethan, Rosemary, Mike, Elaiane, Roy, Lin, Dave, Sarah, George, & Edward, Stephen, Caleb, Amelia, Simon, David, the Gdovin Family, the Rodgers Family, Mike & the Kundrat Family

For the Departed: Patricia+, James+, Stephen+, Anna+, Charles+, Robert+, Loraine+. Helen+, Lewis+, Jeane+, Vera+, George+, George+, Ernie+, Eddie+, Maria+, Carl+, Mark+, Barry+, Jospeh+, Phillip+, Jenny+, Peter+, Bryan+, Rebecca+, Fr. Paul+, Maria+, Fr. Hazuda+, George Smisko+, Helen Spanovich+, Bob+, Alma+, Bo+, Saddle+, Fr. William George+, Violet+, Fr. Kozar+, Benjamin+, John Haddad+, Fred & Helen Mileshko+, Anna+, Natalie+, Lilly+, Christine+, Anna+, Tamara+, Anastasia+, Yvonne+, John+, Betty+, Ada+, Peter+ & Wanda+, George+, Jerry+, Barb+ & Harry+, Beth+, Louise+, Nikolay+, Boris Melnikoff+, David+, Fr. Michael+, Natalie+, Helen+, Ted+, Tom+, Mike+, Madeline+, Tim+, Fr. John Baranek, Reader Stephen+, Dean+, Fr. Larry+, Kris+, Wathen+, Pani Elenor+, Fr. Michael+, Sally+, David+, Gene+, Kenny+, Ava+, Fr. Tony Joseph+ & Pani Patsy+, Anatoly+, Fr. Scott+, Steve+, Claudia+, Dave+, Fr. John Duranko, Michael+

Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers & Mothers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!

Holy Saint Elizabeth Pray for us!



Eternal Memory!

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Become a Steward
 I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.
 John 15:16
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
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Keep Your Parish Family in Your Prayers!

Christ is Among us!