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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. ELIA
ORTHODOX CHURCH

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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA

Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector

Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 2
Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised. Blessed
Olga, Princess of Rus, in Baptism Helen

Saturday, July 10

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 11

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First
Six Ecumenical Councils. Nun Martyrs Grand
Duchess and Barbara

Saturday, July 17

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 18

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Joshua Wherley

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIA - Temple and
Patronal Feastday

Monday, July 19

6:00 pm Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint
John Chrysostom

Sunday, July 25: SLAVA to St. Elia and Blessing of
Vehicles

“DO THIS IS REMEMBRANCE OF ME”

On the night before He gave Himself up for us, the Lord shared a special meal with His Disciples. It was through this meal that He chose to be with them throughout the ages. After the meal, He told them: ***“Do this in remembrance of Me.”*** Luke 22:19) Whenever and wherever the Church gathers in response to this command, He is with them as He promised.

The Divine Liturgy is our response to the command of Jesus. We gather in His Name, and He is truly present just as He said He would be.

When we gather in the name of the Lord Jesus, through the Gospels, we remember the teachings and wonderful works of Jesus. In the Eucharist we remember all that Christ has done for us, the Cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the sitting at the righthand of God, and the second and glorious coming again.

But we are not simply remembering past events; as we call these to mind, Christ is really present to us just as He promised. In a manner beyond our understanding, He is truly with us in the Divine Liturgy, making all the words and symbols and actions alive with His Presence. Thus, everything we do in the Liturgy is in response to the command of Christ; and true to His promise, ***He is with us!*** It is the power of the Holy Spirit Who makes this presence real. The Holy Spirit ***“Who is everywhere and fills all things,”*** also fills our remembrance of past events and makes them truly present.

TODAY’S EPISTLE – Romans 5:1-10

Therefore, having been justified by faith, ^[a]we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces ^[b]perseverance; and perseverance, ^[c]character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, ^[d]in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

TODAY’S GOSPEL – Matthew 6:22-33

The Lamp of the Body

“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is ^[a]good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is ^[b]bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

You Cannot Serve God and Riches

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I say to you, **do not worry** about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one ^ℓcubit to his ^ℓstature?

"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not ^ℳarrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised

Commemorated on [July 11](#)

The Miracle of Saint Euphemia the All-Praised: The holy Great Martyr Euphemia (September 16) suffered martyrdom in the city of Chalcedon in the year 304, In the year 451 in the city of Chalcedon, in the very church where the glorified relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia rested, the sessions of the Fourth Ecumenical Council (July 16) took place. The Council was convened for determining the precise dogmatic formulae of the Orthodox Church concerning the nature of the God-Man Jesus Christ. This was necessary because of the widespread heresy of the Monophysites [“mono-physis” meaning “one nature”], who opposed the Orthodox teaching of the two natures in Jesus Christ, the Divine and the Human natures (in one Divine Person). The Monophysites falsely affirmed that in Christ was only one nature, the Divine [i.e. that Jesus is God but not man, by nature], causing discord and unrest within the Church. At the Council were present 630 representatives from all the local Christian Churches. On the Orthodox side Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople (July 3), Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (July 2), and representatives of Saint Leo, Pope of Rome (February 18) participated in the conciliar deliberations. The Monophysites were present in large numbers, headed by Dioscorus, the Patriarch of Alexandria.

After prolonged discussions the two sides could not come to a decisive agreement. The holy Patriarch Anatolius of Constantinople proposed that the Council submit the decision of the Church dispute to the Holy Spirit, through His undoubted bearer Saint Euphemia the All-Praised, whose wonderworking relics had been discovered during the Council's discussions. The Orthodox hierarchs and their opponents wrote down their confessions of faith on separate scrolls and sealed them with their seals. They opened the tomb of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia and placed both scrolls upon her bosom. Then, in the presence of the emperor Marcian (450-457), the participants of the Council sealed the tomb, putting on it the imperial seal and setting a guard to watch over it for three days. During these days both sides imposed upon themselves strict fast and made intense prayer. After three days the patriarch and the emperor in the presence of the Council opened the tomb with its relics: the scroll with the Orthodox confession was held by Saint Euphemia in her right hand, and the scroll of the heretics lay at her feet. Saint Euphemia, as though alive, raised her hand and gave the scroll to the patriarch. After this miracle many of the hesitant accepted the Orthodox confession, while those remaining obstinant in the heresy were consigned to the Council's condemnation and excommunication.

