

# THE ST. ELIZABETH NEWS



## Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



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**Sunday of the Blindman**  
**6th Paschal Sunday**



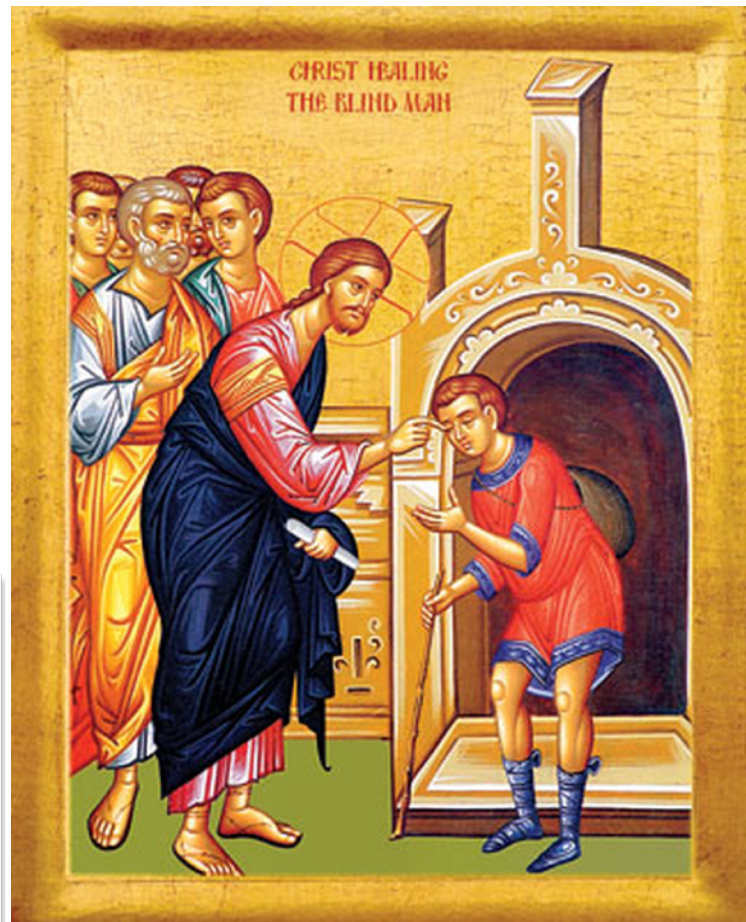
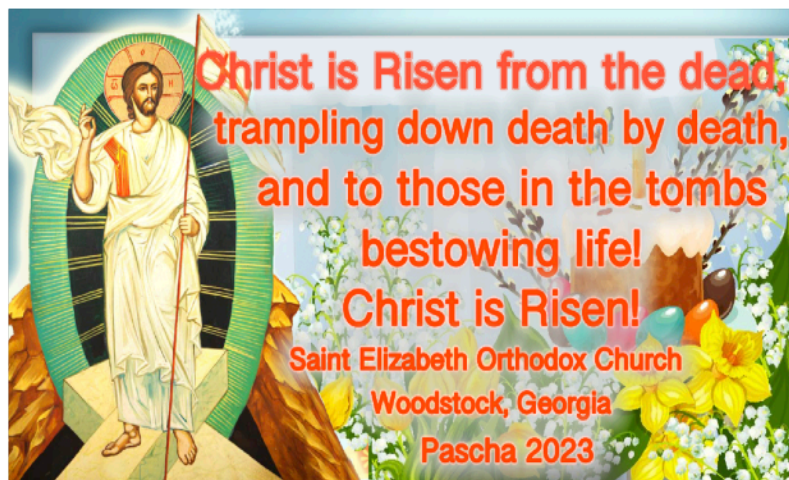
**Epistle:** *Acts 16:16-34* **Gospel:** *John 9:1-38*

### Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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 Blindman, Prokimen, Alleluia on Page **206**



This is The Last Sunday we Sing "Christ is Risen" - Sing with Joy!



