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FIFTH 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

President: Veronica Bilas
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Secretary: Subdeacon Aaron Gray
Treasurer: Reader Joshua Wherley
Members: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas, Bud Graham, Jefferson Hodge, Nicholas Morelli

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Assistant Directors: Anastasia Bohush
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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

Sunday, July 28 - Subdeacon Aaron Gray
Sunday, August 4 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush
Sunday, August 11 - Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, August 18 - Bud Graham
Sunday, August 25 -- Sandy Graham

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 4
Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons:
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas

Saturday, July 27

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 28

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 10:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

Following the Divine Liturgy will be the
BLESSING OF CARS. MOTORCYCLES,
BYCYCLES *OR* ANYTHING ON WHEELS
and a
PARISH PICNIC at Columbia Woods Park
4060 Columbia Woods Drive
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THE DORMITION FAST
August 1-14

PROCESSION OF THE HONORABLE WOOD OF THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF THE LORD
Holy Seven Maccabean Martyrs
Wednesday, July 31

6:00 pm Vespers. The Precious Cross will be processed to the center of the church for Veneration

The Dormition Fast Begins

Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord

The origin of this Feast is explained in the Greek *Horologion* of 1897: "Because of the illnesses which occur during the month of August, it was customary at Constantinople to carry the Precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification, and to deliver it from sickness." On the eve (July 31), the Cross was removed from the imperial treasury and placed it upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (which is dedicated to Christ, the Wisdom God). From August 1 until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, there was a procession throughout the entire city, and then the Cross was placed where all the people could venerate it.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 5
Holy Seven Youths (Seven Sleepers) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Constantine and Antonius

Saturday, August 3

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 4

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush
Epistle: Romans 12:6-14
Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Israel Needs the Gospel

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayed to God
for [a]Israel is that they may be saved. **2** For I bear them
witness that they have a zeal for God, but not
according to knowledge. **3** For they are being ignorant
of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their
own righteousness, have not submitted to the
righteousness of God. **4** For Christ *is* the end of the law
for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of
the law, "The man who does those things shall live by
them." **6** But the righteousness of faith speaks in this
way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into
heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down *from
above*) **7** or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?''(that
is, to bring Christ up from the dead). **8** But what does it
say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your
heart" (that is, the word of faith which we
preach): **9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord
Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised
Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the
heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the
mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9-1

Two Demon-Possessed Men Healed

28 When He had come to the other side, to the country of the [a]Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed *men,* coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. **29** And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

30 Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. **31** So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, [b]permit us to go away into the herd of swine."

32 And He said to them, "Go." So, when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea and perished in the water.

33 Then those who kept *them* fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men.* **34** And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged *Him* to depart from their region.

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

9 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

BLESSING OF VEHICELS TODAY

PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF VEHICLES

O Master, Lord our God, hearken to our prayer which we now address unto Thee, and bless these vehicles with Thy holy right hand. Sne down upon them Thy Guardian Angel, that all who desire to journey in them may be preserved safely and shielded from every evil end. And as the Ethiopian man riding in the chariot and reading of the holy prophecy, was granted faith and grace through Thine Apostle, so now do Thou manifest the path of salvation to thy servants who shall travel by these vehicles, that with Thy helping grace they may be clothed upon with good works, and after the completion of this life, may be vouchsafed everlasting joy in Thy heavenly Kingdom. For Thine is the might, and the kingdom, and the power and unto Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ***ages. Amen***

Elia, blessed of God,
you beheld the presence of God that enlightened you,
not in an earthquake, but in a still, small voice,
and you ascended to heaven in a wondrous manner,
sitting upon a chariot drawn by four horses,
you who are inspired by God.

PARISH PICNIC TODAY
Columbia Woods Park
4060 Columbia Woods Drive

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
Kristopher Barnhart will be leaving on Tuesday, July 30, for basic training at the Naval Station Great Lakes in Chicago

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Archbishop Alexander
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Archpriest Andrew Moulton
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
Carl Nickoloff
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)
Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew)

OUR STEWARDSHIP, July 21, 2024	
Candles:	**$ 75.00**
Museum Field Trip:	**80.00**
Wish List-Incense:	**20.00**
Tray Offerings:	**1,117.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,292.00**
Tithely Donations:	**$ 599.07**
PayPal:	**$ 47.64**
TOTAL OFFERNGS	**$1,938.71**

STEWARDSHIP

What is a *STEWARD*?

One definition states that a ***steward*** is a person who *manages* the affairs of a household or an estate for the owner.

In the ***Chrisian sense*** – a steward is the *manager* of the affairs of God on earth. God has made each of us ***a steward –*** and has given each of us ***abilities and talents*** that are unique. We should use these abilities and talents to serve God. ***EVERYTHING*** we have – time, talents, health, property, relationships - is given to us by God. A Chrisitan steward serves God out of love and gratitude for these gifts knowing that it's not how much we have, but what we do with what we have that is important.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 12 at 6:30 pm

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE
The Annual Conference of the Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo will be held October 4 to 6 in Akron at our Parish of Saint Elia.

The 21st All-American Council

The Orthodox Church in America is one year away from convening the **21st All-American Council,** set to take place from **July 14-18, 2025**, in Phoenix, AZ. The theme of the 21st AAC is "Gathered Together By Christ."

The visit of the Pre-Conciliar Commission to the location in March 2023 confirmed its suitability for the work of the AAC, the exhibition hall, presentations, youth program, and the social life of the delegates which comes along with gathering in Council.

As defined in the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, "the All-American Council is the highest legislative and administrative authority within the Church. The Council brings together the various elements of the Church to bear witness to her identity, unity, and mission."

Holy Transfiguration Monastery
Elwood City, Pa.

PATRONAL FEAST

Annual Pilgrimage

Presiding Hierarch
His Grace the **Right Reverend Irinej**
Bishop of Washington-New York
and Eastern America
The Serbian Orthodox Church

Monday, August 5—Eve of Transfiguration

6:00 Festal Vigil Service

Tuesday, August 6—Feast of Transfiguration

9:00 Greeting, Procession, and Vesting of Hierarch in Outdoor Church

9:30 Hierarchical Liturgy

12:00 Catered Luncheon

2:30 Holy Unction with singing of Paraklesis Hymn