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15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Glorification of St. Innocent, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas

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 Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude
Staff: Natalie Slife, Eve Tavenier, 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, October 6 – Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Sunday, October 13 – Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Sunday, October 20 - Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, October 27 - Daniel Slife

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES.

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6
Glorification of St. Innocent, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas

Saturday, October 5

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Opening of the 61st Diocesan Conference
5:00 pm Great Vespers
Signing of the Documents for Deaconal Ordination by Subdeacon Aaron Innocent Gray

Sunday, October 6

9:00 am Greeting and Vesting of Archbishop Alexander
9:30 am Pontifical Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. Diaconal Ordination of Subdeacon Aaron Innocent Gray
Epistle Reader: Subdeacon Terence Bilas
Epistles: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Hebrews 7:26-8:2
Gospels: Luke 7:11-16; John 10:9-16

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Saturday, October 12

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 13

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:2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

PRAYER AND BLESSING OF OUR CHILDREN AND STAFF FOR THE OPENING OF CHURCH SCHOOL

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. **8** *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; **9** persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— **10** always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. **11** For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. **12** So then death is working in us, but life in you.**13** And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, **14** knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus and will present *us* with you. **15** For all things *are* for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain

11 Now it happened, the day after, *that* He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and

a large crowd. **12** And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. **13** When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." **14** Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." **15** So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. **16** Then fear [a]came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

Gospel: John 10: 9-16

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. **10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. **12** But a [a]hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. **13** The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep and* am known by My own. **15** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. **16** And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

Glorification of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas

Commemorated on October 6

Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America (in the world John Popov-Veniaminov), was born on August 26, 1797, in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese, into the family of a sacristan. The boy mastered his studies at an early age and by age seven, he was reading the Epistle in church. In 1806 they sent him to the Irkutsk seminary. In 1814, the new rector thought it proper to change the surnames of some of the students. John Popov received the surname Veniaminov in honor of the deceased Archbishop Benjamin of Irkutsk (+ July 8, 1814). On May 13, 1817, he was ordained deacon for the Irkutsk Annunciation church, and on May 18, 1821, he was ordained priest. The missionary service of the future Apostle of America and Siberia began with the year 1823. Father John spent 45 years laboring for the enlightenment of the peoples of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands, North America, Yakutsk, the Khabarov frontier, performing his apostolic exploit in severe conditions and at great risks to life. Saint Innocent baptized ten thousand

people, and built churches, beside which he founded schools and he himself taught the fundamentals of the Christian life. His knowledge of various crafts and arts aided him in his work. Father John composed an alphabet and grammar for the Aleut language and translated the Catechism, the Gospel and many prayers into that language. One of the finest of his works was the Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven (1833), translated into the various languages of the peoples of Siberia and appearing in more than 40 editions. On November 29, 1840, after the death of his wife, Father John was tonsured a monk with the name Innocent by Saint Philaret, the Metropolitan of Moscow, in honor of Saint Innocent of Irkutsk. On December 15, Archimandrite Innocent was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands. On April 21, 1850 Bishop Innocent was elevated to the rank of archbishop.

By the Providence of God on January 5, 1868, Saint Innocent succeeded Metropolitan Philaret on the Moscow cathedra.

Saint Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879, on Holy Saturday, and was buried at the Holy Spirit Church of the Trinity-Saint Sergius Lavra. On October 6, 1977, Saint Innocent was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church.

61ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE
BULGARIAN DIOCESE OF TOLEDO
October 5, 6, 2024

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET CHURCH

Saturday, October 5

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Panakhida for the repose of the souls of the Clergy and Popadias who have served in our Diocese

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Business Session of the 61st Diocesan Conference

5:00 pm Great Vespers

6:00 pm Dinner and Casual Social Evening

Sunday, October 6

9:00 am Greeting of our Father and Archbishop Alexander

9:30 am Pontifical Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.
Deaconal Ordination of Subdeacon Aaron Innocent Gray

12 noon Banquet

DEACONATE ORDINATION

SUBDEACON AARON INNOCENT GRAY

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

On May 28, 2005, Subdeacon Aaron and Kathryn Boyle were united in Holy Matrimony.

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.

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.

Let us remember Subdeacon Aaron as he enters in the service of the Church as a Deacon.

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.

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 29, 2024

Candles:	**$ 56.00**
Tray Offerings:	**145.00**
TOTAL:	**$201.00**
PayPal Donations:	**$ 39.55**
Tithely Donations:	**4,116.82**
TOT\AL:	**$4,156.37**
TOTAL OFFERNGS	**$4,357.37**

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: –
Preschool: Mrs. Natalie Slife and Mrs. Eve Tavenier;
School Age: Mrs. Martha Morelli;
High School: Subdeacon David Trace

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

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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.

We welcome **Benjamin and Emily Czarnota and their children, Fredrick and Elizabeth,** to our Family of St. Elia. May God grant you peace and joy for **MANY YEARS!**

OUR CATECHUMENS

Let us pray for our Catechumens:
Daniel Williamson, Randy Warner and his daughter Marceline, as they prepare to be received into the Church.

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
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Matushka Valeria Zahersky
Pani Dolores Zuder
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)
Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew)
Hilda Rasich (Dan Rasich's mother)