## Monthly Schedule

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

**10 am-** Sisterhood of the Saints

**12 pm-** Class on the Book of Acts

**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

**Wednesday 05/31 12 pm-** Class on the Book of Acts

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

**Sunday 06/04 10 am-** Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Pentecost followed by Parish Meeting

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

**Saturday 06/10 4 pm-** Great Vespers

**Sunday 06/11 10 am-** Divine Liturgy

**Monday 06/12-** *Apostles Fast Begins*

**Sunday 06/18 10 am -** Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday 06/21 5 pm-** Moleben to the Mother of God followed by Adult Class (*Catechism*) on the Book of Revelation

**Saturday 06/24 9 am-** Divine Liturgy: Birth of St. John the Baptist

**4 pm-** Great Vespers

**Sunday 06/25 10 am-** Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday 06/28- 5 pm-** Vespers followed by Adult Class (*Catechism*)

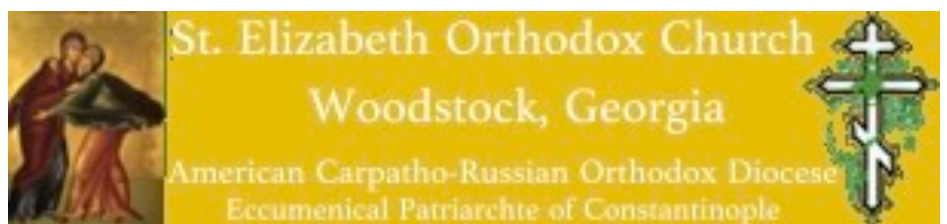
**Thursday 06/29 9 am-** Divine Liturgy: The Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul

**Saturday 07/01 4 pm-** Great Vespers

- **Weekly Announcements:**
- **This is the final Sunday of the year that we sing Christ is risen, so sing with joy!**
- **Little Saints Sunday School-** Today after the Liturgy!
- **Thank you to the Sparks Family for Hosting such a lovely get together yesterday!**



- **Parish Meeting / Group Conversation on Stewardship after the Liturgy on Pentecost (6/4)**
- **Sisterhood of the Saints- Meeting on Wednesday 5/24 after Liturgy -** If you would like to know more please let Rachel Prince know that you are interested by emailing her at, [rachelbprince@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbprince@gmail.com).
- **Sisterhood of Saints Dinner Friday June 23rd at the Gasperson Home-** Last week I posted in error that this was a parish picnic. This dinner is just for the women of the parish. Please rsvp by emailing Rachel Prince at, [rachelbprince@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbprince@gmail.com).
- **The Next Parish Family Sunday will be held on Sunday June 25th!**
- **Little Saints Day Camps! Saturday July 15th 1-7 pm with a community dinner after Vespers at 5-pm-** I am looking for volunteers to help for food, programs, and lessons for two other dates over the summer months. The idea would be to host a day camp for the kids with a parent/guardian present at the event. They could be hosted any day of the week during the summer. If you want to pick a day and help plan an event let me know.
- **Out of Town for ACRY Bowling Tournament-** I will be away from the parish for about a week to attend the National ACRY event at our parish in Pheonixville, PA. Please let me know if you have an emergency, otherwise I will see you all on Sunday June 4th for the Feast of Pentecost and our Summer Parish Meeting with a special focus on stewardship.
- **Adult Catechism Classes on Wednesday Evenings to Begin Again on 06/21-** This Summer Catechism Class will have a special focus on the Book of Revelations
- This Wednesday we will celebrate the final Liturgy of the Paschal Season. Join with your parish family in prayer and sing "Christ is risen" one more time!





## Spiritual Healing: The Sunday of the Blind Man

Christ's encounter with the Blind Man goes far beyond the physical healing of a man who was born blind. This miraculous event serves as a powerful example of the spiritual healing that we all need so dearly in our lives. On the Sunday of the Blind Man, we are called to reflect on the deeper meaning behind this story and embrace the transformative power of Christ's healing light within our souls.

**The Encounter:** In the Gospel of John (9:1-38), we witness the encounter between Jesus and the blind man. As the blind man's physical sight is restored, he also undergoes a spiritual awakening. His encounter with the Son of God not only opens his physical eyes but also illuminates his heart and soul, leading to a profound faith and testimony.

**The Blindness Within:** The blindness experienced by the man in the Gospel is representative of our own spiritual condition. We often find ourselves blinded by sin, ignorance, and the distractions of the world. Our spiritual vision becomes clouded, preventing us from perceiving the true light of Christ's love and guidance.

**The Healing Light of Christ:** Just as Jesus anointed the blind man's eyes with clay and commanded him to wash in the Pool of Siloam, Christ offers us the healing light that dispels the darkness within our souls. Through the Mysteries of the Church, prayer, and the tools provided by a life lived in the Church, we are invited to immerse ourselves in the cleansing waters of repentance and be transformed by the grace of God.

