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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VOICE

SAINT ELIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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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Secretary: Katherine Hodge
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Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers

Sunday, July 14 - Reader Michael Luc
Sunday, July 21 - Mary Beth Gray
Sunday, July 28 - Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Sunday, August 4 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush
Sunday, August 11 - Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, August 18 Subdeacon Aaron Gray

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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: Reader Michael Luc

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 3
Prophet Ezekiel

Saturday, July 20

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 21

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Mary Beth Gray

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10
Faith Triumphs in Trouble
5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we
have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, **2** through whom also we have access by faith
into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope
of the glory of God. **3** And not only *that,* but we also
glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation
produces [b]perseverance; **4** and perseverance,
]character; and character, hope. **5** Now hope does not
disappoint, because the love of God has been poured
out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to
us. **6** For when we were still without strength, [d]in due
time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For scarcely for a
righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man
someone would even dare to die. **8** But God
demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we
were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then,
having now been justified by His blood, we shall be
saved from wrath through Him. **10** For if when we were
enemies we were reconciled to God through the death
of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we
shall be saved by His life.

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33
The Lamp of the Body
22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your
eye is [a]good, your whole body will be full of

light. **23** But if your eye is [b]bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

You Cannot Serve God and Riches

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [c]mammon.

Do Not Worry

25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** Which of you by worrying can add one [d]cubit to his [e]stature? **28** "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; **29** and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not [f]arrayed like one of these. **30** Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?

31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' **32** For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Gospel John 17:1-13

Jesus Prays for Himself

17 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, **2** as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He [a]should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. **3** And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. **4** I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. **5** And now, O Father, glorify Me together [b]with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

6 “I have [c]manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. **7** Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. **8** For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them,* and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9 “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. **10** And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. **11** Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are.* **12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is [g]lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. **13** But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 15 at 6:30 pm

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"

Please sign up for the "Field Trip" and read the enclosed flyer for more inform

Africa & Byzantium:

A Special Art Exhibition at the Cleveland Museum of Art

"Africa & Byzantium" is a one-of-a-kind art exhibition that considers the complex artistic relationships between northern and eastern African Christian kingdoms and the Byzantine Empire from the fourth century and beyond. The show includes more than 160 works of sacred and secular art, including large-scale frescoes, mosaics, and luxury goods such as metalwork, jewelry, panel paintings, architectural elements, textiles, and illuminated manuscripts. Loaned from collections in Africa, Europe, and North America, many of these works have

never been exhibited in the U.S.

When: Saturday July 20

SCHEDULE:

9:30am: Gather at St. Elia parking lot

10am: Leave St. Elia

11am: Arrive at Cleveland Museum of Art

11:45am: Walk-through of the exhibition

12:30pm: Lunch at museum café (sandwiches, salads, soups and other food items available for purchase)

1:00pm: .: Independently explore the rest of the museum, which includes everything from ancient Christian art to kid-friendly interactive exhibits something for everyone

3pm: Leave art museum

4pm: Arrive back at St. Elia

5pm: Great Vespers

Tickets for the 11:45 a.m. walk-through of the exhibition are $15 adults, or $12 for ages 65-up and college students with ID. Ages 17 and under are free. Admission to the rest of the museum is free.

If you have any questions, please call or text Subdeacon Aaron Gray at 330-413-8324, or email grayaaron@outlook.com.

<u>SUNDAY, JULY 28</u>

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: <u>Drinks and side dishes are needed,</u> plus salad or dessert. We also need hot dog buns, hamburger buns and bags of ice. Please list how many will be coming.

OUR STEWARDSHIP, July 7, 2024

Candles:	**$ 64.00**
Improvement Fnnd:	**5.00**
St. Theodosius Cathedral:	**870.00**
Tray Offerings:	**551.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,490.00**
Tithely Donations:	**147.16**
TOTAL OFFERNGS	**$1,637.16**

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PRAYER OF THE HOURS

Thou who at all times, and at every hour, both in heaven and on earth art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy and compassion; Who lovest the just and showest mercy to those who are hardened in sin; Who callest all to salvation through the promise of good things to come: O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all calamities, evil and distress. Compass 'round about with Thy holy angels; that, guided and guarded by their host, we may attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory. For blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

“The Voice”