

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



Beheading of John the Baptist

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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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Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers - 2023

Sunday, August 27 – Sue Ellen Turscak

Sunday, September 3 - Hours – Mary Beth Gray

Epistle – Subdeacon Aaron Gray

Sunday, September 10 – Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Sunday, September 17 - Bud Graham

Sunday, September 24 – Sandy Graham

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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

**THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS,
PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN**

Monday, August 28

**6:00 pm Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint John
Chrysostom**

Tuesday, August 29 – STRICT FAST DAY

Friday, September 1 -Church New Year

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4

Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia

Saturday, September 2

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, September 3

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Prayers for the CHURCH NEW YEAR

Epistle Reader: Subdeacon Aaron Gray

Epistle: 1Cor. 16:13-24 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

**PANAKHIDA requested by the John Bohush Family
for the repose of the souls of Father John Bohush,
Matushka Patricia Bohush , Olga Bilas, Sasha
Macura**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1Corinthians 15:1-11

The Resurrection of the Dead

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remains the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? So He said to him, ^[b]“Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and *your* mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept ^[d]from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

With God All Things Are Possible

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When His disciples heard *it*, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

SCRIPTURE READING

BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Gospel: Mark 6:14-30

Now King Herod heard *of Him*, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

Others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is ^[a]the Prophet, or like one of the prophets.”

But when Herod heard, he said, “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!” For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her. Because John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he *was* a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief *men* of Galilee. And when Herodias’

daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give *it* to you.” He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist!” Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

And the king was exceedingly sorry; *yet*, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard *of it*, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

Holyday- BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
Monday, August 28

6:00 pm Vespereal Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 29 STRICT FAST DAY

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA MEETING
TODAY

Sunday, August 27, following the Divine Liturgy.

Agenda: “Quarter Auction” preps

OUR STEWADSHIP, August 20, 2023

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| Candles: | \$ 67.00 |
| Baptismal Donation: | 100.00 |
| Sunday Offering: | 1,495.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 1,662.00 |

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| Tithely Donations: | \$157.26 |
| PayPal Donations: | 65.00 |

TOTAL: \$222.26

TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$ 1,884.52

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. If you are able, please consider making 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)

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

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