

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Sunday June 21st 2015 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

Happy Fathers Day!!!

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Tropar and Kondak– Tone 2- Blue Book pg. 84, Red Book pg. 99
 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 voices 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!

Panachida following Liturgy for all of our departed fathers.

Weekly Schedule:

Saturday 6/27 5 PM– Great Vespers

Sunday 6/28 10AM– Divine Liturgy

St. Zachariah, St. Elizabeth, and St. John the Baptist



An Article for Fathers Day by Fr. Matthew Stagon

It is quite common for new dads to not have the words to say when they see their first child. This should not be a surprise as it is such an exciting moment.

None were quite so silent as the Prophet Zechariah, the father of St. John the Baptist. He was a Jewish priest in the Jerusalem Temple and was told by an angel that his elderly wife Elizabeth would bear him a son named John, but he doubted this prediction.

For his weakness of faith, God made him unable to speak until the child was born.

When Elizabeth nine months later gave birth to their son, motivated by the Holy Spirit, she named him John. Then all those present looked at Zechariah, who confirmed in writing that the child's name should be John (because typically the son would be named after the father) his speech was returned to him.

Then inspired by the Holy Spirit he began to tell all who would listen that his son would be the forerunner of the Lord.

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A few months later, Herod having heard of the birth of Jesus from the Wise Men began to slaughter the children in Bethlehem. For fear of John being taken from him, Zechariah sent Elizabeth and John to live in the wilderness. When Herod's men came to the Temple in search of John, Zechariah was silent again, refusing to say, where his son and wife had fled to, because of this they slew him right in front of the altar.

The silence which was first a punishment for lack of belief was later a protection because of his strong belief, through it Zechariah protected his son and wife from harm.

This is just what dads do, protect their children to the best of their abilities, often times making great sacrifices in the process, but all because they love you.



We can't wait to welcome Hudson Michael Williams to our St. Elizabeth's Church Family! May God Grant the Williams many happy, healthy and Blessed years!!!

Thank your dad this Father's Day! Give him a hug & show him love!

Announcements

- **Father Matt and Pani Kathryn**– Will be out of town until Wednesday celebrating our 1st Wedding Anniversary. In the event of a pastoral emergency please contact Fr. James Blomeley at 828-361-1464.
- **Camp Nazareth Registration is Open**– If you have not yet registered it is not to late!!!
- **5th of July Parish Picnic**– The Independence Day Parish Picnic celebration will take place following Liturgy on Sunday July 5th on the Parish grounds. **Don't forget to** take a look at the sign up sheet for items to bring available in the Atrium.
- **Jr. ACRY**– An organizational meeting for all of the parish youth ages 8-18 will be held next Sunday, June 28th right after Liturgy! *This time it is going to happen!*
- **Baby Shower for Kasi!**– **Thank you** to all the members of the Altar Society for showing your love, support, and prayers for Kasi and Rob Williams and their growing family!
- **Atlanta Braves**– It looks like our best bet for the most participation would be to postpone this event until September. There are two Friday evening dates available, the 11th and the 19th. Sign ups will begin now so that we can get a group rate discount!
- **Thank You!**– To all those who worked so hard in and around the Church this week! God Bless you all!
- **Testimonials**– I would like for everyone who is interested to write a brief essay about St. Elizabeth's and the Orthodox Faith. You can take this wherever you want, but some things to talk about are what the Church means to you, and how the community at St. Elizabeth's has deepened your Faith. Things like that. The idea is to post these essays to our website. That way, potential members of our community can get a sense for what St. Elizabeth's is all about before they ever walk in the door. **I strongly encourage everyone** to participate. That means you! Everyone has a different view and something to offer to this project. That means kids too!!! Don't worry about grammar, or not being a strong writer, I can edit your finished product. Just ask the Holy Spirit for His guidance and write with your heart!

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, Phillip, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae

