

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Church

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Sunday March 1st 2015

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel: John 1:43-51

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*“No one could describe the Word of the Father, but when he took flesh from you, O Birthgiver of God, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. **We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and icons**”- Kondak of the Holy Icons*

Weekly Schedule *The 2nd Week of Lent:*

Wednesday 3/4 7:20 PM- Moleben Service to the Holy Cross

Friday 3/6 7:20 PM- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday 3/7 10 AM- All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy **4 PM-** Great Vespers

Sunday 3/8 10AM- Divine Liturgy- 2nd Sunday of Great Lent



Tropar Tone 5: Blue Book page 93, Red Book page 108

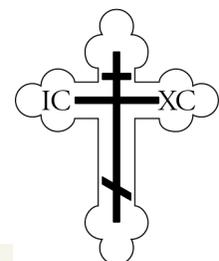
Tropar and Kondak of The Triumph of Orthodoxy Tone 6- Blue book pg. 179, Red Book pg. 201

Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Tyler, Maria, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Bezerra Family, Phillip, Page Family



Through the prayers of St. Elizabeth, the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!

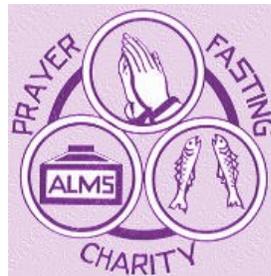


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see Fr. Matthew if you have not yet signed up for a home blessing!

- **Panachida following Liturgy**– In Blessed repose for the servant of God Lorraine Solinko on the fourth anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord on February 27th 2011.
- **Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers:** All who are able should attend the Sunday of Orthodoxy vespers tonight, at 6PM at Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church.
- **Pysanky Egg Decorating Class**– Saturday March 28th at 10AM. Please sign up as soon as possible if you are interested. A light Lenten meal will be served.
- **Coat Drive:** The weather has been very cold these past few weeks, and so at this time we will be holding a coat drive for those who are in need of warm clothing. Please bring in your gently used winter clothing as soon as possible.
- **Sunday School:** In the Library following Liturgy.
- **Silent Auction For Traditional Hand-Stitched Easter Basket Cover**– This item will be hand embroidered by my mother, Cheryl Dutko. Each item she makes is a one of kind piece.

The estimated value is 200\$ and the starting bid will be 70\$. The winner will receive the cover in time for Pascha.



The Three Elements to a Successful Lent

First we need to understand what it means to have a “successful” lent. There is only one way to gauge success. When we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord we should ask ourselves this question: “Did I grow closer to Christ during this past season of Great Lent?” If we answer “Yes!” then our Lenten journey to the Resurrection was a resounding success. So to have a “successful” lent means to spiritually grow closer in our relationship with our God.

The Church offers us three tools during Lent to help insure us of our success. Those three tools are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. If we slack in any one of them we may not be able to say that our Lenten pilgrimage was a successful one. Take the time to pray more often, each day; and to attend the Lenten services offered by our Church. Fast more than you have in the past, and keep to your commitment you offer to the Lord; remember that God doesn't need our fast, but rather that we need it to grow closer to Him. Don't forget about almsgiving! Remember that we must give the most of ourselves we can, and that God loves a cheerful giver. During lent we are encouraged to give more of ourselves to those in need!

Lent does not offer to us a way to live our lives for 48 days. It is much more than that. It is a roadmap for growing to be more like Christ. Being more like Christ is and must always be what we strive to do everyday of our lives on this earth. So that we might be able to be with Him for eternity in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our time to do this work is always right now! “Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2). The time is now!

Let us make this Lent the most successful one each of us has ever had!