



**St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission**

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Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

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Sunday August 23rd 2015

12th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

**Christ is Among Us**



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**Tropar and Kondak Tone 3–** Blue Book pg. 87 Red Book pg. 102

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.

**Panachida–** Following Liturgy for Christopher Danko on the fourth anniversary of his repose

**Friday 8/28 7:20 PM -** Vespers for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

**Saturday 8/29 9AM–** Divine Liturgy for the Feast Day of the beheading of St. John the Baptist (*Fasting Day*)

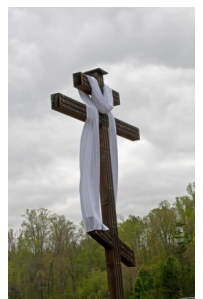
**Sunday 8/30 10 AM–** Divine Liturgy

This Saturday our Church will remember the beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John. St. John the Baptist is also the son of our Patron Saint, St. Elizabeth. St. John lived on the outskirts of society. He loved God and prophesized to the world that the Messiah was among them. St. John not only announced the Good News to the world, but he also baptized our Lord, the one “whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.” (John 1:27).

St. John preached the Word of God without fear. He spoke out against the sinfulness of the fallen world in which he lived. For this he was arrested by Herod Antipas, the sinful ruler in Galilee, who even married his brother's wife. At a celebration in honor of Herod, his niece and now daughter Salome danced for him and his guests. Herod Antipas was so pleased that he offered her anything she wished. At the bequest of her mother, she asked Herod for the head of St. John the Baptist on a platter. And so St. John the Baptist passed from this life. In remembrance of beheading of St. John, it is a tradition in the Orthodox Church to not use plates or knives on this feast day.

**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 Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, Carey The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose)





## Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **JR ACRY Meeting**– Following Liturgy this morning!
- **Media Consent Form**– Please take and sign a consent form that will grant permission to St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church to post pictures and videos on the internet. This is for *everyone!* Parents please sign for your children who are minors. If you have any questions please see Fr. Matthew.
- **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 (check for the list in your email inbox) 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.
- **Parish Picnic for Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church Sunday 9/13**– We have all been invited to attend the parish picnic and pig roast at Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church in Roswell, GA. If you are able please plan on attending and enjoying a day of fun and fellowship! The address is 2030 Old Alabama Rd, Roswell, GA 30076.
- **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– Volunteers Needed!!!** 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](mailto: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 Serge, 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 Serge, 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!