

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

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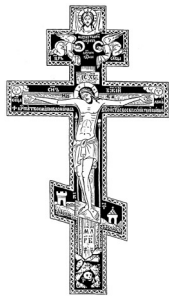
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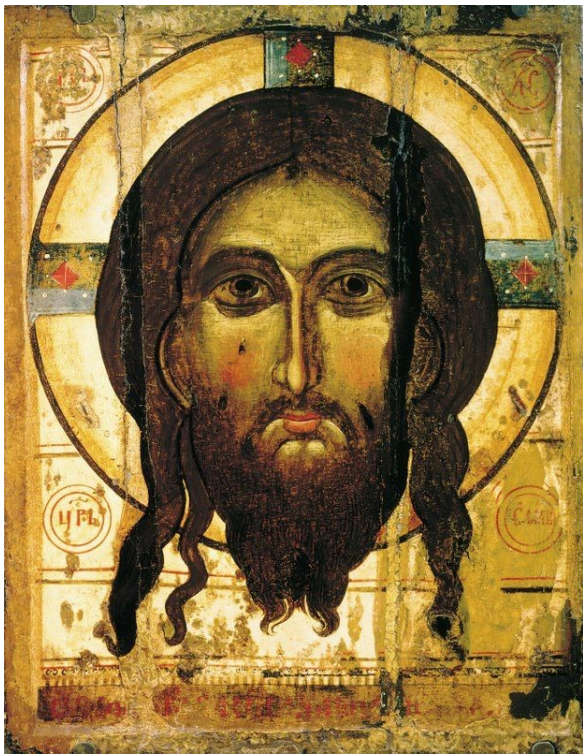
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Sunday July 16th 2017 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8



Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



Fr. Matthew is out of town this Sunday. Thank you to Anthony Mannino for leading the St. Elizabeth's Parish Family in prayer this morning. If you have never been to St. Elizabeth's before, we usually celebrate the Divine Liturgy each Sunday morning at 10am. Today Anthony Mannino, a Reader in the Orthodox Church, will lead the community in *The Reader's Service*.

If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in a Reader's Service. The typical Sunday Service is the Divine Liturgy where the faithful who are properly prepared receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. 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!

6th Sunday After Pentecost

Tropar and Kondak Tone 5— Blue Book pg. 93 Red Book pg. 108

NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

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!

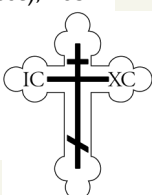
Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:

Saturday 7/22 4:30pm: Great Vespers

Sunday 7/23 10am: Divine Liturgy

Prayer List

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, Fred and Helen Mileshko, 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, John Haddad , 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) 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!



6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

from *The Law of God* by Archpriest Seraphim Slobodksoy

The Cross is the weapon--or sign--of Christ's victory over sin and death. Our Lord Jesus Christ received in His breast the terrible spears of sin and death which were invincible for us. He died on the Cross, but He also arose, as the vanquisher of sin and death, and thus opened for us the way to eternal life.

Now everything depends on us: if we wish to be delivered from the power of evil, sin, and eternal death, then we must follow Christ, love Him, and fulfill His Holy Will, being obedient to Him in everything, and live with Christ.

This is why, in order to express our faith in Jesus Christ our Savior, we wear a cross on our body, and during prayer we form the cross over ourselves with our right hand--that is, we make the sign of the Cross.

For the sign of the Cross we put the fingers of our right hand together as follows: We bring the tips of the first three fingers together (the thumb, index, and middle ones), and bend the last two (the "ring" and little fingers) against the palm.

The first three fingers express our faith in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, as the Trinity one in essence and indivisible. The two fingers bent signify how the Son of God, when He comes down from Heaven, being God, became man; that is, they signify His two natures--divine and human.

In order to make the sign of the Cross, with our fingers in this position, we touch our forehead, for the blessing of our mind, our stomach, for the blessing of our internal feelings, then our right and left shoulders, for the blessing of our bodily strength.

The sign of the Cross gives us great strength to repel and conquer evil and to do good, but we must remember to make the sign of the Cross correctly and without haste, otherwise it will not be the sign of the Cross, but just waving our hand around, which only gladdens the demons. By making the sign of the Cross carelessly we show a lack of reverence for God. This is a sin, called sacrilege.

When we cross ourselves, mentally we say, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." Amen means: in truth, truly, let it be so, so be it.

Announcements

- **Thank You**– To Anthony Mannino for leading this mornings Readers Service!
- **Parish Wide Meeting**– A vote to hire an architect to begin making plans for the Rectory Renovation Project will take place after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 23rd.
- **If you have any pastoral emergencies this week please contact Fr. Paul Lundberg at 404-884-4446**

