❖ Simple Seeds ❖

Simple Seeds for Holy Growth: A Series for How to Worship as a Spiritual Family

❖ *Seed 4 – Concerning Punctuality*

You are cordially invited to attend the Royal Banquet beginning at _____.

❖ *Reflection –*

What are the Divine Services of the Church? They are the King of kings welcoming us into his presence. Think of punctuality as a sign of respect – something He doesn't "need" to receive but something good for us to show.

Arrive at church with time to spare for necessities - parking, restroom, hanging up coats, corralling children. The earlier we arrive for services - allowing ourselves time to quiet the senses - the more grace we receive from them.

❖ Connect ❖

Parish Priest: Fr. John Oliver

❖ *Calendly* meetings and appointments:

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❖ Giving ❖

❖ Year-to-Date Pledging:
Budgeted: $242,800
Actual: $198,430

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✣ St Elizabeth Orthodox Church ✣

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

01 November 2026

Theodota, the Unmercenaries' mother; Venerable-martyr James and his disciples; James the deacon and Dionysios of Prodromou; Venerable David of Evia

❖ 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 5*

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and Spirit is cobeginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for he was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

❖ *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 - Tone 2*

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

❖ *The EPISTLE of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:27-31; 13:1-8)*

"Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

❖ *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 (16:19-31)*

"The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

❖ *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

❖ *Wednesday, 6pm* - Daily Vespers

❖ *Thursday*

10am - Supplication Service to St. Elizabeth before her relics

6:30pm - "Drummer Boy" Showing (see Richard Ramsey for details)

❖ *Saturday*

11am - YAoSE Hike

4pm - Visit from MTSU Religious Studies Students

5pm - Great Vespers

6pm - ToSE Outing

6:15pm - Foundations Class (An Overview of the Orthodox Christian Faith: required for catechumens, open to all).

❖ *Sunday*

9am - Matins

10am - Divine Liturgy followed by our Agape Meal