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THE VOICE



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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
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Secretary: Katherine Hodge
Treasurer: Mary Magensky

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers - 2023

Sunday, August 20 – Reader Joshua Wherley
Sunday, August 27 – Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, September 3 - Hours – Mary Beth Gray
Epistle – Subdeacon Aaron Gray
Sunday, September 10 – Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 19

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 20

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

9:30 am Baptismal Divine Liturgy of Saint John

Chrysostom -- Baptism of Nora Elizabeth Keathley

Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley

Wednesday, August 23

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12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3

Venerable Poemen the Great

Saturday, August 26

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 27

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: 1Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, August 27, following the Divine Liturgy.

Agenda: “Quarter Auction” preps

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Baptismal Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore through with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again: death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died He died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations: baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, am with you always, to the close of the age.

BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY

*As many as have been baptized into Christ,
have put on Christ, Alleluia!*

The Baptismal Divine Liturgy is celebrated today for the Baptism and Chrismation of **Nora Elizabeth Keathley**, born on June 4, 2023.

Nora Elizabeth, who is to be baptized, and the sponsors are led in a procession to the baptismal font by Father at the front of the Church. This procession is a movement from the world to God's Kingdom, where life reigns. It is the most decisive step of one's existence.

The sponsors hold on to Father's stole while the process and he prays:

Let us pray to the Lord

“O Master, Lord our God, call Thy handmaid Nora Elizabeth, to Thy Holy Illumination and grant her that great grace of Holy Baptism. Put off from her the old man, and renew her unto life everlasting, and fill her with the power of the Holy Spirit, in the unity of Thy Christ: that she may be no more a child of the body, but a child of Thy Kingdom.

Through the good will and grace of Thine Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now, and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen!



Prayerful congratulations to her parents Cody and Jessica, to her sisters, Vivian and Harper, to her Godparents Juliana Freude and William Paluch and to her grandparents and family members.

May God grant Nora Elizabeth MANY YEA

REMEMBERING OUR CATECHUMENS

Daniel Slife; Kristopher Barnhart

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

Mitered Archpriest Daniel & Matushka Myra Kovalak

Matushka Christine Zebren

Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan

Subdeacon Martin Paluch

Barbara Harp (sister of Veronica Bilas)

Ted Theodore

Sarah Kostadinova

Melissa Trace

Gerald Gray (father of Subdeacon Aaron Gray)

Kalie Obeng Fiorg

Louis Hakim

Daniel Sugden

Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

OUR STEWADSHIP, August 13, 2023

Candles:	\$ 38.00
Bookstore:	15.00
Sunday Offering:	969.00
TOTAL:	\$1,022.00

Tithely Donations:	\$422.48
PayPal Donations:	40.00
TOTAL:	\$462.48

TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$ 1,484.48

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

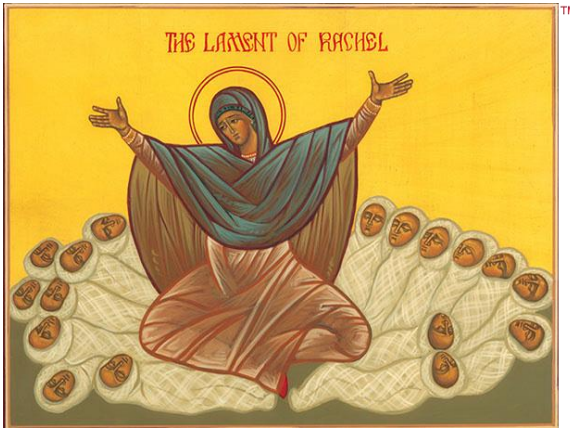
Incense (\$20.00 for a half pound)

Censor Charcoal (\$30.00)

4-hour votive candles (\$36.50 a gross)

7 Day Votive Candles (\$52.00 for a case of 12)

ZOE for LIFE



ZOE for Life® is opening its arms to an additional ministry, a women's center which we have named, Aria Place. Aria Place will reach out to women in unplanned pregnancies at the crossroads of which direction to turn. It will operate under the direction of our medical director, Dr. Amy Pantelis, D.O. At Aria Place, women will receive a pregnancy test to confirm her pregnancy, tests for sexually transmitted diseases, a limited obstetric ultrasound, love and guidance regardless of whether she chooses to continue her pregnancy or not. All testing will be provided by medical professionals. Client Advocates will be especially trained to serve those who come to us. All services will be offered free of charge.

We must find the right person to be our Development Director, passionate about the sanctity of life, to work with us to protect His unborn children, and support their parents.

If you have the heart and dedication, join us in offering His in wavering love to women in our community. **Call 440-893-9990** to see how you will make appositive impact in