

Blessed Elesbaan, King of Ethiopia (Oct 24)

Saint Elesbaan, King of what is now Ethiopia lived when Arabia was ruled by Dunaan, the oppressor of Christians. The pious Elesbaan was unable to look on indifferently as believers in Christ were being massacred. He declared war on Dunaan, but his military campaign was unsuccessful.

Wishing to learn the reason for his defeat, Elesbaan, with prompting from above, turned to a certain hermit. He revealed to the emperor that he had proceeded unrighteously in deciding to take revenge against Dunaan, since the Lord had said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay!" (Heb 10:30).

The hermit counseled Saint Elesbaan make a vow to devote his final days of life to God, to escape the wrath of God for his self-willed revenge, and then to defeat Dunaan. Saint Elesbaan made a vow to the Lord, and marching off with his army against the enemy, he defeated, captured and executed him. After the victory the saint resigned as emperor, secluded himself within a monastery and for fifteen years he dwelt in strict fasting and asceticism.

Saint Elesbaan reposed around 553-555.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/10/24/103048-blessed-elsesbaan-king-of-ethiopia>)



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October 24, 2021
6TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

ARETHAS THE GREAT MARTYR & SYNCLETIKI
AND HER TWO DAUGHTERS
SEBASTIANE THE MARTYR
RIGHTEOUS ELESBAAN, KING OF ETHIOPIA
MAGLORIOUS OF SARK

Tone 1 - Eothinon 7
Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:1-10
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:26-39

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ARETHAS & COMPANIONS - Tone 1 - Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Friend of man.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour
Wedding (Schneider-Popovich) 2 p.m.

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship continues!!
Theme: "I Seek Not Yours, but You"

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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 (Oct 31):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	MaryLynne Black	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	Louise Shaheen In memory of Larry (2 years) – Memory eternal!	----
USHERS:	Sdn. John & Bill H.	Dan M. & Ken G.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex, & Sarah K.	Nathan, Rebecca, & Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Ada; Ephrem	Felicia; Miriam; Abraham

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the **St. Justin Academy** which is up and running as our parish's own Classical school/Homeschool Co-op. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

(Nov 7–Daylight Savings)

Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, November 7

****International Food Festival****
RESCHEDULED

Sunday, November 12-13

St. Philip Patronal Feast
Sunday, November 14

Nativity Fast
November 15-December 24

Entrance of the Theotokos
Sunday, November 21

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Simeon	+George
N.I. Alexandra	+Emilia
N.I. Connor David	
Pr. Theodosi	(October Parish Diptychs)
Sze Tatiana	+Steve
Sh Hannah	+Marcella
Joanne	+Mary
Mona-Rebecca	+Dorothy
Patrick	+Katherine
Doris	+Milan
John	+Maria
James	+Alex
Lasha B	+Gus
Otari B	+Theodore
Daniel H	+Mary
Peter	+John
Anesia	+Alfred Anthony
Anna	+Else
George	+Ayele
Anesia	+Laurence
Madelyne	
Priest Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u>
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Shaun,
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	Laura,
	Taylor,
	Tim & Luke,
	Kate,
	Tyson,
	Joseph & Alana,
	Ryan,
	Michael, Tina

OFFERINGS 10/17: Candles, \$444. Collections, \$205. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$40. Building Fund, \$100. Classical School Fund, \$317.75. Mortgage Reduction Fund, \$250. Stewardship, \$8,175.04. Total received: \$9,532.79.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

FESTIVAL HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED! **NOV 12-13**



Our 9th International Food Festival will now take place on Nov 12-13. **All parishioners, your help is needed!** More information on how you can help is forthcoming. Let's work together to make this Food Festival a good experience!

This Week:

- Mon, Oct 25:** Church open
- Tues, Oct 26:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 11 a.m.
- Wed, Oct 27:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading Group 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Oct 28:** Church open
- Friday, Oct 29:** Church open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 30:** **Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.**
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Oct 31:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Catechism
Coffee Hour

OCTOBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Bath & Shower Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)