St. Elizabeth the New Martyr

His Eminence, Archbishop Alexander of Toledo: Rector
Priest in Charge: Rev. Arkady Migunov

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November 22nd, 2026

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8
Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos



Welcome Visitors

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service.

Today's Hymns

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)
You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion (Entry of the Theotokos)
Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her://
"Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Tone 4 Troparion (St. Elizabeth)
Causing meekness, humility and love to dwell in your soul,
you earnestly served the suffering, O holy passion-bearer Princess Elizabeth;
wherefore, with faith you endured sufferings and death for Christ,
with the martyr Barbara.
With her pray for all who honor you with love.

Tone 3 Troparion (Apostles)
Holy Apostles Philemon, Archipus, Apphia, and Onesimus,
entreat the merciful God//
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)
By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,//
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Entry of the Theotokos)
The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the angels of God praise her://
"Truly this woman is the abode of heaven."

Today's Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6: Brethren, I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21: The Lord spoke this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

This Week at St. Elizabeth the New Martyr

Sunday November 22 **9:10AM –** Hours **9:30AM –** Divine Liturgy **4PM –** Bonfire
25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Entry. Apostles Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, and Onesimus. Martyr Cecilia and companions at Rome. St. Michael, Prince of Tver
Ephesians 4:1-6, Luke 12:16-21

Monday November 23
Afterfeast of the Entry. Right-believing Prince Alexander Nevsky. St. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium
1 Timothy 1:1-7, Luke 17:20-25

Tuesday November 24
Afterfeast of the Entry. Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria. Greatmartyr Mercurius
1 Timothy 1:8-14, Luke 17:26-37

Wednesday November 25 **7:25AM –** Divine Liturgy **6PM –** Vespers / Bible Study / Jesus Prayer
Leavetaking of the Entry. Hieromartyrs Clement of Rome and Peter of Alexandria. St. Clement of Ochrid
1 Timothy 1:18-20, 2:8-15, Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

Thursday November 26 **9:30AM –** Divine Liturgy (Thanksgiving) No Catechumens Class
Ven. Alypius the Stylite. St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk
1 Timothy 3:1-13, Luke 18:31-34

Friday November 27
Greatmartyr James the Persian. Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "of the Sign"
1 Timothy 4:4-8, 16, Luke 19:12-28

Saturday November 28 **11:30AM –** Moleben & Church Cleaning **4PM –** Great Vespers
Ven. Stephen the New. Martyr Irenarchus
Galatians 3:8-12, Luke 10:19-21

Sunday November 29 **9:10AM –** Hours **9:30AM –** Divine Liturgy
26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs. Martyr Philoumenos
Ephesians 5:9-19, Luke 13:10-17

Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

On November 21 the Church celebrates the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple, one of the Twelve Great Feasts. The celebration continues through its Leavetaking on November 25, and today, as the Sunday of the Afterfeast, we again sing its hymns.

According to Holy Tradition, the righteous Joachim and Anna were childless for many years, and they vowed that if God granted them a child, they would dedicate that child to Him. When their daughter Mary was three years old, they brought her to the Temple in Jerusalem. Young girls carrying lighted lamps went before her, and the priest Zacharias, the future father of St. John the Baptist, came out to meet her.

The child climbed the steps of the Temple on her own, and Zacharias, moved by the Holy Spirit, led her into the Holy of Holies, which only the High Priest could enter, and only once a year. All who saw this were amazed. The Church sees in it a sign that the Virgin was herself to become the living Temple of God, in whom the Word of God would take flesh.

Mary remained in the Temple, growing in prayer, in reading the Scriptures and in handiwork, until the time came for her betrothal to the righteous Joseph.

The feast falls at the beginning of the Nativity Fast, and its services already announce Christmas: at Matins of the Entry the Church begins to sing "Christ is born, give glory!" In the Virgin who enters the Temple we see the beginning of our salvation, and an example for every Christian: to offer ourselves wholly to God, and to make our own hearts a dwelling place for Him.

Read more: *www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/11/22/103358-afterfeast-of-the-entry-of-the-most-holy-mother-of-god-into-the*

Bonfire: We will have a church bonfire at Fr. Arkady's starting at **4pm today, Sunday, November 22**. Bring something to share! **All are welcome!**

Bible Study: The next Bible Study will be **Wednesday, November 25.** It will be in person after Vespers.

