

# St. Elizabeth's Home for the Dying



*"I am leaving a glittering world where I had a glittering position, but with all of you I am descending into a greater world—the world of the poor and the suffering."*

– St. Elizabeth

## What is St. Elizabeth's?

St. Elizabeth's is a charitable Orthodox Christian home for the dying in Northern Ohio. Its purpose is fourfold:

1. To recognize God's image in all people
2. To serve the terminally ill, regardless of race or religious belief
3. To serve them without charge, with priority to those most in need
4. To provide trained staff and volunteers for spiritual, emotional, and physical support with the assistance of an outside hospice team.

## What does St. Elizabeth's do?

St. Elizabeth's is not a hospice. It is a home. Its purpose is to establish a comfortable, secure Christian environment for people regardless of religious affiliation who are

suffering from advanced illnesses but who do not have the necessary support—social and financial—that would make traditional home hospice care possible. St. Elizabeth's takes in people who might otherwise die alone and helps them live out their lives in a loving Christian home.

Daily care and support are provided by a trained volunteer staff, augmented by hospice care through existing agencies.

Our hope is that homes like St. Elizabeth's may be emulated in other metropolitan areas.

## Who is St. Elizabeth?

Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia came from a long line of privilege and wealth. A granddaughter to Queen Victoria of England, St. Elizabeth married Grand Duke Serge Alexandrovich, governor of Moscow and uncle to Tsar Nicholas II. After the Grand Duke's assassination by revolutionaries, St. Elizabeth gave away her possessions and started the Mary and Martha home for devout women in Moscow. They reached out to the poorest people in the city through a variety of efforts, including what became the best Russian hospital of its day. St. Elizabeth had long had a reputation for her healing gifts and for her heart for the poor; her hospital became a beacon not only to the needy and the sick but to many others who sought help there.

In 1918, St. Elizabeth was brutally martyred by communist revolutionaries.

Today, St. Elizabeth's heart for the poor and the sick continues to manifest itself. With her prayers and with God's help, St. Elizabeth's Home will continue her work of healing those most in need—the dying poor.

## What can I do?

St. Elizabeth's welcomes your help, whether through prayers, volunteer work, or donations. For more information, please contact:

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