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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5
Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord.

Saturday, July 31

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 1

**9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence
Bilas**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

DORMITION FAST – AUGUST 1-14

The Dormition Fast begins on August 1, the Feast of the Procession of the Holy Cross, and continues through August 14.

THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Thursday, August 5

6:00 pm Great Vespers - *at St. Elia*

Blessing of Grapes, fruit and Herbs

Friday, August 6

**Transfiguration Monastery Pilgrimage – Elwood
City, Pa.**

9:30am Akathist (Outdoor Chapel)

10:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

12:00pm (picnic lunch)

**2:00pm Service of Holy Unction
and singing of Paraklesis**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 6
Afterfeast of the Transfiguration**

Saturday, August 7

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 8

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Tursca

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35



**Today - August 1
The Feast of the Procession of
the Honorable Wood of the Life-
Giving Cross of the Lord**

The origin of this Feast is explained in the Greek *Horologion* of 1897: "Because of the illnesses which occur during the month of August, it was customary at Constantinople to carry the Precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification, and to deliver it from sickness."

On the eve (July 31), the Cross was removed from the imperial treasury and placed it upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (which is dedicated to Christ, the Wisdom of God). From August 1 until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, there was a procession throughout the entire the city, and then the Cross was placed where all the people could venerate it.

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING Romans 12:6-14

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient^[a] in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given^[b] to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING Matthew 9:1-8

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!”

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

August 6th

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the Gospels. When our Lord was recognized by His apostles as the Christ – the Messiah – the Son of the Living God, He told them that... He must go up to Jerusalem... and suffer many things... and be killed ... and on the third day be raised from the dead.
(Matthew 16)

The announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death upset the disciples. And then, after correcting them, the Lord took Peter, James and John up to the high mountain, by tradition, Mt. Tabor, and was ***“transfigured before them and His Face shown like the sun and His garments became white as snow and behold there appeared to them Moses and Elia talking with Him.”***

The event of the Transfiguration teaches us that God fulfills His promise to man. But the fulfillment is greater than any man could possibly realize. The Savior was sent not just a messenger but the Son of God in human flesh. The mystery of the Transfiguration teaches us that the fulness of the Godhead is found in Jesus and that the ***dwelling place of God is with man.***

In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of God present in majesty and in the person of Jesus the Christ.

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They see this before the Crucifixion so that in the Resurrection they might know Who He is Who suffered for them, and what it is that this Jesus – Who is both God and Man – has prepared for those who love Him and His Heavenly Father.

The glory of God has appeared in Jesus!



The Feast of the Transfiguration will be celebrated at St. Elia with the Great Vespers on August 5 at 6:00 pm followed by the Blessing of Grapes, other fruits and herbs.

Please bring your basket and bowls and place them for blessing on the table by the Icon of St. Herman.

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the Monastery of the Transfiguration in Elwood City, Pa. at 10:00 am in the outside chapel.



St. ELIA

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‘FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD’ 1 Cor. 16:13

Dear Faithful and Friends of St. Elia,

This coming Labor Day weekend, September 4-5, 2021, we at St. Elia will be celebrating 75 years of witnessing to Jesus Christ as a Parish community. Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us for the Anniversary weekend.

75th CELEBRATION SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 4:

5:00 PM Great Vespers followed by Hor d’oeuvres/ Wine Reception in the parish hall.

Sunday, September 5:

9:30 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Archbishop and Clergy. Tonsuring of Joshua Herman Wherley as Reader

12 Noon BBQ ‘Family -Style’ luncheon catered by Waterloo Restaurant

Adults (16 yr. and up) \$15.00

Youth (7-15 yr.) \$10.00

Children (6 yr. and under- free)

Luncheon tickets are by Pre-Paid ONLY by August 31st.

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
Geoffrey Michael Lubic

OUR STEWARDSHIP – July 25, 2021

Candles:	\$ 62.00
Improvement Fund:	100.00
Prison Ministry:	250.00
Sunday Offering:	995.00
TOTAL:	\$1,407.00

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking ever PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-being 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 are comfortable doing so

- 4) The sanitizer and masks are available in the vestibule for your convenience