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17th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

Epistle: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28



Christ is Among us!

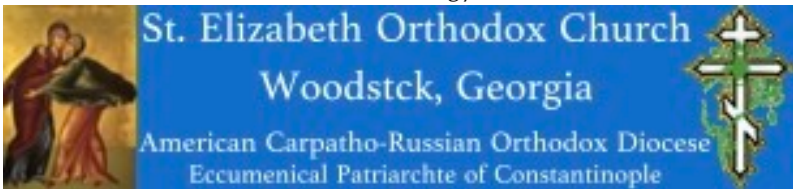
Christ is among us! He is and always shall be! Welcome to St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church and thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us!! What a joy it is to be together in God's House. If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before, you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The 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!

This Week's Music...

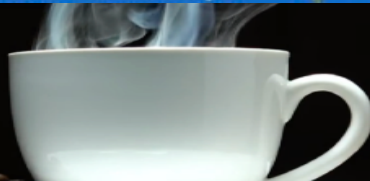
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Join us next door for
Coffee, Food, and
Fellowship in Christ!



The Protection of the Mother of God

Hymn for Protection

"Pod Tvoj Pokrov Pribijajem"

St. Michael's, Binghamton, NY
Restored by Michael Duke

Provided by:
Father Stephen Dutko

We come to you for pro - tec - tion, O Most Bless-ed
Vir - gin. We be - seech you to help us,
Mo - ther of Mer - cy. O save us
and pro - tect us, with your ho - ly man - tle.
Do not ev - er let us per-ish, Mo - ther of Mer - cy.





Monthly Schedule

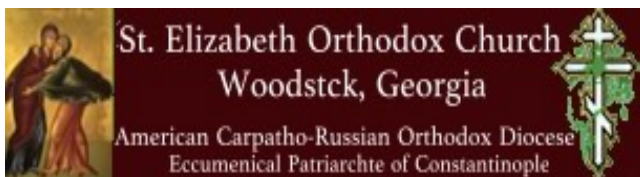
- Monday 10/02 9 am-** Cabbage Coring and Steaming for Halupki
- Tuesday 10/03 9 am-** Halupki Making
- Wednesday 10/04 5:30 pm-** Moleben & Catechism Class
- Saturday 10/07 4 pm-** Great Vespers
- Sunday 10/08 10 am-** Divine Liturgy: Festival Volunteer Training & Festival Dry Run During Coffee Hour
- 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**
Please Try and Arrive No Later than 10 am
- 12 pm-** Festival Begins!
- 4 pm-** Great Vespers
- 7 pm-** Festival Ends for the Day
- Sunday 10/15 9 am-** Divine Liturgy
- 12 pm-** Festival Begins
- 7 pm-** Festival Ends
- Monday 10/16 10 am-** Festival Clean Up
- Tuesday 9 am-** Festival Clean Up

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

using the Blue Pew Book

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Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves, non-Orthodox visitors and inquirers are invited to come forward at the end if the Liturgy to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread).



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We Need Protection...

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of the Protection, or the Patronage of the Mother of God. Following the ancient tradition of the Church, we continually cry out to the Mother of God to hear our prayers and to intercede for us with her Divine Son Jesus Christ; we ask Mary, who is always near her Son to pray to Him for us.

This is what happened in the middle of the tenth century when the Mother of God protected the city of Constantinople from destruction.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew, at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard." (from oca.org)

We are always in need of protection. Sometimes it's from an army of soldiers, sometimes it may be a disease, or sometimes from inclement weather, but we always, ALWAYS we need protection from sin and from the memory of sin and the hopelessness that comes with it. Mary shows us how to trust God just like she does. She reminds us that God's promises are always true and that just as God forgives us when we repent, we need to be able to forgive ourselves as well.

This is how the Mother of God protects us. She prays for us and she shows us that we are capable of by the grace of God of becoming holy people of God, like our Father in Heaven created us to be. Mary points the way to Christ and guides us to Him, protecting us from sin by her prayers.

