



SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR  
- COMMEMORATED JULY 5 -

# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF JULY 5, 2009

### Please Remember in Prayer

Carole Boris (newly-departed), Archpriest Michael, Monk Christian, Nadia, Kathy & Bill Parrish, Diane Evanusa, Marie, Thomas, Judith Kocinski, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Yvonne, Katherine, Michael, Gregory, Todd & Olga Leisure, Nina Gordon, Constantina & Christos. Requests? Let Fr. John know.



### Congratulations!

to Camelia and Gerald Milite on the birth of their new baby girl, born on Tuesday, June 30th, at 2:37pm. Little Christiana Josephine weighed in at 7.7 lbs and was 19 inches long. Congratulations to the Milite family!

### SUNDAY, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### ST. ELIZABETH OF MOSCOW

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

### SATURDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

### Recognition of Graduates – Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Next Sunday, we will offer a short prayer in thanksgiving to God for those who have completed the school year, especially those who have graduated. If your child has graduated, please see Fr. John.

### Scrip Announcement

Scrip cards are now available through Kathy Parrish and Jane Koshutko. Place your order one Sunday and receive your card the next!

### Financial Update

A financial summary covering the first six months of 2009 can be found on page three of this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the summary, please see Fr. John, Michael McFarland, our treasurer, or one of the Parish Council Members.



### Many Thanks!

To those who donated items and/or helped with the Yard / Bake Sale yesterday. It was a great success – thank you! A follow-up yard sale is being planned.

### Blessing of Automobiles – Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

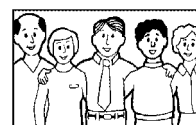
It is a pious custom of Orthodox Christians to have their cars blessed both when newly acquired and on or near the feast of the Prophet Elias (July 20<sup>th</sup>), as he ascended into heaven on a fiery chariot. There will be a blessing of automobiles immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Following the veneration of the Cross, please go and stand by your car while Fr. John makes his way around the parking lot with the Holy Water. The parish picnic, hosted at the Boris Residence, will follow; no coffee hour this day.



### Annual Picnic – Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Boris residence: 37710 Oyster Bay Ln., West Fenwick, DE 19975. All are invited!

If you would like to bring food and items for the picnic, please put your name, together with what you plan on bringing, on the sign-up sheet in the back. Questions, please see Lois Hamaty.



### On the Power of Love

*It is easier for feeble straw to resist mighty fire than for the nature of sin to resist the power of love.*

Saint Elizabeth the New-Martyr

### READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Jodi McElwee

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

Troy Duker



## JULY CONGRATULATIONS!

### Anniversaries:

7/4 Fr. Christian Lesinsky

### Birthdays:

7/7 Genevieve Dudkin  
7/12 Ellen Gundersen  
7/13 Gerald Milite  
7/22 Alexandra Boris  
7/28 Frank Pappas

### Namesdays:

7/5 *St. Elisabeth the New Martyr*  
Elisabeth Parsells  
7/11 *St. Olga the Princess of Kiev*  
Olga Nesterenko  
Olga Vernigor-Leasure  
7/16 *St. Valentina*  
Isabelle Bekeshka  
7/17 *St. Marina*  
Denise Royal

*If your name is not on this list and it should be, please see Fr. John, as soon as possible!*

## ON DRAWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

*Bp. Tikhon of Philadelphia*

While the external expression of asceticism is an integral part of our repentance, it is ultimately the inner disposition of our heart that brings us closer to Christ. Saint Paul writes: Bodily exercise profits little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come (I Timothy 4:8). For this reason, it is possible to live a very ascetical life without necessarily undertaking the difficult spiritual feats of the saints. In the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee, both men were engaged in the ascetical act of prayer, but the first was praying with an attitude of humility and repentance, while the second was filled with pride in his own virtues. With the proper attitude in our heart, even the smallest effort on our part will bear fruit by the action of God's grace.