Blessed Olga (in Baptism Helen), Princess of Russia

Commemorated July 11

In her heart the wise Olga found the desire for holy Orthodoxy, and she made the decision to become a Christian. The sacrament of Baptism was made over her by the Constantinople Patriarch Theophylactus (933-956), and her godfather was the emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitos (912-959). At Baptism she was given the name Helen in honor of the holy Equal of the Apostles Helen (May 21), the mother of Saint Constantine, and she also had been the discoverer of the Venerable Wood of the Cross of the Lord. In an edifying word spoken at the conclusion of the rite, the Patriarch said: "Blessed are you among Russian women, for you have forsaken the darkness and have loved the Light. The Russian people shall bless you in all the future generations, from your grandson and great-grandson to your furthestmost descendants." He instructed her in the truths of the Faith, the churchly rules and the rule of prayer, he explained the commands about fasting, chastity and charity. "She, however," says the Monk Nestor, "bowed her head and stood, literally like a sponge absorbing water, listening to the teaching, and bowing down to the Patriarch, she said, "By your prayers, O Master, let me be preserved from the wiles of enemies".

Saint Olga, after becoming a Christian, zealously devoted herself to efforts of Christian evangelization among the pagans, and also church construction: “demanding the distressing of demons and the beginning of life for Christ Jesus

On July 11, 969 Saint Olga died: “and with great lament they mourned her, her son and grandsons and all the people

Saint Olga lived, died, and was buried as a Christian. “And thus having lived and well having glorified God in Trinity, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, having worshipped in the blessed faith, she ended her life in the peace of Christ Jesus, our Lord.”

Saint Olga glorified God with good deeds in all things, and God glorified her. body lying there whole.” But not everyone was given to see this miracle of the incorrupt relics of the saint: “For whoever came with faith, the aperture opened up, and there the venerable body could be seen lying intact, and one would marvel at such a miracle -- the body lying there for so many years without decay. Worthy of all praise is this venerable body: resting in the grave whole, as though sleeping. But for those who did not approach in faith, the grave aperture would not open up, and they would not see this venerable body, but only the grave.”

REMEMBERING THOSE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony .Freude, son of Fr Don and
Popadia Donna Freude
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Herman
Archbishop Paul
Archbishop Benjamin
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo
Florence Lambo
Larissa Freude Newman
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Reader William Paluch
Martin Vronick
Rose Marie Vronick
Niki Bober (President of Orthodox Christian Women)
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

**COFFEE HOUR, this Sunday, June 11, is
sponsored by Mary Marcin**

**UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 20 at 7:30 pm**

**BLESSING OF VEHICLES, in celebration of our
Temple and Patronal Feast of St. Elia, Sunday,
July 25, following the Divine Liturgy and Slava.**



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This coming **LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2021 - SEPTEMBER 4-5**, our Parish will celebrate **75 YEARS** - as a Christ centered Parish Community! Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us for this weekend of our Anniversary celebration.

Plans are being made for this 75th Anniversary celebration.

We need your help... we are collecting photos to create a video of St. Elia Parish Family memories. Please send or share any photos from **past years to the present** to Kathy Gray. We need all the photos by **August 10th**. Your photos will be returned to you.

Tentative Schedule

Saturday, September 4:

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Social following

Sunday, September 5

9:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Archbishop Alexander and Clergy

**Tonsuring of Joshua Herman Wherley
as Reader and Cantor**

Social Meal to follow.

More details to come

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) is the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church and an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops. The mission of OCPM is to serve those who are incarcerated and their families, and provide resources, training and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified.

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) proclaims the love of Christ to men and women who are incarcerated. We do this by applying the teachings of the Orthodox Faith to correspond with thousands of prisoners, providing them personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, catechism, and study courses. For those wishing to live an Orthodox way of life, we advocate on their behalf for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith, so that priests can enter prison facilities and administer the Sacraments and services.

As the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church, we provide resources and training to local parishes and clergy, enabling them to offer local solutions and fulfill Christ's command to visit Him in prison. As a result, families are reunited, marriages are healed, and thousands of incarcerated men and women have a new sense of peace and restored order in their lives.

OCPM Sunday 2021 is July 25. Please make your offerings for this Ministry during the month of July. Our charitable offerings at St. Elia will be matched by our Diocese. For further information please contact Joshua Wherley.

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking ever PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-bring of all our people. In accordance with the CDC, the State of Ohio, and our Diocesan Directives, St. Elia Parish will follow these directives:

- 1) If you are sick and/or exhibit coronavirus symptoms, you must refrain from attending services.
- 2) While the CDC and the State of Ohio have lifted the mask mandate, the social distancing and capacity restrictions, the State officials recommend that unvaccinated people continue to wear the masks indoors. The Diocesan Directives stress that everyone is welcome to continued wearing face coverings if there is any level of discomfort with this new guidance.
- 3) The kissing of Icons, the Cross, the Gospel Book, the Chalice and the priest's hand when receiving the blessing is permitted if you ae comfortable doing so
- 4) The sanitizer and masks are available in the vestibule for your convenience

OUR STEWARDSHIP – July 4, 2021

Candles:	\$ 49.11
Improvement Fund:	50.00
Special Donation:	20.00
Sunday Offering:	435.00
TOTAL:	\$554.11