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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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Coordinators: Reader Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers:

Sunday, November 13 - Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Sunday, November 20 - Reader Joshua Wherley

Sunday, November 27 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle Anastasia Bohush

Sunday, December 4 – Sue Ellen Turscak

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5

Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

Saturday, November 12

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, November 13

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Lighting of the 1st Candle on the Advent Wreath

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

Following the Divine Liturgy

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6

Forefeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Venerable Gregory of Decapolis

Saturday, November 19

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, November 20

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Joshua Wherley

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Lighting of the 2nd Candle on the Advent Wreath

Tone 4 Troparion (Forefeast)

*Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of sorrow,
by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin.*

*In fulfillment of her vow,
today with joy she brings to the temple of the Lord
the true temple and pure Mother of God the Word.*

THE ADVENT WREATH

On Tuesday, November 15, forty days prior to the celebration of the Feast of Christmas, the Holy Orthodox Church begins the Christmas Fast. This period of six weeks is often called *Advent* which means *The Coming* and refers to the Coming of our lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Mystery of His Holy Nativity.

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord together with Feast of His Baptism in the Jordan are Feasts of Light celebrating the coming and manifestation of Christ the Light of the world. Nature itself helps us to experience these Feasts of Light. With the coming of winter, the days get shorter and the nights longer, but once we reach Christmas itself the reverse begins to happen. Nature prepares for the Coming of Christ, the Light in the darkness and so do we during the Holy Season of Advent.

To help in our preparation, we will have an Advent Wreath in Church. The Wreath, made of evergreens, will have six candles on it. **This Sunday, November 13, we will light the first candle on the wreath along with our Advent Prayers**

Prepare O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn yourself O Ephrathah, for the tree of life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit: For if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

COME AND SEE

The Christmas Fast is introduced on Monday, **November 14**, with the Feastday of the Apostle Philip. For this reason, the Christmas Fast is sometimes called “the fast of Philip.”

John 1:43-51 **Philip and Nathanael**

43The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.”

44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

46And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

47Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”

48Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?”

Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

49Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

50Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” 51And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

We must come and see Jesus with the eyes of our heart and know Him as our Savior and the Lover of mankind Who is always present and the Ladder that leads to heaven.

COME LORD JESUS

AN ADVENT REFLECTION

Come Lord Jesus! On Christmas Day we celebrate the coming of the Son of God in flesh at His Birth in Bethlehem.

Come Lord Jesus! As Christians we are always standing in the Hope of His awesome and glorious second coming when He will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords over His own creation.

Come Lord Jesus! In this Holy Season of Advent – a time of prayer, fasting, reflection and silence – we prepare for His coming to us in grace.

What does this mean? Advent is about deepening our relationship with God in ***“the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ”*** (cf. Romans 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:14). That relationship is one of friendship. We are invited to an intimate, mutual, loving fellowship with our Lord.

Every day we grow in Christ OR we weaken our relationship with Him because of our lack of purpose and commitment. This Advent season before Christmas is given to us by the Church as an opportunity once again to renew ourselves in Christ, to restore His Life in us, to prepare the good soil of our hearts to receive the seed of His Word for His Kingdom to come to us.

Our prayer during Advent can be summed up in the last words and prayer found in the New Testament in the book of The Revelation. ***Come Lord Jesus!***

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

And behold, a certain ^[a]lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it*?” So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ” And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live. “But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor? ”Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among ^[b]thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, ^[c]when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

St. John Chrysostom (the Golden-Tongued)
Patriarch of Constantinople
November 13

He was born in Antioch in the year 347, his father's name being Secundus and his mother's Anthusa. Studying Greek philosophy, John became disgusted with Hellenic paganism and turned to the Christian Faith as the one and all-embracing truth.

John was baptized by Meletius, Patriarch of Antioch, and, after that, his parents were also baptized. After their death John became a monk and began to live in strict asceticism.

He wrote a book: '*On the Priesthood*', after which the holy apostles John and Peter appeared to him, prophesying for him great service, great grace, and also great suffering.

When the time came for him to be ordained a priest, an angel of God appeared at the same time to Patriarch Flavian (Meletius's successor) and to John himself. When the Patriarch ordained him, a shining white dove was seen above John's head.

Renowned for his wisdom, his asceticism, and the power of his words, John was, at the desire of Emperor Arcadius, chosen as Patriarch of Constantinople.

He governed the Church for six years as Patriarch with unequalled zeal and wisdom, sending missionaries to the pagan Celts and Scythians and purging the Church of simony, deposing many bishops who were given to this vice.

He extended the Church's charitable works, wrote a rite for the Holy Liturgy, put heretics to shame, denounced the Empress Eudoxia, interpreted the Scriptures with his golden mind and tongue, and left to the Church many precious books of sermons.

The people glorified him; the jealous loathed him; the Empress twice had him sent into exile. He spent three years in exile, and died on Holy Cross Day, September 14th, 407, in a place called Comana in Armenia.

The holy Apostles John and Peter again appeared to him at the time of his death, and also the holy martyr Basilicus in whose church he received Communion for the last time.

'Glory to God for everything' were his last words, and then the soul of Chrysostom the Patriarch entered Paradise. Of his relics, the head is preserved in the Church of the Dormition in Moscow, and the body in the Vatican in Rome.

THE PROLOGUE FROM OCHRID by St. Nikolai Velimirovic

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 **TODAY**, Sunday, **November 13**, to elect the members of the 2023 Parish Council.

The Nominating Committee: Tony Dodovich, Sandy Graham, Ana Bohush, will present the Nominees for election. No nominees will be taken at the meeting.

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!

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*For a child has been born for us; a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

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
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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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Candles: \$ 20.00

Improvement Fund 55.00

Memorial Donation 10.00

Sunday Offering: 875.00

TOTAL: \$960.00

Tithley Offerings: \$132.31

Indeed, if we too live as if we were to die, we shall not sin...when we awaken each day, we should think that we shall not live till evening; and again, when about to go to sleep we should think that we shall not awaken... If we are so disposed and live our daily life accordingly, we shall not commit sin, nor lust after everything, nor bear a grudge against anyone, nor lay up treasures on earth..."

St. Athanasius, 'Life of St. Anthony