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18th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: [2 Corinthians 9:6-11](#)

Epistle: [Luke 7:11-16](#)



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!

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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.



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



Icon of Christ the Good Shepherd



Monthly Schedule

Tuesday 10/10 9 am - Divine Liturgy: Special Intention for the Help of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday 10/11 5:30 pm- Moleben & Festival Prep

Thursday 10/12 9 am- Cabbage Coring and Steaming for Halupki

6 pm- Festival Prep

Friday 10/13 9 am Halupki Making and Festival Prep

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



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Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

using the Blue Pew Book

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Dear Parish Family & Friends of Saint Elizabeth's,

As we find ourselves in this beautiful autumn season, we are thrilled to invite each and every one of you to join us in celebrating the upcoming 6th Annual Woodstock International Food Festival, taking place next weekend on October 14th and 15th. This event is not just an occasion for delicious food from around the world, or a simple fundraiser, but a moment for our parish family to shine and share the beauty of our Orthodox Faith with our local community.

At the heart of our mission is the call to proclaim the Gospel and to reveal the fullness of Christ and the Orthodox Faith to the world around us. The Woodstock International Food Festival provides us with a wonderful opportunity to fulfill this mission. It is a time when we throw open our doors and welcome thousands of visitors, inviting them to "come and see" the richness of the Orthodox Faith, our parish family, and the love we have for one another in Christ.

But to make this event a resounding success, we need your help! Each and every one of you plays a crucial role in making this festival an unforgettable experience for our guests. Your smiles, your warm greetings, your faith, your prayers, and your willingness to share the love of Christ through this event are what make it truly special.

So, we encourage you to please mark your calendars for next weekend, October 14th and 15th and come out to support Saint Elizabeth's and the Woodstock International Food Festival. Let's come together as a parish family, working hand in hand, to make this event a testament to our commitment to sharing the Orthodox Faith and our love for one another.

Let's showcase the vibrant tapestry of our parish family to the world and extend a heartfelt invitation to our local community to join us on this memorable weekend.

Your presence and participation are invaluable, and together, we will make this festival a true celebration of faith, culture, and community. Thank you for being an essential part of our parish family, and we look forward to seeing you next weekend!

With love in Christ and much appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Matthew Dutko'.

Fr. Matthew Dutko



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Eternal

Evelyn

Born: March 12, 1936



Memory

Melnikoff

Reposed: October 3, 2023



May Christ our God grant rest to the soul of His departed servant Evelyn in the place where there is no pain sorrow or suffering, but life everlasting!













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Communion with the Saints: One Church United in the Living Christ

When we think about the concept of the Church, we often envision its physical buildings. The Orthodox Christian world is filled with beautiful Temple's dedicated to the glory and majesty of God. We might also think of the people, the gatherings of faithful believers coming together to worship Christ and partake in the Eucharistic. St. Paul reminds us that the Church is not just a structure; it is the very Body of Christ, and we are its members. However, the Church is not confined to this earthly realm alone. It is Universal and One, just as Christ Himself is One. This unity in Christ transcends death itself, making us a part of the same body of the living Christ, whether we are breathing the air of this world or have passed into the next.



The Church on Earth and in Heaven: The Church on Earth is often referred to as the Church Militant because, while we reside on the physical Earth that we call home, we engage in a constant struggle against sin, evil, the devil, and his demons. This ongoing battle mirrors the spiritual warfare that began when Adam and Eve succumbed to temptation in the Garden of Eden.

In the Church Militant, we have all the tools that we need accept the gift of Salvation offered to us by Christ and through His Incarnation. Our earthly journey is marked by a commitment to prayer, diligent preparation, sincere repentance, disciplined fasting, offering forgiveness, having empathy, and a daily willingness to take up our cross. Through prayer, we communicate with God, seeking guidance, strength, friendship, and communion with God. We prepare ourselves through spiritual education, deepening our understanding of faith, daily reading of the Scriptures, and fortifying our spiritual armor. Repentance serves as a constant process of self-examination and reconciliation with God, allowing us to grow in holiness. Fasting, both as a spiritual discipline and an act of self-denial, helps us detach from worldly distractions and focus on the Eternal. Daily, we strive to follow the path of Christ, embracing our crosses, and living out our faith through participation in the Sacraments and active engagement in the vibrant life of the Church, as we find our vocation to serve the Church and journey together toward Salvation.

On the other hand, the Church in Paradise, known as the Church Triumphant, is where the Saints reside. The Saints and Martyrs of the Church have successfully fought the good fight, completed their earthly race, became like Christ, and now enjoy their eternal reward and rest in Heaven. It is essential to understand that the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant are not two separate entities; they are one Church, united in prayer and communion with the One Living Christ.

