

Grand Duchess Elizabeth (July 18)

Saint Elizabeth was the older sister of Tsarina Alexandra, and was married to the Grand Duke Sergius, the governor of Moscow. She converted to Orthodoxy from Protestantism of her own free will, and organized women from all levels of society to help the soldiers at the front and in the hospitals.

Grand Duke Sergius was killed by an assassin's bomb on February 4, 1905, just as Saint Elizabeth was leaving for her workshops. Remarkably, she visited her husband's killer in prison and urged him to repent.

After this, she began to withdraw from her former social life. She devoted herself to the Convent of Saints Martha and Mary, a community of nuns which focused on worshiping God and also helping the poor. She moved out of the palace into a building she purchased on Ordinka. Women from the nobility, and also from the common people, were attracted to the convent.

Saint Elizabeth nursed sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals and on the battle front. On Pascha of 1918, the Communists ordered her to leave Moscow, and join the royal family near Ekaterinburg. She left with a novice, Sister Barbara, and an escort of Latvian guards.

After arriving in Ekaterinburg, Saint Elizabeth was denied access to the Tsar's family. She was placed in a convent, where she was warmly received by the sisters.

At the end of May Saint Elizabeth was moved to nearby Alopaevsk with the Grand Dukes Sergius, John, and Constantine, and the young Count Vladimir Paley. They were all housed in a schoolhouse on the edge of town. Saint Elizabeth was under guard, but was permitted to go to church and work in the garden.

On the night of July 5, they were all taken to a place twelve miles from Alopaevsk, and executed. The Grand Duke Sergius was shot, but the others were thrown down a mineshaft, then grenades were tossed after them. Saint Elizabeth lived for several hours, and could be heard singing hymns.

The bodies of Saint Elizabeth and Saint Barbara were taken to Jerusalem in 1920, and buried in the church of Saint Mary Magdalene.

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July 18, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS
OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL
COUNCIL

COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYR EMILIANOS OF SILISTRIA IN BULGARIA
HOLY MARTYRS PAUL, THEA AND VALENTINE
OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN, ARCHBISHOP OF
CONSTANTINOPLE
STEPHEN, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE
THENEVA OF GLASGOW

Tone 3 - Eothinon 4

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:14-19

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 3 - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 3 - O Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour
Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (July 25):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	MaryLynne Black	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	Louise Shaheen	----
	<i>For blessings received</i>	
USHERS:	Dan M. & Sdn Justin	Sdn John & Todd Moody
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Nathan, Rebecca, & Teens	The Moodys
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Angie; Conor; Nate, Rebecca & Teens	Chris H; Maria S.; Amelia T.

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the
St. Justin Academy
which, God willing, we will be starting as a Classical Co-op this fall. Ask Mindi, Denise Y, or Frank for more details. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Iconography Workshop
July 25-30 – 9-12 yr-olds
August 8-13 – Adults & Teens

Dormition Fast - August 1-14
Daily Paraklesis
Holy Unction, Aug 7, 4 pm

Transfiguration
August 5-6

Vacation Church School
August 9-13

International Food Festival
September 17-18

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined Matthew; Sara; Barry	+Victoria
Mona Suzanne (H)	(July Parish Dptychs)
Maria AP Gregory	+Asma +Albert
HM Sylvester	+Dorothea
P Sergius	+Irene
Doris John	+Dorothy
James	+Stavros
Lasha B	+Ressom
Otari B	+Iwan
Daniel H	+Theresa
Peter	+Fuad
Anesia	+Helen
Pulcheria	+Christine
Anna	
George K.	
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u> Michael, Shaun, Tina, Ryan, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke, Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$241. Collections, \$130.05. Youth, \$46. Building Fund, \$100. Food for Hungry, \$267. Needy Fund, \$200. Women’s Fund, \$25. Icon Workshop, \$800. Stewardship, \$5,155. Total received: \$6964.05.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY!



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Our 9th International Food Festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday September 17 & 18. All parishioners are invited to participate in the Festival Team of Volunteers! **Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.** Let’s work together to make this the best Food Festival yet!

This Week:

Monday, July 19: Church open

Tuesday, July 20: Church open
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wed, July 21: Church open
Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 22: Church open

Friday, July 23: Church open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 24: VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 25: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour after Liturgy.

Iconography Workshop 1:30 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Oral Care Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.