## St. Elizabeth Yearly Calendar

September 1	Event: Church New Year	First day of ecclesiastical new year
Sept 1	Service: Creation Care Vespers	Prayers for global areas affected by poverty, droughts, famine, etc.
Labor Day Sunday	Event: Parish Picnic	Parish-wide Potluck and Drum Circle in the Barnvilion
Sept 8	Feast: Nativity of the Theotokos	Potluck Meal
Sept 14	Feast: Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Procession with Holy Cross / Potluck Meal
Sept 24	Feast: St Silouan of Mt Athos	With Prayers for the Peace of the World / Potluck Meal
October	<b>Event:</b> Growth in Stewardship Campaign	Preparing our annual financial pledge to the ministries of St Elizabeth
Oct 31	Event: All Saints' Day	All Saints' Celebration
Nov 15-Dec 24	Fast: Nativity Fast	Preparation for the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Nov 21	Feast: Presentation of the Theotokos	Handmaidens' Tea / Potluck Meal
Dec 6	Event: St Nicholas Day	St Nicholas Celebration
Sunday before Nativity	Event: Children's Homily	Children gather on the solea
Dec 25	Feast: the Nativity of Jesus Christ	Potluck Meal
Dec 26	Feast: Synaxis of the Theotokos	Potluck Meal
Dec 31	Service: Great Vespers for the Circumcision	Prayers for New Year / Talent Show
January	<b>Event</b> : Sanctity of Life Month	Collect Baby Items for The Portico Pregnancy Support Center
Jan 1	Feast: Circumcision of Our Lord in the Flesh	Prayers for New Year / St Basil's Bread / Potluck Meal

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Jan 6	Feast: Theophany	Great Sanctification of the Waters / Potluck
Jan 21	Service: Sanctity of Life Prayers	Refreshment
February	<b>Event</b> : Socks for Souls Month	Collect new socks for local homeless
Feb 2	Feast: Presentation of Our Lord	Blessing of Candles
Thursday before Meatfare	Event: "Meaty Gras"	Men of St Elizabeth Night Out
Saturday before Meatfare	Service: Saturday of Souls	Kollyva and Prayers for the Departed
Saturday before Cheesefare	Event: "Cheesy Gras"	Women of St Elizabeth Get-Together
Wednesdays of Great Lent	Service: PreSanctified Liturgy	Lenten Meals provided by teams
March 25	Feast: The Annunciation	Potluck Meal
First Saturday of April	<b>Event:</b> Creative Arts Workshop	Children preparing artwork for the Parish Life Conference
Lazarus Saturday	Feast: St Lazarus	Divine Liturgy with Parish Deep Cleaning and Palm Cross Workshop
Palm Sunday	Feast: Triumphal Entry of Lord into Jerusalem	Blessing and Procession with Palms
Holy Week	Event: Holy Week	Tasks in Preparation for Great and Holy Friday, Saturday, and Pascha
Holy Wednesday	Service: Sacrament of Holy Unction	Anointing of the Sick
PASCHA	Feast of Feasts: Great and Holy Pascha	Paschal Feast with Blessing of Foods and Baskets
Pascha Sunday	Service: Agape Vespers	Parish Picnic

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Mother's Day	Event: Mother's Day	Agape Meal hosted by Men of St Elizabeth
Memorial Day Weekend	Event: Parish Picnic	Sunday Picnic in the Barnvilion
Ascension	Feast: Holy and Glorious Ascension of Our Lord	Potluck Meal
Saturday before Pentecost	Service: Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy	Kollyva and Prayers for the Departed
Pentecost	Feast: Pentecost	Adornment of church in greenery
June	<b>Event</b> : Parish Life Conference	Annual gathering of diocesan faithful
June	Event: Camp St Thekla	Annual diocesan youth camp
Second Monday after Pentecost to June 29	Fast: Holy Apostles' Fast	Fast until feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29
Third Week of July	<b>Event:</b> Archdiocesan Function	General Convention alternating biannually with Clergy Symposium
July 18	Feast: our Patronal Feast of St Elizabeth	Procession of Holy Relics
July 20	<b>Event</b> : Blessing of Chariots	Blessing of vehicles close to feast of Prophet Elijah (July 20)
August 1-14	Fast: Holy Dormition Fast	Paraklesis each weeknight
First Sunday in Aug	<b>Event:</b> School Back in Session	Prayer for Students and Teachers Returning to School
Aug 6	Feast: Transfiguration	Blessing of Grapes
Aug 15	Feast: Dormition of the Theotokos	Blessing of Herbs
Third Week of Aug	<b>Event</b> : WoSE Dessert and Tea	Annual women's dessert and tea