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## **The Testimony of Love and Mercy of St Elizabeth Feodorovna**

The human and spiritual figure of great duchess Elizabeth Fedorovna, wife of great duke Sergej Aleksandrovi?. After the assassination of her husband Elizabeth founded the monastic community of Martha and Maria, in which the nuns united the striving of a spiritual life with service to the needy. After the revolution Elizabeth was arrested and killed together with the nun Barbara on 18 July 1918. In 1992 the two were canonized by the Russian Orthodox Church among the neo-martyrs and confessors. In particular, her last days will be examined on the basis of archival documents and findings at the place of martyrdom.

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