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16th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 2nd Corinthians 6:1-10

Epistle: Luke 5:1-11



Christ is among us! He is and always shall be! Welcome to St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church and thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us!! What a joy it is to be together in God's House. If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before, you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary and you have a job to do this morning! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessing be with all of you!

Christ is Among us!

This Week's Music...

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Kondak, Tone 6- O unashamed intercessor of Christians, * ever loyal advocate before the Creator, * do not disregard the prayerful voice of sinners * but in your goodness* hasten to assist us who trustfully cry out to you: ** Intercede always, O Mother of God, in behalf of those who honor you!

Look on page two of the bulletin for more details on how to follow the order of the Divine Liturgy with the Blue Pew Book.



Christ Calls the First Disciples



Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

using the Blue Pew Book

Monthly Schedule

- Sunday 09/24 10 am-** Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday 09/26 9 am-** Pirohi Making
- Wednesday 09/27 9 am-** Divine Liturgy for the Departed
- 5:30 pm-** Moleben & Catechism Class
- Saturday 9/30 4 pm-** Great Vespers: Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God
- Sunday 10/01 10 am-** Divine Liturgy: Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God - Parish Family Sunday
- Monday 10/02 9 am-** Cabbage Coring and Steaming for Halupki
- Tuesday 10/03 9 am-** Halupki Making
- Wednesday 10/04 5:30 pm-** Moleben & Catechism Class
- Saturday 10/07 4 pm-** Great Vespers
- Sunday 10/08 10 am-** Divine Liturgy: Festival Volunteer Training & Festival Dry Run During Coffee Hour
- Monday 10/09 9 am-** Cabbage Coring and Steaming for Halupki
- Tuesday 10/10 9 am-** Halupki Making and Festival Prep
- Wednesday 10/11 5:30 pm-** Moleben & Festival Prep
- Thursday 10/12 9 am -** Festival Prep
- 6 pm-** Festival Prep
- Friday 10/13 9 am-** Divine Liturgy: Special Intention for the Help of the Holy Spirit
- 6 pm-** Festival Prep
- Saturday 10/14 9 am-** Final Festival Prep

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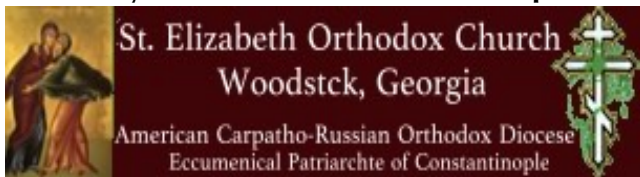
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Discipleship and Transformation

In the busyness of our daily lives, it's easy to lose sight of the profound and holy calling that Christ extends to each and every one of us. Through the pages of the Gospel, we are reminded of the disciples who left behind their professions, families, and livelihoods to follow Christ. Their immediate response serves as a powerful reminder of our own spiritual journey and fulfillment in Christ. Discipleship in Christ shapes every aspect of our lives and forms us into the very people that God calls us to become.

The Urgency of Christ's Call: When Christ called the disciples, they responded without hesitation, dropping their nets and leaving everything behind to follow Him. Their immediate response emphasizes the urgency and significance of God's call in our lives. It challenges us to leave behind our earthly cares and embark on a journey of self-discovery and transformation by choosing to follow Christ. We choose to trust God even when and especially when surrounded by the storms of life.

Knock and the Door Shall be Opened: Following Christ is not merely about believing in Him; it's about becoming His disciples. In the disciples' response to His call, they recognized not only who Christ is but also the potential of who they could become in His presence. Similarly, we are invited to shed our earthly attachments and discover our true selves in Christ.

The Greatest Treasure: Imagine if Christ were to tell us to leave behind everything we have worked for in our lives. While it may seem like a great sacrifice, in reality, it is how we receive the greatest treasure ever known. Our earthly lives are fleeting, and our time is a precious gift. It is during this temporary earthly pilgrimage that we have the opportunity to walk with Christ, know Him, and become like Him.

Shifting Our Focus: Just as Peter couldn't take his boat and fish with him when Christ called him, we cannot carry all our earthly possessions with us if we are to follow Christ. Our focus needs to shift from the pursuit of material wealth and worldly praise to embracing Christ's calling.

Following Christ doesn't necessarily mean leaving behind everything we possess. Instead, it invites us to journey through the desert of life with Christ by our side. In this journey, we come to recognize what truly matters and become the holy people that God intends for us to be.

Becoming a Disciple: Being a disciple is an active and ongoing process of conforming our lives to the image of Christ. It involves surrendering our lives to Him, following His teachings, and allowing His grace to work within us through the Holy Spirit. This transformation is not passive; it requires our active participation. But we are never alone in this journey.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit: As disciples, we are not left alone. Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite love and mercy, grants us the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen, and transform us. The Holy Spirit empowers us to let go of the burdens, passions, sins, and attachments of our lives and embark on a journey of faith.

Disciples in Every Moment: Christ's call is not confined to Sunday mornings or specific roles within the church. We are called to be His disciples in every moment of our lives. Whether at home, at work, or in the community, we are called to imitate Christ and be His witnesses.

Our vocation as disciples is sacred and transformative. Just as the first disciples dropped their nets and followed Christ, we too are called to respond immediately and with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can shed the limitations of our old selves and embrace the fullness of who God created us to be. Christ is calling each one of us to be changed in His likeness and to become His disciples. Will you answer the call?

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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+, Saddie+, Fr. William George+, Violet+, Fr. Kozar+, Benjamin+, John Haddad+, Fred & Helen Milesenko+, 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 Jospeh+ & Pani Patsy+, Anatoly+, Fr. Scott+, Steve+, Claudia+, Dave+, Fr. John Duranko, Michael+, Sarah Elizabeth+ Ester+

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!



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