



# THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS



## St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Sunday July 5th 2015

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

**Happy Independence Day!**



*Weeping Icon of The Mother of God from Taylor, PA*

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**Tropar and Kondak Tone 4-** Blue Book pg.90 Red Book pg. 105

*Now and Ever...*

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:**

**Wednesday 7/8 7:20PM** Moleben to the Mother of God followed by Orthodox Studies Class

**Saturday 7/11 5 PM-** Great Vespers

**Sunday 7/12 10AM-** Divine Liturgy

## **Announcements**

- **Panachida-** Following Liturgy this morning for all those who fallen asleep in the Lord in service to our Nation, and for George Page on the 6th month Anniversary of his repose.
- **Community Garage Sale-** The Altar Society will be hosting a community wide garage sale on October 4th. Everyone is asked to please participate and attend. Please see one of the ladies for more details!
- **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! Especially those who added in the preparations for our Parish Picnic today! 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



# ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 2, 2015

Response of Assembly of Bishops to Obergefell v Hodges

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America strongly disagrees with the United States Supreme Court decision of June 26, Obergefell v. Hodges, in which the Court invents a constitutional right for two members of the same sex to marry, and imposes upon all States the responsibility to license and recognize such “marriages.”

The Supreme Court, in the narrowest majority possible, has overstepped its purview by essentially re-defining marriage itself. It has attempted to settle a polarizing social and moral question through legislative fiat. It is immoral and unjust for our government to establish in law a “right” for two members of the same sex to wed. Such legislation harms society and especially threatens children who, where possible, deserve the loving care of both a father and a mother.

As Orthodox Christian bishops, charged by our Savior Jesus Christ to shepherd His flock, we will continue to uphold and proclaim the teaching of our Lord that marriage, from its inception, is the lifelong sacramental union of a man and a woman. We call upon all Orthodox Christians in our nation to remain firm in their Orthodox faith, and to renew their deep reverence for and commitment to marriage as taught by the Church. We also call upon our nation’s civic leaders to respect the law of Almighty God and uphold the deeply-rooted beliefs of millions of Americans.

## A Reminder to Always Remember our Government Officials in our Prayers...

The Roman Empire during the Apostolic Age was of course pagan, with a minority of religious Jews living as an occupied people. In the Apostolic era, Romans viewed Christian faith as a dangerous superstition, rather than as a true religion. Indeed, Christians were often charged with being “atheists.” Nevertheless, even during the fierce persecution of the primitive Church and shortly before his own martyrdom, the Apostle Paul called upon Christians to pray for the Roman emperor and for all those in government, so that the nation might have peace. Our churches continue this practice today in the Divine Liturgy. -<http://myocn.net/a-holy-nation-religious-liberty/>

By Fr. Brendan Pelphrey

*If the first Christians, those who constantly lived under the threat of Martyrdom, remembered and thought it important to pray for their government who persecuted them to the point of death; we too, in America must always remember to do the same. May God Bless all of our Government Officials, those in the Armed Services, and all of the United States of America!*

## 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

