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20th 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*

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2022 Parish Council

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Magensky

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Reader Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers:

Sunday, October 30 – Reader Michael Luc

Sunday, November 6 – Hours: Mary Beth Gray

Epistle: Reader Aaron Gray

Sunday, November 13 -Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Sunday, November 20 -Reader Joshua Wherley

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3

Hieromartyr Zenobius and sister Zenobia

Saturday, October 29

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, October 30

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4

St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople

Saturday, November 5

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, November 6

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Marybeth Gray

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

SAINT NICHOLAS DAY CELEBATION

DECEMBER 11, 2022

Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us for our St. Nicholas Celebration. **On this festive occasion, Reader Aaron Gray will be vested with the Sticharion and the girded with Orar of the Subdeacon. Then Archbishop Alexander, with the Laying of Hands, will ordain Reader Aaron a Subdeacon of the Church of Saint Elia.**

Mark your calendars and keep this date!

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Call to Apostleship

¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³ For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it. ¹⁴ And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia and returned again to Damascus.

Contacts at Jerusalem

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see ^[a]Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Highest God? I beg You, do not torment me!"

29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

36 They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 "Return to your own house and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

**FALL FAMILY FUNFEST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022**



9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

**LUNCHEON
*YOUR SOUP SPECIALTY
THAT YOU WILL BE BRINGING!***

Bread, Salad, and Dessert will be provided!

**AND OUR ANNUAL
TRUNK-A-TREAT FOR ALL AGES!**

**EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A
TREAT TO SHARE WITH ALL THE
KIDS - young and older
*No scary costumes***

Hieromartyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia

Commemorated on October 30

The Hieromartyr Zenobius, Bishop of Aegea, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr's death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised in the holy Christian Faith by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their inherited wealth giving it to the poor. For his beneficence and holy life the Lord rewarded Zenobius with the gift of healing various maladies. He was also chosen bishop of a Christian community in Cilicia.

As bishop, Saint Zenobius zealously spread the Christian Faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian (284-305) began a persecution against Christians, Bishop Zenobius was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licius. "I shall only speak briefly with you," said Licius to the saint, "for I propose to grant you life if you worship our gods, or death, if you do not." The saint answered, "This present life without Christ is death. It is better that I prepare to endure the present torment for my Creator, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him for the sake of the present life, and then be tormented eternally in Hades."

By order of Licius, they nailed him to a cross and began the torture. The bishop's sister, seeing him suffering, wanted to stop it. She bravely confessed her own faith in Christ before the governor, therefore, she also was tortured.

By the power of the Lord they remained alive after being placed on a red-hot iron bed, and then in a boiling kettle. The saints were then beheaded. The priest Hermogenes secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs in a single grave.

Saint Zenobius is invoked by those suffering from breast cancer.



Visit the St. Elia Bookstore

If you haven't visited the little St. Elia "shop" downstairs in the parish hall lately, we are carrying several new items including coffee mugs with quotes from the saints, and St. Elia T-shirts (check-out our new shirts) and baseball caps. If you are interested in a piece of St. Elia "spirit wear" in a certain size or style that's not currently available, please see Aaron Gray about a special order. All proceeds go toward the life and ministry of our parish. Thank you for your support

**REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE
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 SHUTINS

Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Joseph Boyle - brother of Kathy Gray
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Rose Marie Vronick
Nicoletta (Nikki) Bober
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Ted Theodore
Sarah Costadinova
Geoffrey Michael Lubic
Kalie Obeng-Fiorg
Marybeth Gray

Rose Marie Vronick – Village of St. Edward
at Green, 3813 Fortuna Drive 44312

Angelo Lambo is at Timberland Ridge, 3558
Ridgewood Road, Fairlawn, Ohio, 44333

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 1 – 7:00 pm

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA MEETING

Sunday, November 6

Following the Divine Liturgy

2023 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

It is that time of the year to make plans for 2023. And so, following the Divine Liturgy a Parish Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 13**, to elect the members of the 2023 Parish Council.

Please submit your nominees to the Nominating Committee:

Tony Dodovich, Sandy Graham, Ana Bohush.

No nominees will be taken at the meeting.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Candles: \$45.00

Sunday Offering: 920.00

TOTAL: \$965.00

Tithley Offerings: \$ 119.48

PayPal Offering: 40.00

TOTAL: \$ 159.48

Bills come and must be paid on a regular basis. Our weekly offerings are very important, either through Mail, Sunday Offerings or by Tithely or PayPal

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

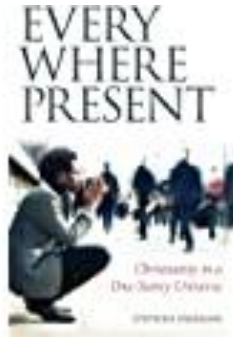
ST. NIKOLAI VELIMIROVIĆ

FOR CONSIDERATION: While on earth, regard yourself as a guest of the Host, that is, of Christ. If you are at table, He honors you thus. If you breathe the air, you breathe His air. If you bathe, you bathe in His water. If you travel, you travel around His earth. If you accumulate goods, you accumulate what is His; if you squander them, you squander what is His. If you are influential, you are so by His permission. If you are in company with others, you are with His other guests. If you are in the countryside, you are in His garden. If you are alone, He is present. If you set off anywhere, He sees you. If you do anything, He has it in mind. He is the most careful Host whose guest you have ever been. And be, in your turn, careful towards Him. A good Host merits a good guest. These are all simple words, but they speak a great truth to you. All the saints knew this truth, and ordered their lives accordingly. Therefore the Immortal Host rewarded them with eternal life in heaven and with glory on earth.

Prologue From Ochrid



SAINT ELIA FALL BOOK STUDY



Have you ever referred to God as the Man upstairs? Most Christians living in a secular society have unwittingly relegated God and all things spiritual to the second story of the universe: a realm we cannot reach except through death. The effect of this is to banish God, along with the saints and angels, from our everyday lives.

In *Everywhere Present*, popular blogger and podcaster Fr. Stephen Freeman makes a compelling case for becoming aware of God's living and active presence in every moment of our lives here and now. Learning to practice your Christian faith in a one-story universe will change your life and make possible the living, intimate relationship with God you always dreamed of.

Saint Elia Book Study Last Session:

November 8, 2022 – 7:00 pm - Chapters 9 - 11

Please contact Reader Joshua Wherley: (330) 714-8804 josh.wherley@gmail.com

REFLECTIONS

Keep the Lord's Day Holy

A Chinese priest wanted to show how we rob God when we fail to keep the Lord's Day for His service and rest.

The priest said, **"It came to pass that a man went to market with a string of seven coins. Seeing a beggar who was asking for alms, he gave the poor man six of his coins. He kept one of the coins for himself. The beggar, instead of being thankful, followed the good man and stole the seventh coin. What an abominable wretch."**

"Yes, and would you, to whom God has given six days, steal the seventh day also by refusing to worship Him?"

A Thought from C.S. Lewis

Hope means a continual looking forward to the eternal world. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in." But aim at earth and you will get neither.