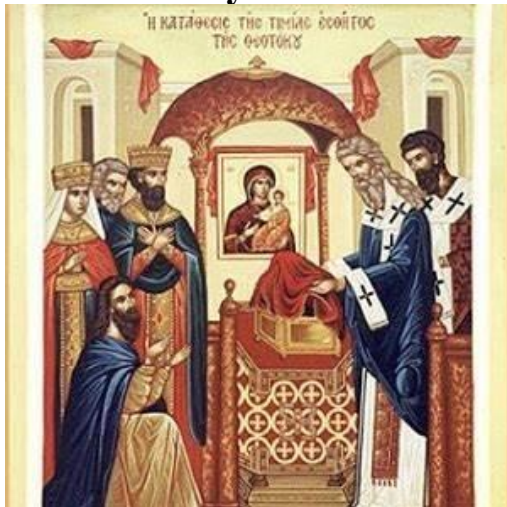


WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



**Placing of the Robe of the Most-Holy
Theotokos ay Blachernae**

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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

2023 Parish Council

President: Veronica Bilas
V. President: Sandy Graham
Secretary: Subdeacon Aaron Gray
Treasurer: Reader Joshua Wherley
Members: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas,
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COCA Representative: Mary Marcin

Choir Director: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas

Assistant Directors: Anastasia Bohush

Deaconisa Heidi Gresh, Reader Michael Luc

Church School: Anastasia Bohush

Sisterhood of St. Juliana:

President: Anastasia Bohush,
V. President: Sandy Graham
Secretary: Katherine Hodge
Treasurer: Mary Magensky

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers - 2023

Sunday, July 2 - Reader Joshua Wherley

Sunday, July 9 - Hours – Mary Beth Gray

Epistle – Subdeacon Aaron Gray

Sunday, July 16 - Hours – Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

Epistle – Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3 **Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-Holy** **Theotokos at Blachernae**

Saturday, July 1

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 2

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

Troparion (Theotokos)

*Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind,
you have given your people a powerful legacy:
the robe and sash of your most honored body,
which remained incorrupt throughout your
seedless childbearing;*

*for through you time and nature are renewed!
Therefore we implore you: "Grant peace to your
people and to our souls great mercy!"*

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4 **Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in** **Sicily**

Saturday, July 8

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 9

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Mary Beth Gray

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Subdeacon Aaron Gray

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

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 for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free regarding 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 to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For ^ethe wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

A Centurion's Servant Healed

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.

SISTERHOOD OF SAINT JULIANA MEETING

Our Parish Sisterhood will meet on **Sunday, July 9** following the Divine Liturgy.

TEMPLE FEAST OF ST. ELIA THE PROPHET

The Feast Day of St. Elia is on **July 20** and will be celebrated with a Vespers Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, July 19 at 6:00 pm**

Continuing our Feast Day celebration, we will welcome His Eminence, our Father, and Archbishop Alexander, on the following **Sunday, July 23**, to celebrate the Pontifical Divine Liturgy followed by a picnic style luncheon. **Please mark your calendars.**

Please sign the list in the hall indicating what you will be bringing for the picnic luncheon.

OUR STEWARDHIP – June 25, 2023

Candles:	\$ 49.00
Computer Donations:	235.00
Sunday Offering:	<u>1,309.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,593.00

Tithely Donations:	\$ 167.36
Paypal Donations:	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 192.36

TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$1,785.36

WISH LIST

With the rising costs in almost everything, our Parish of St. Elia, along with everybody else, is also facing financial difficulties in the present and more in the future to meet the daily bills on time. Thank you to all who faithfully donate and are willing to help the Treasurer meet these responsibilities on our behalf. If you are able, please consider increasing your offerings by monetary donations and/or by special donations of the Parish needs of items listed on the **WISH LIST:**

- Paper towels
- Bathroom Tissues
- Kleenex
- Dishwasher Soap
- Incense (\$20.00 for a half pound)
- Censor Charcoal (\$30.00)
- 4-hour votive candles (\$36.50 a gross)
- 7 Day Votive Candles (\$52.00 for a case of 12)
- Flowers for the outside of the Church

A MESSAGE FROM FRED ROGERS

“Please think of the children first. If you ever have anything to do with their entertainment, their food, their toys, their custody, their childcare, their health care, their education---listen to the children, learn about them, learn from them. Think of the children first.”

A Parent's Prayer

God, the Creator! Thou hast blessed matrimony, saying: "Increase and fill the earth." Thou thyself didst give me (a child, children) and engifting their bodies with health and enlightening their souls with the Holy Spirit, thou hast thus comforted me. Receive therefore, O Lord, my humble thanksgiving, and hear, O Merciful One, my humble prayer. Bestow thy holy benediction upon my (child) children (their names) and grant them good health, strengthen them in sound morals and love, surrounding them with Thy Holy Spirit. Safeguard them in integrity, innocence, and prudence; safeguard them from sin and every sinful circumstance, that, as they mature, there may grow in them the love for Thee, O Lord! Grant them strength to preserve Thy commandments and ever to be obedient and unceasingly serve Thee and ever glorify Thee in their whole life. For unto Thee is due all glory, honor and worship, together with Thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ and Thy Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

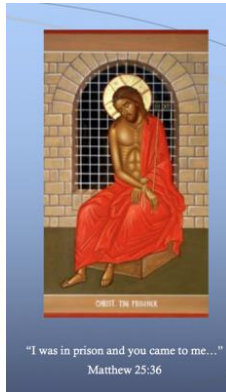
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REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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)
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Nicoletta (Nikki) Bober
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Barbara Harp (sister of Veronica Bilas)
Ted Theodore
Sarah Costadinova
Melissa Trace
Gerald Gray (father of Subdeacon Aaron Gray)
Kalie Obeng Fiorg
Louis Hakim
Daniel Sugden
Deaconisa Heidi Gresh



Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

What does OCPM do?

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.

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.

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops has designated Sunday, July 30th, as OCPM Sunday. Please make your donations during the month of July for this Prison Ministry. Questions: see Joshua Wherley.