Thanksgiving Day: We will serve the **Divine Liturgy on Thursday, November 26 @9:30am**. Come and give thanks to God together!

Catechumens Class: There will be **no class on Thursday, November 26** (Thanksgiving). The next Catechumens Class will be **Thursday, December 3** at 6:30pm over ZOOM.

Moleben & Church Cleaning: We will serve a Moleben to St. Elizabeth on **Saturday, November 28 @11:30am**, followed by church cleaning. All are welcome to help!

Deck our Halls for Nativity: We are accepting donations to decorate the church for Christmas! Purchase a **red poinsettia** and drop it off in the fellowship hall, or put cash or a check in the donation box. To decorate in time for St. Nicholas Sunday, please donate by **Saturday, November 28**. Questions? Contact **Angela Bricker** or **Tiara Miller**.

Psalter Prayer Groups: Once again we will be putting together Psalter Prayer Groups for Advent 2026! We need at least 20 people to make one prayer group. If interested contact **Cindy Hopper**! **A Sign – up** sheet is in the fellowship area. Advent has begun!

Holy Trinity Food Pantry: The next Food Pantry at Holy Trinity will be **Tuesday, November 24.** Please let Viviane know if you are interested in helping! Also, please continue to bring items for us to take to the pantry. ******There is a collection box in the fellowship area with a list of items needed!

Our Diocese App: Please make an effort to join the "Our Diocese" app. We are using it to keep everyone up to date on diocese and parish activities, and to be more organized here at St. Elizabeth.

Parking: On Sunday Morning there is overflow parking down the street at the **Glass City Boardwalk** Event Center. You can **follow the signs** to find it! We ask any of our members in good health, to please park there and leave room for visitors and handicap to park at the church!

Upcoming Events:

Men's Trip to St. Gregory Palamas – Leaving **Friday, Dec. 4 @9:30am** from St. Elizabeth, will return **Saturday, Dec. 5** for Vespers @ St. Elizabeth. There are only **8 spots** open. Once those spots are filled, we will start a waiting list. Please sign up in the fellowship area!

St. Nicholas Day – We will celebrate St. Nicholas on **Sunday, Dec. 6.** Visitor & Coffee Hour following Liturgy. We are collecting hats, scarves and gloves for adults & children. Look at the bulletin board in the fellowship area for more information on this special day!

Moleben to St. Elizabeth & Church Cleaning – Saturday, Dec. 19 @11am.

Nativity of Our Lord – Vigil on **Thursday, Dec. 24 @6pm**; Divine Liturgy on **Friday, Dec. 25 @9:30am.**

St. Arkady – Divine Liturgy on **Saturday, Dec. 26 @9:30am.**

St. Elizabeth Christmas Concert – This year's Christmas Concert will be **Sunday, December 27 during fellowship time**, with a potluck following Liturgy (Sunday after Nativity). Please sign up in the fellowship area to share a talent. **Parents – Please sign up on the bulletin board if your children will participate in the Christmas Concert. Cindy has a simple skit prepared!**

St. Basil the Great – Divine Liturgy on **Friday, Jan. 1 @9:30am.**

Website Donations: We are able to accept donations through our website stelizabethmartyr.org

Prayers for the Sick:

Archbishop Alexander, Fr. Gabriel, Panka, Sophie, Alexander, Donna, Barbara, Elizabeth, Deana, Fran, Terry, Dan and Laura.

The Catechumens:
Alex, Lucas, and Patti

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Celebrations

Last week:

Birthdays:
Sophie Bricker – November 19
Names Days:
Matthew Adamcio – November 16
Jake (Iakovas) Miller – November 22
Saige (Cecilia) Miller – November 22

This coming week:

Birthdays:
Gabriel Prytup – November 24
Olivia Barton – November 27
Lora Kneisel – November 28
Names Days:
Archbishop Alexander – November 23
Carol (Katherine) Yonov – November 24
Kathy (Katherine) Dimitroff – November 24
Anniversaries:
Iryna Ivashkevich & husband – November 26

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