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The Communion of Saints in the Divine Liturgy: The Communion with the Saints and the Church Triumphant is most vividly experienced during the Divine Liturgy, the central worship service in Orthodox Tradition. At the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, as the Royal Doors are opened, believers enter into a "time outside of time," stepping into God's heavenly realm. Just as Heaven met Earth in the Incarnation of Christ, a profound meeting of Heaven and Earth occurs during every Divine Liturgy.



In this sacred moment, the Church Militant, consisting of the living members of the Church, is truly united with the Church Triumphant—the Saints and the Angels. This union is what we refer to as the "Communion of the Saints." In this spiritual communion, the Church remains one, and its members are united and supported in Christ through prayer and worship of the Holy Trinity.

Praying for One Another: This communion between the living and the departed is not confined to the Divine Liturgy but is a continuous reality in the life of the Church. Believers pray for the departed, just as they ask the saints to intercede on their behalf. This intercessory prayer is akin to the way we ask our friends and loved ones to pray for us during our earthly lives. In Christ, this prayerful unity transcends the limitations of physical life, connecting believers across the boundaries of time and space.

Veneration of Icons and Relics: In the Orthodox Church, the veneration of icons and relics of the saints is a significant aspect of this communion with the saints. In the early Christian Church, the celebration of the Eucharist often took place at the graves of martyrs because these believers knew that they and their departed brothers and sisters in Christ were still united in worship, just as they had been in life.

This union transcends space and time and endures eternally. Even the bones of the saints and martyrs radiate with the uncreated grace of God, as their souls rest in peace, working miracles even after their deaths. This ancient tradition, embraced by the early Christians, remains an integral part of Orthodox tradition today.

In the same way when we attend a funeral, we are invited to venerate the body of the deceased as an Icon, a temple of the Holy Spirit made in the image and likeness of God.

In the Orthodox Church, worship is centered on the Holy Trinity, but it also purposefully honors the saints. The saints are not distant figures but a part of the great cloud of witnesses, surrounding and supporting the Church both on Earth and in Heaven. They serve as examples, showing the way to be like Christ and enduring to the end. As believers, we pray to be saved as they are saved, understanding that our Communion with the Saints is an unbroken continuation of the rich traditions passed down by the Holy Apostles and Fathers of the Church.

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Woodstock, GA

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"It seems that we do not understand one thing: it is not good when we return the love of those who love us, yet hate those who hate us. We are not on the right path if we do this. We are the sons of light and love, the sons of God, his children. As such we must have His qualities and His attributes of love, peace, and kindness towards all."

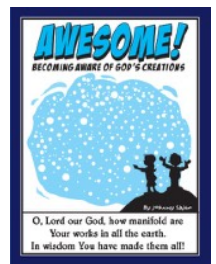
+ Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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Announcements:

- **Eternal Memory!** - God grant rest to His newly departed servant Evelyn, our beloved sister in Christ, friend, and founder of Saint Elizabeth's. Today at the end of the Liturgy we will offer a Panachida for Evelyn and Boris Melnikoff
- **Welcome to Fr. Paul and Fr. James** - Fr. Paul is a former pastor of Saint Elizabeth's and Fr. James is a son of the parish, which means that before Fr. James was a priest, Saint Elizabeth's was his home. It is a joy to have you both with us this morning to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. May God grant you both many happy and blessed years serving in Christ's Vineyard.
- **Sunday School Today!**
- **Please take note of all the schedule changes for next week.**
- **Divine Liturgy moved from Friday to Tuesday this week.**
- **Halupki Making Moved to Thursday and Friday this week!**
- **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 Rachelprince@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**- ***This is your last chance to participate!***
- **Are You Receiving The Saint Elizabeth News and other important emails?**- Sign up on our website or by using this QR code. If you are still not receiving emails please check your spam folder.



Parish Family Prayer List

For the Health of: 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 Mileszko 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, 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, Serge, Mark

For the Departed: Evelyn & Boris Melnikoff+, Patricia+, James+, Stephen+, Anna+, Charles+, Robert+, Loraine+. Helen+, Lewis+, Jeanne+, Vera+, George+, George+, Ernie+, Eddie+, Maria+, Carl+, Mark+, Barry+, Josph+, 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 Mileszko+, Anna+, Natalie+, Lilly+, Christine+, Anna+, Tamara+, Anastasia+, Yvonne+, John+, Betty+, Ada+, Peter+ & Wanda+, George+, Jerry+, Barb+ & Harry+, Beth+, Louise+, Nikolay+, 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 Josph+ & 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!

Eternal Memory!



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 John 15:16
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Mary Mother of God

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