









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
17	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	Martyrs	75: St Elizabeth the New Martyr

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ☒] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Trisagion Prayers

Starter: What might prompt someone of wealth and privilege to become a monk or nun?

Learning objectives: 1. To be able to recall the main events in the life and martyrdom of St Elizabeth the New Martyr and what these teach us about the cost of confessing Christ and following Him. 2. To some of the spiritual issues behind the persecution of Christians by a hostile state.

Core Activities and Learning

1. Watch this video on the life, work and martyrdom of St Elizabeth the New Martyr of Russia, granddaughter of Queen Victoria of Great Britain. <https://youtu.be/mfLI3irLy30>
2. Leader Resource: https://orthodoxwiki.org/Elizabeth_the_New_Martyr
3. The students are asked individually to record 3 defining moments of the saint's life and to present these to the other members of the group. Try and achieve a consensus about this through discussion.
4. More Christians died in the 20th century than in all of previous recorded human history. This is still happening through the rise of Islamist terrorism in the 21st century yet western governments in post-Christian societies seem to care little. Discuss why this active persecution of believers exists as a modern phenomenon and why the west tends to ignore it. Try and stay contextual to each situation. Examine the roots of this hatred against the followers of Christ. What is it about Christ Himself that becomes so detestable to some people?

Resources: Laptop to play the video.

Review: St Elizabeth the New Martyr gave up all that she had as a member of the Russian Royal family. She became a nun, served the sick and the poor and then became a martyr to godless men who hated Christ.

Follow Up: Research the miracles granted through the prayers of St Elizabeth the New Martyr.