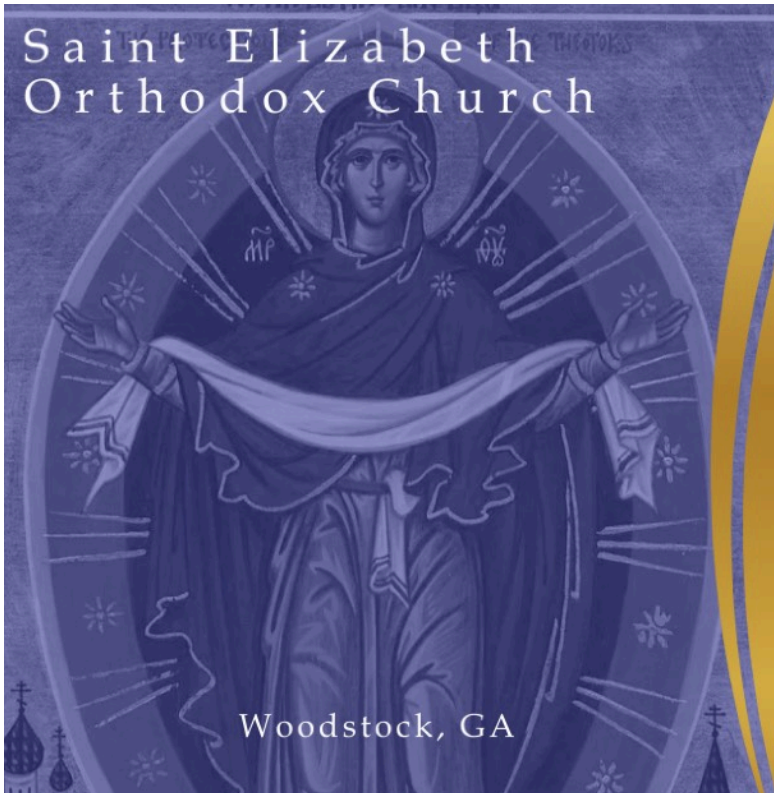
On the Feast of the Protection we sing "Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us." Just like she knelt in the Church in Constantinople on the Feast of the Protection and prayed for the people as the city was under siege, she is with us today and every day that we ask for her intercession; praying for us and for the world

The army of demons and of sin is always knocking at the gates of our souls, trying to corrupt us; trying to destroy us and pull us into the same isolation and misery that they experience. But Christ is always near us and with us, and his mother is always protecting us by pointing us to Him.

We ask the Birthgiver of God to Remember us in her prayers, "that we may not perish by our sins". We ask her to protect us from every evil by showing us the Light. The Theotokos guides us to Christ by her example. Mary loves her Son and shows us how to do the same.

We show that we love Christ by hearing His word and becoming like him. By loving our enemies. By doing good and hoping for nothing in return. By forgiving even those who are unforgiving to us. By being thankful for all that our Heavenly Father has blessed us with. By being merciful as God is merciful. We show that we love Christ when we take up our cross and follow the example of the Mother of God.





Saint Elizabeth Orthodox Church

Woodstock, GA

**We Come to You for Protection
O Most Blessed Virgin!**

You are like the divinely planted Paradise, O Theotokos, the place where the Tree of Life was watered by the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge that you gave birth to the Creator of all Who feeds the faithful with the Bread of Life. Together with the Forerunner, entreat Him on our behalf; and by your precious omophorion protect your people from all attacks!

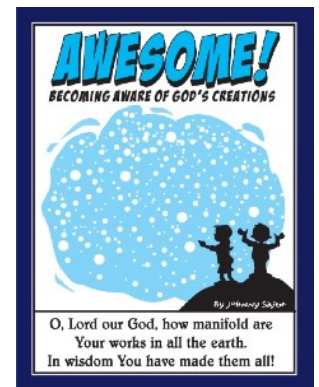
-From Vespers on the Feast of the Protection of the Birthgiver of God & Ever Blessed Virgin Mary

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Announcements:

- **Sunday School Today!**
- **Halupki Making the next two Monday & Tuesdays before the festival-** On Mondays we can use help coring steaming and deveining cabbage and on Tuesdays we will need help rolling, cooking, and packing.
- **Help Your Church by Baking Something Tasty!-** The festival is coming and we need baked goods for the bakery! Spend some time with your family in the coming weeks and bake some cookies or other treats for our festival bakery! Bake something that you are proud of and you think people will enjoy :)
- **Order a Copy of Johnny's New Book!-** "Awesome! Becoming Aware of God's Creations"- This book is designed to start kids of all ages on a lifelong journey of observing and appreciating the wonder and beauty of the world that God has given us. Using amazing facts, humor and colorful illustrations, Awesome! offers your child a first look at our world, peaking their curiosity, encouraging further exploration, and strengthening their faith in our Creator. **Follow this link and place your order today!**
- **Sisterhood of Saints-** This group is for any woman in the church! We will be meeting twice a month, one Wednesday morning and one Friday night. You do not have to make all the meetings to be a part of this group, please join as often as you are able! We will be reading "Seven Holy Women" and discussing the book together as a group. If you are interested in joining us please email Rachel Prince at Rachelbprince@gmail.com. She would be happy to order you a book if needed! Dates: Oct. 11th- 9am, Oct. 27th- 6:30pm, Nov. 8th- 9am, Dec. 13th- 9am, and Dec. 29th - 6:30 pm.
- **Festival Testimonial Booklet-** *Please send your article to me as soon as possible :).*
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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, Athanasia, Ethel, Tyler, Maria, Page Family, Dean, Margaret, Metropolitan Gregory and his family, 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 Milesenko 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, 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, Nick & 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, Amberly, & baby Stella, Jessie, Dexter, Julia, Dan, Cora, Gabriel, Ethan, Tripp, Rachel, Lilly, Emmie, Charlie, Michelle

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+, 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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 John 15:16
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