

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Sunday August 16th 2015 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 9:2-12 Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Christ is Among Us



Icon of the Dormition of the Mother of God

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Tropar Tone 2– Blue Book pg. 84 Red Book pg. 99

Tropar and Kondak for The Dormition of the Mother of God– Blue Book pg.169 red Book pg192

Kondak Tone 1– Blue Book pg.84 Red Book pg. 100

Panachida– Following Liturgy for Phillip Floyd

Sunday 8/23 10 AM– Divine Liturgy

From ancient times we have been taught that when Mary, the Mother God, fell asleep the whole company of the Apostles - except Thomas - was miraculously brought together in Jerusalem. Amid divine and heavenly praises they commended her soul into the hands of God and placed her body in a little tomb in Gethsemane. For three days a choir of Angels continued to sing above her tomb. And on the third day Thomas arrived. So that he could venerate the body that had given birth to Christ God, the Apostles opened the tomb. They found not the body of the Mother of God but the winding sheet and the most beautiful and sweet-smelling flowers. Mary's body had been taken up into the heavens by her Son. Flowers were blessed from the earliest times in both East and West. Over time seeds and herbs used for medicinal purposes were also blessed, in commemoration of the many healings and blessings that were bestowed upon the pilgrims at Mary's tomb. (<http://www.byzcatch.org/index.php/faith-bottommenu-100/40-fasts-a-feasts/3018-the-blessing-of-seed-herbs-and-flowers-at-the-feast-of-the-dormition>)

We also bring flowers to Mary because we mourn her just as the Apostles did when the Mother of God left them. We bring flowers to her tomb just like we bring flowers to the funerals of our departed loved ones. The Church remembers this event not as a distant memory but as an event that is happening now, in this time. Mary's falling asleep is however a joyful sorrow. When Thomas came to pay his respects to the Mother of God he found an empty tomb. The apostles were filled with joy because they knew that Mary was with her Son in Paradise. On this Dormition let us ask Mary to pray for all of our departed loved ones, that they too be with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of Heaven. O Mary Mother of God pray for us!

Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, 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, Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, Carey The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose)





Announcements and Upcoming Events

- This week our Parish Family celebrates the birth of our newest member! Hudson Michael Williams, the son of Kasi and Rob Williams, who was born last Sunday, August 9th at 4:27 PM!
- Our Parish Family also mourns this week at the loss of Phillip Floyd, the father of our beloved and faithful Sub Deacon Jeff Floyd. Please pray for the soul of Phillip and for Jeff, Lesley, and the entire Floyd family during this time of sorrow.
- **Council Meeting**– This Wednesday, August 19th at 7PM.
- **Orthodox Booth at Latimer Hall Arts and Crafts Show August 29th**– The arts and crafts show runs until 4PM. The St. Elizabeth's booth will feature all things about Orthodoxy! The goal is to share the Orthodox Faith with a group of people who may otherwise not have the opportunity. Anyone who wishes to volunteer their time or an Orthodox item for the booth please see David Novak!
- **Sunday September 6th**– Pani and I will be at the ACRY Convention in Binghamton, New York. Details on the Schedule for that Sunday will be posted in the next few weeks.
- **Art Class to be taught by Teresa**– Our very talented Teresa Van Buul will be teaching an Art Class at the Church on **Friday September 11th at 6:30PM**. The cost to participate will be \$20 plus the donation of a school supply for those in need at the Johnston Elementary School on East Cherokee Drive. Even if you can't attend the class school supplies can be dropped off anytime between now and Sunday, September 13th.
- **Archpastoral Visit from our Bishop, His Grace Bishop Gregory of Nyssa**- Our Bishop is planning a trip to the Atlanta Area on weekend of **September 20th**. He plans to visit with us over the weekend and celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday! We are blessed to be able to spend some time with time with our Bishop. Preparations for the visit will be discussed this week with more information to come next Sunday!
- **Community Garage Sale October 3rd**– Please tells your friends, family and neighbors! Remind them that it's a great place to set up a booth and enjoy a day of searching for hidden treasures! Make reservations before August 31,2015 email SEOCGA@yahoo.com for registration forms and information OR call 770-485-0504.
- **Our Annual Dinner, Wine Tasting, and Silent Auction is approaching! The date is set for October 17th at 3:00PM**– The menu will be “An OLD-SCHOOL NY STEAKHOUSE DINNER”. The food is sure to be delicious and the company is sure to be wonderful. If you have yet to sign up please see Boris or Evelyn Melnikoff. Also if you have any items you think would be appropriate for the silent auction or know of any persons or businesses who may make a donation please contact Boris or Evelyn. This is a big fundraiser for our Parish Family so please invite your friends, families, and neighbors! Thanks in advance for all your support and God Bless!
- **I know there is a lot here, but please mark your calendars for all of these important dates!!!**