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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday of All Saints of America

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

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V. President: Sandy Graham
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Treasurer: Mary Magensky

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers

Sunday, July 7 - Daniel Slife
Sunday, July 14 - Reader Aaron Gray
Sunday, July 21 - Mary Beth Gray
Sunday, July 28 - Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Sunday, August 4 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohuish
Sunday, August 11 - Sue Ellen Turscak

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 1
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

Saturday, July 6

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 7

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Daniel Slife

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Daniel Slife

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 2
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers First Six Ecumenical Councils

Saturday, July 13

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 14

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Aaron Gray

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Subdeacon Aaron Gray

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

TEMPLE FEAST OF OUR PARISH
HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIA

Friday, July 19

6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

The Glorious Elia, Incarnate Messenger of Christ. Pillar of Prophets and second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ sent grace from on high to Elisha that he might heal sickness and purify lepers. Therefore, he intercedes on behalf of those who honor him.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

10 ···but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **11** For there is no partiality with God.**12** For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law **13** (for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; **14** for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, **15** who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) **16** in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **19** Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." **20** They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, **22** and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Jesus Heals a Great Multitude

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS OF AMERICA

Commemorated on July 7

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory (northern latitude 58 degrees, 14 minutes, western longitude 141 degrees) was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the

ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the Russian merchant Gregory I. Shelikov visited Valaam monastery, suggesting to the abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America.

On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter the Aleut was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of

the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetev died in Sitka in 1864 after a life of devoted service to the Church. Father John Veniaminov, after his wife's death, received monastic tonsure with the name Innocent. He died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy.

Saint Tikhon (Bellavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow.

Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later. He died in 1925, and for many years his exact burial place remained unknown. Saint Tikhon's grave was discovered on February 22, 1992 in the smaller cathedral of Our Lady of the Don in the Don Monastery when a fire made renovation of the church necessary.

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saint Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

The first All American Council took place March 5-7, 1907 at Mayfield, PA, and the main topic was "How to expand the mission." Guidelines and directions for missionary activity, and statutes for the administrative structure of parishes were also set forth.

In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7)

both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

St. Nikolai of Zhicha and Ochrid (Serbia),after being freed by the American troops from Dachau, the Nazi concentration Camp, he came to America and taught for three years at St. Sava's Seminary in Libertyville, IL before he settled at St. Tikhon's Monastery.

St. Mardarije of Libertyville, IL and Sebastian of Jackson, California, along with St. John Maximovich and St. Basil Martysz have served in many capacities in establishing the Church inAmerica

Blessed Matushka Olga will be the first woman Saint soon to be glorified in America

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

PARISH NEWS

TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 7
SAINT THEODOSIUS CATHEDRAL

In SUPPORTIVE OUTREACH to St. Theodosius Cathedral in Cleveland, a special collection will be taken to help in the restoration of their Temple.

SISTERHOOD OF SAINT JULIANA MEETING

Following the Divine Liturgy today July 7, in the Church Hall.

THE FEAST OF ST. ELIA

FRIDAY, JULY 19

The Vesperal Divine Liturgy for our Temple Feast of St. Elia will be celebrated at 6:00 pm

SATURDAY. JULY 20

Field Trip: Cleveland Art Museum to see the "African and Byzantium Exhibit"

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Following the Divine Liturgy will be the BLESSING OF CARS. MOTORCYCLES, BYCYCLES *OR* ANYTHING ON WHEELS

and a

PAISH PICNIC at Columbia Woods Park
4060 Columbia Woods Drive

Please sign up to bring side dish, salad or dessert. We also need hot dog buns, hamburger buns and bags of ice. Please list how many will be coming.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

June 16, 2024 - $2433.61

June 23, 3024 - $584.16

June 30, 2024 - $1,433.86

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
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Louis Hakim
Mary Elizabeth Marcin
Carl Nickoloff
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)
Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew)
Gregory Sugden
David Eliof