*From Bp. Tikhon's talk given this past February in Los Angeles on "Asceticism in the World".*

## WARNING: SENSE OF HUMOR NEEDED! "NO EXCUSE SUNDAY"

*Author Unknown*

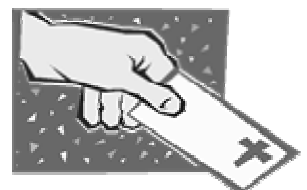
To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday." Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our seats are too hard. Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night. We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church." Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who say its too hot. Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too. We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that the church is always asking for money.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature. Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them. We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who can!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Our poor box, located in the back of the church (on your right-hand side as you enter the church) is used primarily to minister to the needs of members in our local church community. Therefore the donations you make have a direct impact on the lives of those you see every Sunday. May God bless your generosity!



## OLDEST KNOWN PORTRAIT OF ST PAUL REVEALED

By Richard Owen / [timesonline.co.uk](http://timesonline.co.uk)

Vatican archaeologists have uncovered what they say is the oldest known portrait of St Paul. The portrait, which was found two weeks ago but has been made public only after restoration, shows St Paul with a high domed forehead, deep-set eyes and a long pointed beard, confirming the image familiar from later depictions.

Barbara Mazzei, a restorer, said that centuries of grime had been removed with a laser. Fabrizio Bisconti, Professor of Christian Iconography at Rome University and a member of the team that made the discovery, said that it appeared to have decorated the tomb of a nobleman or high church official. Professor Bisconti said that the catacombs contained hundreds of Christians who had wanted to be buried near St Thecla, a Roman Christian martyr — not to be confused with the friend of St Paul known from the apocryphal “Acts of Paul and Thecla” or the English 8th-century Benedictine nun of the same name. Pope Benedict XVI, who a year ago announced a “Pauline Year” dedicated to the apostle that ended yesterday, said that it had been “a true period of grace in which, through pilgrimages, catecheses, publications and various initiatives, the figure of St Paul was offered again to the entire Church. His vibrant message among Christian communities has revived everywhere the passion for Christ and the Gospel.”

It is widely believed that the spread of Christianity would not have been possible without St Paul. A Roman Jew from what is now Turkey, he founded churches throughout the Roman Empire. He was executed — it is believed beheaded — in AD65 for his beliefs.



The 4th-century icon was found in the catacombs of St Thecla, not far from the Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls



### FINANCIAL SUMMARY – 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF OF 2009

| ORDINARY INCOME |              |          |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| Category        | Jan – Jun 09 | Budget   |
| Stewardship     | \$23,108     | \$27,100 |
| Diocese         | \$3,000      | \$3,000  |
| Candles         | \$1,642      | \$1,700  |
| Bookstore       | \$170        | \$500    |
| Charity         | \$894        | \$750    |

| ORDINARY INCOME / EXPENSES |              |          |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Category                   | Jan – Jun 09 | Budget   |
| Income                     | \$29,903     | \$33,313 |
| Expenses                   | \$30,625     | \$31,886 |
| Net Income                 | -\$722       | \$1,427  |

| OTHER INCOME  |              |        |
|---------------|--------------|--------|
| Category      | Jan – Jun 09 | Budget |
| In Memory     | \$2,870      | n/a    |
| Building Fund | \$1,898      | n/a    |

#### About the Financial Summary

The **ordinary income and expenses** figures shown in the chart on the left designates those funds which are being used towards our operating budget.

The **other income** figures shown at the bottom of the chart on the left indicate those funds which were donated for a specified purpose which does not relate to our operating budget.

Our net ordinary income, as far as the budget goes, is a negative \$722. This does not take into account the \$6,202 which has been donated for the building fund, church articles, in memory of Carole Boris, as well as gifts from other Orthodox churches.

The next financial summary appearing in the weekly bulletin will be in the month of October and will contain the three-quarter-year figures. Full financial reports are presented at every Parish Council meeting for review by the Priest and Council Members.