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35th Sunday After Pentecost**

THE VOICE



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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2024 Parish Council

President: Veronica Bilas

V. President: Sandy Graham

Secretary: Subdeacon Aaron Gray

Treasurer: Reader Joshua Wherley

Members: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas, Bud Graham,
Jefferson Hodge, Nicholas Morelli

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 - 2024

Sunday, February 4 - Reader Nicholas Morelli

Sunday, February 11 - Reader Joshua Wherley

Sunday, February 18 - Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Sunday, February 25 - Mary Beth Gray

Sunday, March 3 - Subdeacon Aaron Gray
Sunday, March 10 - Hours: Subdeacon Terence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

Saturday, February 3

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, February 4

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Nicholas Morelli

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Nicholas Morelli

Epistle: Colossians: 3:12-16 Gospel: Matt. 25:14-30

36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3

Saturday, February 10

4:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, February 11

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: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Gospel: Matt. 15:21-28

37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

**Confession, Profession of Faith, Reception into the
Church and Chrismation of Christopher Barnhart**

Sunday, February 18

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: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16

Character of the New Man

¹²Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. ¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²² He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' ²³ His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²⁴ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy

servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.²⁸ Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.²⁹ For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Family Meeting of St. Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church will be held following the Divine Liturgy **TODAY, Sunday, February 4, 2024.**

There will be a **covered dish dinner**. The main dish of chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. The **Parish Council 2024** has been presented to His Eminence Archbishop Alexander for approval and will be installed at the Annual Meeting:

President: Veronica Bilas;

Vice President: Sandy Graham;

Secretary: Subdeacon Aaron Gray;

Treasurer: Reader Joshua Wherley.

Advisors: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas; Bud Graham;
Jefferson Hodge; Nicholas Morelli.

All are encouraged to attend and participate in past-year assessment and next year's planning session for

our parish. A special word to the 2023 Parish Council: we thank you for your willingness to serve this past year. *Many Years!*

SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS

Due to the **Bingo Salad Supper** being held this coming **Saturday, February 10, Great Vespers** will be served at **4:00pm**, followed by Confessions.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This week: Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm

DONATION ENVELOPES

Everyone's donations for the support of Saint Elia Church is very important and greatly appreciated by all of our members. In the past we have ordered donation envelopes from the Church Budget Envelope Co. The Parish Council has decided not to order them this year. Donations can be made by Tithely, PayPal, Bill Pay or by mail. **Offering Envelopes that are packaged are available on the front pew.**

OUR STEWARDSHIP, January 28, 2024

Candles:	\$ 57.00
Candle Desk Donations:	260.00
Sunday Offering:	\$375.00
<u>Bookstore:</u>	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$707.00
Tithely Donations:	\$677.94
<u>PayPAL Donations:</u>	<u>84.45</u>
TOTAL:	\$762.39

TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$1,469.39

WISH LIST

If you are able, please consider making special donations of the Parish needs of items listed on the:

Paper towels, Kleenex, Bathroom Tissues

Dishwasher Soap

Incense (\$20.00 for a half pound)

Censor Charcoal (\$35.50)

4-hour votive candles (\$38.50 a gross)

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

REMEMBERING OUR CATECHUMEN

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 Alexander

Archbishop Benjamin

Archbishop Nathaniel

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 Huntyan
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Louis Hakim
Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Katya Gresh Reimund
Mary Elizabeth Marcin
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