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13th 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
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 Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude
Staff: Natalie Slife, Martha Morelli. Subdeacon David Trace

Sisterhood of St. Juliana:

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, September 22 Mary Beth Gray
Sunday, September 29 –Subdeacon Aaron Gray
Sunday, October 6 – Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Sunday, October 13 – Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Sunday, October 20 - Sue Ellen Turscak

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES.

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4
Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy

Saturday, September 21

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, September 22

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: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5

Saturday, September 28

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

Sunday, September 29

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Mar Beth Gray

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

PROTECTION OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Monday, September 30

6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Final Exhortations
Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all *that* you *do* be done with love. I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints—that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with *us*.

I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore, acknowledge such men.

Greetings and a Solemn Farewell
The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The salutation with my own hand—Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be [1]accursed. O Lord, come!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-11

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So, they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."
For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; **10** and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." **11** So when they had brought their boats to land, they [a]forsook all and followed Him.

Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy

Feast Day - September 22

Saint Quadratus, Apostle of the Seventy, preached the Word of God at Athens and at Magnesia (eastern peninsula of Thessaly) and was Bishop of Athens. His biographer called him “a morning star” among the clouds of paganism. He converted many pagans to the true faith in Christ the Savior, and his preaching aroused the hatred of the pagans. Once, an angry mob fell upon the saint to pelt him with stones. Preserved by God, Saint Quadratus remained alive, and they threw him into prison, where he died of starvation. His holy body was buried in Magnesia.

In the year 126, Saint Quadratus wrote an Apologia in defense of Christianity. Presented to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), the Apologia affected the persecution of Christians, since the emperor issued a decree saying that no one should be convicted without just cause. This Apologia was known to the historian Eusebius in the fourth century. At the present time, only part of this Apologia survives, quoted by Eusebius: “The deeds of our Savior were always witnessed, because they were true. His healings and raising people from the dead were visible not only when they were healed and raised, but always. They lived not only during the existence of the Savior upon the earth, but they also remained alive long after His departure. Some, indeed, have survived to our own time.”

RECEPTION INTO THE CATECHUMENATE

By the Providence of God, our Parish Family of St. Elia has been entrusted with those who have been sent to us to love them and nourish them in the faith.

On Sunday, **September 15**, we received Daniel Williamson into the Catechumenate.

On Sunday, **September 8**, we received Randy Warner and his daughter Marceline into the Catechumenate.

We prayerfully congratulate them in their reception into the Catechumenate as they prepare to be received into the Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Twenty-five classes are planned for our Church School Program for 2024-2025, beginning on Sunday, October 13 and ending on St. Thomas Sunday, April 27, with Popadia Donna as Coordinator.

Our children will be separated into three groups: Mrs. Natalie Slife – Preschool; Mrs. Martha Morelli – School Age; Subdeacon David Trace – High School

On Sunday, October 13, our children and our Church School Staff will begin the year with a Prayer and Blessing for the Opening of Church School.

A meeting of the CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF will be held on Sunday, September 22, in the Office.

DEACONATE ORDINATION

The **Deaconate Ordination of Subdeacon Aaron Gray** will take place at the Annual Conference of the Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo that will be held on the weekend of October 4 - 6, 2024, here at Saint Elia.

Subdeacon Aaron Innocent Gray was received into the Holy Orthodox Church and Chrismated here at Saint Elia on **November 10, 2002**.

On **Sunday, October 6**, **2024**, the Feast of Saint Innocent, at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy **Subdeacon Aaron Innocent Gray**, of our Parish Family, will be ordained a Deacon of the Orthodox Church in America by His Eminence our Father and Archbishop Alexander.

Subdeacon Aaron Innocent was tonsured a Reader by Metropolitan Herman on October 8, 2006, and ordained a Subdeacon by Archbishop Alexander on December 11, 2022.
Let us remember Subdeacon Aaron as he prepares for his Diaconal ordination.

The Archbishop laying his hand on the Subdeacon's head prays:

The grace divine, which always heals that which is infirm, and supplies that which is lacking, ordains the most pious Subdeacon to be a Deacon: Therefore, let us pray for him that the grace of the All-holy Spirit may come upon him.

DEACONATE ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Meal reservations deadline is Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Our parish 'techy' has made your reservation(s) and payment process as simple as possible. You can do it all online by clicking the **orange attached links below**. The weekend schedule:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5-
5:00 PM: VESPERS
6:00 PM CASUAL SOCIAL EVENING with great food, beer, soft drinks, and our very own parish Jazz Band! The price is **$12.00 per adult**, and children under the age of 12 are free**. Click here to register online** prepaid reservations only. Social event menu: Roast Pork Tenderloin, Baked Beans in bacon and brown sugar, German potato salad, Latke (fried potato pancakes prepared in several traditional European cuisines, including Polish and Hungarian) served with sour cream/applesauce, Dessert, Bread, Beer, and soft drinks.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
9:00 AM: GREETING OF ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER, FOLLOWED BY THE PONTIFICAL DIVINE LITURGY WITH ORDINATION OF OUR SUBDEACON AARON INNOCENT GRAY TO THE DEACONATE
Banquet immediately follows. The price is **$17.00 per adult**. Children under age 12 are free**. Click here to register online** prepaid reservations only. Banquet menu: Boneless Breast of Chicken Piccata (Chicken breast sauteed and topped with a savory sauce of white wine, fresh lemon, and capers)/ Rice Pilaf, Key Largo Vegetable, Dessert (Carrot cake with cream cheese frosting), Coffee/Tea, and Soft Drinks.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN (OCW)

ANNUAL WELCOME and
FELLOWSHIP TEA
Sunday, October 13, 2024 – 2 pm
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA:
An Orthodox Christian Perspective
Presented by Protodeacon James Gresh
of Saint Elia Orthodox Church

Fr. Deacon James will discuss his experience with mission work in China

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OUR STEWARDSHIP, September 15, 2024

Candles:	**$ 105.00**
Air Conditioner Donation:	**80.00**
Tray Offerings:	**995.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,380.00**
Tithely Donations:	**$844.61**
TOTAL OFFERNGS	**$2,224.61**

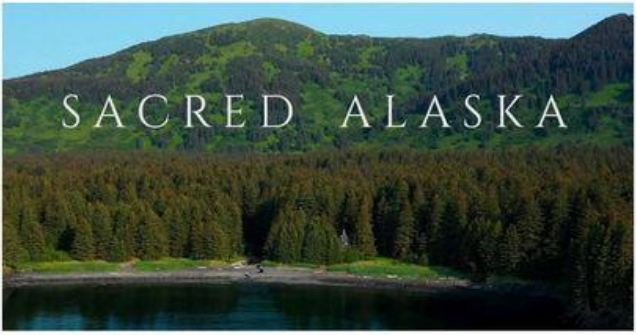
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - 6:30 PM

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: son of Diego and Chanelle - 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
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Carl Nickoloff (St. Edward's in Fairlawn)
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)
Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew)



SCREENING OF THE AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY:

SACRED ALASKA

A STORY OF ADVENTURE, FAITH, AND SACRIFICE

Director: Simon Scionka
Producer: Silas Karbo

Where: St. Nicholas Banquet Center, Mogadore, OH

When: Monday, September 23, 2024, at 7 PM

Concessions will be available for purchase

Tickets for the movie may be purchased on Event Brite for $10.38($8.00+ $2.38 processing fees). All proceeds will be given to help the Diocese of Alaska.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sacred-alaska-a-story-of-adventure-faith-and-sacrifice-tickets-998808903317