**Spiritual Enlightenment:** Like the blind man, we are called to proclaim the work of Christ's healing power in our lives. As we experience spiritual growth and our hearts of stone become hearts of flesh, we become a living testimony of the healing power of Christ to the world. Through our words, actions, and love for one another, we can be living examples, or better yet, living icons of Christ's healing presence, offering hope and inspiration to those around us.

**The Journey of Faith:** The Sunday of the Blind Man invites us to embark on a personal journey of faith and healing. It is an opportunity to reflect on our own blindness and seek the merciful touch of Christ in our lives. By cultivating a prayerful, humble, and repentant attitude, we can open ourselves to the transformative power of God's love, allowing Him to heal our spiritual infirmities and guide us towards the path of salvation.

Today, on the Sunday of the Blind Man, we are invited to contemplate our need for spiritual healing in our own lives. Just as the blind man's physical sight was restored, so too can our spiritual blindness be lifted through the grace and mercy of Christ. May we embrace the teachings of the Church, immerse ourselves in the Sacraments, and fervently seek the healing light of Christ, allowing it to illumine our hearts, minds, and souls. Through this journey of spiritual healing, may we grow closer to God and become beacons of His love and truth in the world, so that we may be beacons of the Light of Christ for all to see!



# THE ASCENSION

The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated this Thursday, 40 days after our Lord's Resurrection. Ascension is one of the Great Feasts of our Lord. Christ's ascension into heaven is the fulfillment of the prophecies revealed in the Old Testament. Our Lord's ascension into Heaven was the final act on earth of His mission of salvation for the world. In the Icon of the Ascension, we see Christ rising into the heavens on a cloud. Below Him, on the Mount of Olives, are the Apostles surround by Mary, The Mother of God, in the middle. This represents all of Christ's earthy ministry, His incarnation, which began in the womb of Mary, is now fulfilled in His glorious ascension into Heaven. At the Ascension, Christ, who is both fully man, and fully God ascends into Heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father in His resurrected human body; thereby making it possible for all humanity to enter through the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven in the same manner. This joy for all humanity is made possible by Christ through the entirety of His Incarnation. Through Christ's mission of salvation: His birth, baptism, teaching, Passion, death on the Cross, Resurrection, and finally fully completed through His ascension into Heaven. Humanity now has the ability to receive Christ's "free gift"; to enter into eternal life in the same manner as our Saviour did. We too can now ascend into heaven on the last day with our Lord and Saviour. Celebrate the Liturgy with your parish family this Thursday at 9 am.





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## Sunday of the Blind-man

"Jesus our Lord fashioned all the members of the blind man's body except for the eyes, which He omitted. By healing them now, he completes the divine act of creating and demonstrates that He is the Creator." - St. Theophylact



"He receives physical eyes as well as those of the soul."- from Matins

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### Sunday of the Blindman Word Scramble

1. **CTINOUN** (Hint: Holy \_\_\_\_\_ is a sacrament the healing of body and soul)
2. **TNONENIA** (Hint: The act of applying oil or ointment)
3. **SGOLO** (Hint: Christ is the Divine \_\_\_\_\_, the Creative Word of God)
4. **RTEACRO** (Hint: Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_, he doesn't restore the Bindman's sight, but grants him something that he never had)
5. **ECEPATNI** (Hint: If we trust God, then like the blindman, we will have this virtue)
6. **OHNJ** (Hint: The name of a Gospel writer who mentioned the healing of the blind man)
7. **BSBAHTA** (Hint: The seventh day of the week, a day of rest)
8. **STTELPI** (Hint: Christ formed this with clay and his spit to anoint the Bindman's eyes)
9. **IXTSH** (Hint: The Sunday of the Blindman is the \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday of Pascha)
10. **ILATRUPSI** (Hint: Not only were the Bindman's physical eyes opened so that he could see, but also his \_\_\_\_\_ eyes)

Once unscrambled, the words will reveal terms related to the Sunday of the Blindman:

1. **Unction**
2. **Anointed**
3. **Logos**
4. **Creator**
5. **Patience**
6. **John**
7. **Sabbath**
8. **Spittle**
9. **Sixth**
10. **Spiritual**



### 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 Blonar 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, Yvone, George, Amber

*For the Departed:* Patricia+, James+, Stephen+, Anna+, Charles+, Robert+, Loraine+. Helen+, Lewis+, Jeanne+, 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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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!

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