

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Church

2263 E. Cherokee Dr. Woodstock, GA

A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese
Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

Weekly Schedule:

Monday September 8th: *Feast day of the Nativity of the Birthgiver of God*— Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Saturday September 13th— Annual Open House/ Welcoming Tea— 2 PM— 6pm followed by Great Vespers on the eve of the Holy Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with the Blessing of the Five Loaves (Litya) at 6:45

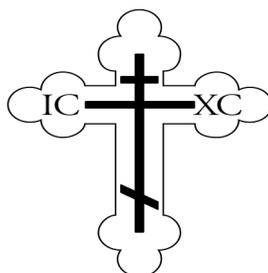
Sunday September 14th: *Sunday of the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*— Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

First things first...

It is my honor and great joy to be your new priest. My wife and I would like to thank all of you for your warm welcome and for your hard work in preparing for our arrival. The growth of St. Elizabeth's is truly a blessing from God. That growth, and hard work by all of you, is most certainly an outward sign of the faith, love, and devotion this community has for Jesus Christ and His Church. In the starry eyes of your newly ordained priest, as well as in the eyes of our God-Loving Bishop Gregory, and certainly in the hearts of all of you, the possibilities for future growth here at St. Elizabeth's are limitless. Remember that through prayer, faith, and love in God, all things are possible. Pani Kathryn and I joyfully look forward to getting to know all of you, receiving the blessing to pray with all of you, and having the joy of serving all of you. Just as Christ came into the world not to be served but to serve, as your priest I too am here not to be served but to serve all of you. Please never hesitate to call me about **anything**—thoughts, questions, worries, concerns, good news, bad news, even sports news, truly anything at all. I look forward to sharing in many joyous moments with you all and always remember that I will be here for you in times of sorrow as well. May God Bless all of the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth's and their families for many, many happy and blessed years!

In Christ,

Rev. Fr. Matthew Dutko



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Sunday September 7, 2014

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy and Life Giving Cross

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: John 3:13-17

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FR. MATT'S ORDINATION

Thank you to everyone for all of the prayers for Pani Kathryn and me last Sunday.



These photographs were taken by my dad and my uncle. We are all a parish family now, so from my family to you and yours, may God grant to you all peace, health, long life, and salvation!



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FR. MATTHEW



Prayer List: The prayer list for the parish has been started over. This way I can know who I am is praying for. So far there are three names on the list, so please come to me with your prayer intentions.

Weekday Services: I know that it is difficult for most of you to attend services held in the mornings during the week. However, I would love to serve Liturgies during the week. If you are a person who would be willing and wanting to attend the Divine Liturgy during the week at St. Elizabeth's please contact me. The time in the morning would be flexible. A liturgy during the week could be offered by anyone in the parish for a special intention; such as a deceased relative or sick loved one.

Church Activities: I would like to meet with all of the leaders of the various Church activities as soon as possible. That way I can get caught up to date on absolutely everything that is going on here at St. Elizabeth's. That means Altar Society, Church Choir, Church Council, and any other group or committee. Please come see me after Liturgy in the Church hall if this applies to you.

St. Elizabeth's Youth: Would all of the children and college aged people please stay in the Church after liturgy for just a few minutes to meet with Pani Kathryn and myself.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: I would like to put together a list of all the birthdays and anniversaries for the members of St. Elizabeth's. Please help with this so that we can pray for our Church family members on their special days!

Brick Donation Fundraiser by Cross in Front of Church: This is a really beautiful idea. Pani and I loved looking at this as we walked around the property. We would love to help you continue the work with this project. Could those people involved please reach out to me so we can discuss some future possibilities with this project.

Altar Flowers: If anyone wishes to donate flowers to be placed in the Altar area for a special intention please contact me.

Much, much, much, more: I know that there are great number of events coming up that I am not fully in the loop on yet. I ask for your patience in getting caught up and your forgiveness if you feel left out. As of now I know that October 11th is a very big fundraiser for the parish. I ask for everyone's help and support to make this a great success. Please let me know anything that I can do to help!

THE PRAYERS OF OUR PARISH

Prayer's for health or special intention.

James 5:13-14

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing Psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

This Scripture verse can be found in the Epistle reading heard during the Moleben Service to St. Nectarios the Wonder-worker. St. Nectarios is a 20th century Saint whom many miraculous healings are attributed to.

Prayer List:

Evelyn Melnikoff, Tyler, Maria, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. James Gleason, Carl Paccio



At the end of today's Liturgy there will be Anointing with Holy Oil in honor of the Feast day of St. Elizabeth, the Patron Saint of our Parish, which took place this past Friday. Through the prayers of St. Elizabeth, and all the Saints, may God Bless all of you!