Looking Ahead…

❖ *November 25th, 6pm* - Thanksgiving Service: Glory to God for All Things

❖ Ministry Highlight ❖

❖ *Ella's Care Kits:* Providing food for the homeless children of Christiana Elementary

❖ *Coordinator(s)*: Angela Hays

❖ *Description*: This ministry provides weekend food bags with shelf-stable, single serving, somewhat nutritious, and kid-friendly food items for homeless students in Rutherford County. Please bring items to be assembled into care kits approximately every other Sunday. Food can be dropped off during the week and stored under the food serving tables in the Fellowship Hall.

❖ Connect ❖

Parish Priest: Fr. John Oliver

❖ *Calendly* meetings and appointments:

Church Office:

❖ Office Email: info@stelizabethtn.org

❖ Office phone: 615-785-5285

❖ Giving ❖

❖ Year-to-Date Pledging:
Budgeted: $267,100
Actual: $234,360

Donate:

Pledge:

❖ From the Synaxarion ❖

"During a time of intense distress from the enemy, when the soul is in fear, one must pronounce aloud psalms and prayers, or combine with prayer handiwork so that the mind will pay attention to what it is performing and pay no attention to the confusion and not be afraid, for with him is the Lord, and the angel of the Lord never departs from us." - St. Paisios Velichkovsky

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Murfreesboro, Tennessee

15 November 2026

Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib the Deacon of Edessa
Thomas the New, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Paisios Velichkovsky

❖ WELCOME! ❖

Peace be to all who gather at St Elizabeth's this morning,
and a special welcome to our visitors and guests!
Please join us for refreshment immediately following the service.

❖ Liturgical Notes ❖

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICE BOOK

A word-for-word service book of The Divine Liturgy, with biblical and explanatory notes, is available on the table in the Narthex.

❖ *The Apolytikion of the Resurrection - Tone 7*

Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

❖ *The Apolytikion to St Elizabeth the New Martyr*

Concealing the rank of a princess with humility, O divinely-wise Elizabeth, thou didst honor Christ with the two-fold service of Mary and Martha, having purified thyself by charitable works, patience, and love, thou wast brought to God as an offering of righteousness; as we venerate thy virtuous way of life and thy sufferings, we earnestly ask thee as our true teacher: O holy martyr and grand duchess Elizabeth, entreat Christ our God to save and enlighten our souls.

❖ *The Kontakion of the Entrance of the Theotokos - Tone 4*

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

❖ *The EPISTLE of St Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)*

"Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two,

so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

The PRAYER before the Reading of the HOLY GOSPEL

Illumine our hearts, O Master who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy Gospel teachings; implant in us also the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thine unoriginate Father and Thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

❖ *The HOLY GOSPEL according to St Luke (10:25-37)*

"At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

❖ *The KISS of PEACE*

The Kiss of Peace happens this way: 1) we turn only to those only on our left or right, never turning our backs toward the Holy Altar; 2) one quietly says, "Christ is in our midst!," while the other quietly replies, "He is and ever shall be!" It should be kind, but also quiet and orderly.

❖ *The Megalynarion*

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word, True Theotokos: we magnify thee.

❖ On Receiving Holy Communion ❖

For Orthodox Christians, Holy Communion is not only a bridge toward unity but also the expression of unity already achieved - the seal of a common baptism, common belief, common practice, essentially a common Church. For this reason, only Orthodox Christians, properly prepared, may receive Holy Communion

❖ Calendar ❖

This Week

❖ *Tuesday*
- *10am* - Divine Liturgy
- *6:30pm* - OCF Gathering (see Cory Pittman for details)

❖ *Wednesday, 6pm* - Nativity Paraklesis for the Nativity Fast

❖ *Thursday,*
- *10am* - Daily Matins
- *5:30pm* - Ella's Cafe (see Lauren Fleming for details)

❖ *Friday*
- *6pm* - Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
- *7:30pm* - Handmaiden's Tea [for girls ages 4-18] (see Mtr Lara for details)

❖ *Saturday* [Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple]
- *11am* - WoSE Hike (see Julie Donini for details)
- *5pm* - Great Vespers
- *6pm* - Teen Class
- *6:15pm* - Foundations Class (An Overview of the Orthodox Christian Faith: required for catechumens, open to all).

❖ *Sunday*
- *9am* - Matins
- *10am* - Divine Liturgy
- *12pm* - Agape Meal and Fellowship