

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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FOURTH 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***

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

**Saturday, July 17**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, July 18**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint  
John Chrysostom**

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 4  
Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the  
Most Holy Theotokos**

**Saturday, July 24**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, July 25**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Reader Aaron Gray**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray**

**Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1**

**SLAVA to Saint Elia and Blessing of vehicles**

**TODAY'S EPISTLE - Romans 6:18-23**

<sup>18</sup>And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves of righteousness <sup>[a]</sup>for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit <sup>[b]</sup>to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin *is* death, but the <sup>[c]</sup>gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **TODAY'S GOSPEL – Matthew 8:5-13**

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

# Saints: Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Barbara

Commemorated today, July 18



**Saint Elizabeth was the older sister of Tsarina Alexandra, and was married to the Grand Duke Sergius, the governor of Moscow. She converted to Orthodoxy from Protestantism of her own free will, and organized women from all levels of society to help the soldiers at the front and in the hospitals.**

**Grand Duke Sergius was killed by an assassin's bomb on February 4, 1905, just as Saint Elizabeth was leaving for her workshops. Remarkably, she visited her husband's killer in prison and urged him to repent. After this, she began to withdraw from her former social life. She devoted herself to the Convent of Saints Martha and Mary, a community of nuns which focused on worshipping God and also helping the poor. She moved out of the palace into a building she**

**purchased on Ordinka. Women from the nobility, and also from the common people, were attracted to the convent.**

**Saint Elizabeth nursed sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals and on the battle front. On Pascha of 1918, the Communists ordered her to leave Moscow, and join the royal family near Ekaterinburg. She left with a novice, Sister Barbara, and an escort of Latvian guards.**

**After arriving in Ekaterinburg, Saint Elizabeth was denied access to the Tsar's family. She was placed in a convent, where she was warmly received by the sisters.**

**At the end of May Saint Elizabeth was moved to nearby Alopaevsk with the Grand Dukes Sergius, John, and Constantine, and the young Count Vladimir Paley. They were all housed in a schoolhouse on the edge of town. Saint Elizabeth was under guard, but was permitted to go to church and work in the garden.**

**On the night of July 5, they were all taken to a place twelve miles from Alopaevsk, and executed. The Grand Duke Sergius was shot, but the others were thrown down a mineshaft, then grenades were tossed after them. Saint Elizabeth lived for several hours, and could be heard singing hymns.**

**The bodies of Saint Elizabeth and Saint Barbara were taken to Jerusalem in 1920, and buried in the church of Saint Mary Magdalene.**

## **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 18, is  
sponsored by Sandy Graham**

**FEAST OF ST. ELIA VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY  
Monday Evening, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

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



***St. Elia Name Day Parish Celebration***  
***Sunday, July 25, 2021***  
***DIVINE LITURGY – 9:30 AM***  
***followed by***  
***SLAVA TO SAINT ELIA***  
***And BLESSING OF VEHICLES***  
***Commemorating St. Elia being taken***  
***up into heaven in a fiery chariot.***

**Covered Dish Picnic Style Dinner**  
**Main dish will be provided.**  
**Everyone is asked to bring a side**  
**dish or dessert.**



# St. ELIA

ORTHODOX  CHURCH

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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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 11, 2021

<b>Candles:</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
<b>Improvement Fund:</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>435.00</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$562.00</b>