

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission Church

2265 E. Cherokee Dr. Woodstock, GA

A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese

Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople



Reverend Father Matthew Dutko Pastor/Administrator

Father Deacon Stephen Hanes

Phone: 404-268-6359

Email: fatherdutko@gmail.com

Sunday May 21st 2018

7th Sunday of Pascha

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

Christ is Among us! He is and always shall be!

Sunday of the Holy Fathers First Ecumenical Council



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! 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 blessings be upon all of you!

Sunday of Fathers of the First Council 7th Sunday of Pascha

Antiphons: Blue Book pg.208—Red Book 232

Tropars and Kondaks: Blue Book pg.211—Red Book 235

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:

Saturday 5/26 9am All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy— 40th day memorial for Fred Milesko+

4:30pm Great Vespers for Pentecost w/ the kneeling prayers

Sunday 5/27 10am— Divine Liturgy-Pentecost



“Do not forsake us”: Ascension to Pentecost

This past Thursday we celebrated our Lord's Ascension. Imagine for a moment that you are one of Christ's apostles. You followed Him from Galilee as he taught and preached. You witnessed Him heal the sick, cure the blind, and raise the dead. You were with Him at the Last supper, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and as He was betrayed, and placed upon His Cross. You wept because you thought the one you loved was gone forever, but three days later, your sorrow turned to joy, because Christ had risen from the dead.

If you were one of Christ's apostles imagine the feeling in your heart when just 40 days after he had risen from the dead, you realized that we was leaving you again. The range of emotions that Christ's apostles, and His mother experienced is overwhelming to contemplate. And yet when it was all over, after Christ ascended to Heaven, the apostles where not filled with sorrow, but with “great joy”.

They were filled with joy even though their Lord ascended because they knew that His teachings were true. They remembered

what He told them...”lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” and “I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.”

The apostles knew what we must know, that Christ is truly among us, here in our midst, just as He was with His disciples. The apostles also knew what Christ promised them, they knew that Christ would not leave them (and all of us) as orphans, that He had to enter paradise in His human form, so that He could send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter to re-enter the world.

That promise, as all promises from God was kept in the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This same grace that illumined the faithful then, illumines us in our own Baptism and Chrismation. That same Holy Spirit is present when we receive Confession and Communion. The Comforter is their should we be Married or Ordained. In all of the Sacraments or Mysteries of the Church the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter is there, just as Christ promised us that He would be.

Christ did not forsake us and leave us as orphans when He ascended into Heaven, he didn't even leave us. He sent us the Holy Spirit and He established for us His Church.

Christ is among us, right here, right now. Just as the apostles knew this to be true, so too must we. For us the challenge is to truly know Christ, to *put Him on* and to receive His blessing. We are called to His eternal light, to become *like Him*. To love one another as He loves us, to forgive as He forgives; to know that Christ is the source of our life.



Announcements

- *With all the rain and sun we've had the past few weeks the weeds around the parish are growing like hot cakes! If you are able to do some weeding/spraying please let Fr. Matthew know.*
- *Don't forget about Camp Nazareth, the Altar Boys Retreat, and the Young Woman's Encounter. Please see Fr. Matthew or check the bulletin board for more information!*
- *The Church calendar for June and the rest of the summer will be posted soon online.*
- *A CPR/First Aid/ AED Certification Training Class will be held on Saturday June 2nd from 9am-4:30pm. The cost for the certification is \$67 and it last for 2 years. Lunch will be provided and all proceeds will go towards the purchase of new Altar Boy robes. [To sign up go here.](#)*



Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Kara, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig , Patricia+ (Blessed Repose), James+ (Blessed Repose), Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela , Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna+ (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae , The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny+ (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family, Bryan +(Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper+ (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert+ (Blessed Repose), Joseph, Boris, Maria+ (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie +(Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda+ (Blessed Repose), Janis,, David Novak, Suzette Gardenhour, Bob, David. Michelle, Stephen, James, Brian Paul, George Smisko+ (Blessed Repose), Kathy, Mike, Helen S+ (Blessed Repose), Bob+ (Blessed Repose), Debbie, Alma+ (Blessed repose), Ken, The Hayes and Boucher families, Bo+ (Blessed Repose), Sadie+ (Blessed Repose), Peyton & the Gully Family, John, Alexandra, Benjamin, John, The Hazuda Family, Fr. William George+ (Blessed Repose), Pani Amy George and the George Family, Violet+ (Blessed Repose), Madeline, Eddie, Fr. Kozar+ (Blessed Repose), Mary, Benjamin+ (Blessed Repose), Cathy, Jay Brackin, Drew, John Haddad+ (Blessed Repose), Marilyn & family, Mark, Fr. John Zboyovski & family, Nathaniel, Kasi, Scarlett, Athena, Tim, George, Chris, Joy , Ada, Fr. Dcn. Stephen, Michelle, James, Rachel, Marc. Mati, Mia, Kate, Fred+ (Blessed Repose) and Helen Mileshko, Larry, Anna+ (Blessed Repose) , Alexandra, Tammy, Trahan & Skiba Family- Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!

