# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**

# THE VOICE

# SAINT ELIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

**A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America**

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***His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,***
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# SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARIS

## 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 13 – Deaconisa Heidi Gresh**
**Sunday, October 20 - Sue Ellen Turscak**
**Sunday, October 27 - Daniel Slife**
**Sunday, November 3 - Bud Graham**
**Sunday, November 10 - Sandy Graham**
**Sunday, November 17 - Reader Michael Luc**
**Sunday, November 24 – Reader Nicholas Morelli**

# SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES.

## 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 6:1-10**

**Gospel: Luke 8:5-15**

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

***Our Lord Jesus Christ embraced the children when they came or were brought to Him and laying hands on them said: "Let the little children come to Me and do not stop them. The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these, and their guardian angels ever see the face of My Father."***

## 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8

**Saturday, October 19**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, October 20**

**9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak**

**Epistle:2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

**Gospel: Luke 16:19=31**

# TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10**

We then, *as* workers together *with Him* also plead
with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. **2** For
He says:

"In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the
day of salvation **3** We give no offense in anything, that
our ministry may not be blamed. **4** But in all *things* we
commend ourselves as ministers of God: in
much [a]patience, in tribulations, in needs, in
distresses, **5** in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in
labors, in sleeplessness, in fasting; **6** by purity, by
knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy
Spirit, by [b]sincere love, **7** by the word of truth, by the
power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the
right hand and on the left, **8** by honor and dishonor, by
evil report and good report; as deceivers,
and *yet* true; **9** as unknown, and *yet* well known; as
dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and *yet* not
killed; **10** as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor,
yet making many rich; as having nothing,
and *yet* possessing all things.

## Gospel Luke 8:5-15

**5** "A Sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. **6** Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. **7** And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. **8** But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded [a]a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"
**9** Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" **10** And He said, "To you it has been given to know the [b]mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that

'Seeing they may not see,
And hearing they may not understand.'

## The Parable of the Sower Explained

**11** "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. **12** Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they believe and be saved. **13** But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of [c]temptation fall away. **14** Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with care, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. **15** But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.[d]

**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 October 6, 2024**

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| **Candles:** | **$ 121.00** |
| **Improvement Fund:** | **5.00** |
| **Special Donation:** | **60.00** |
| **Bookstore:** | **37.00** |
| **Tray Offerings:** | **1.077.00** |
| **TOTAL:** | **$1,300.00** |
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| **Tithely Donations:** | **$ 197.97** |
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| **TOTAL OFFERNGS** | **$1,497.97** |

## 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

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

## OUR CATECHUMENS

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.

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

## IN APPRECIATION

**Thank you** for the past weekend, for your effort and participation as a Parish Family, in hosting the 61st Diocesan Conference and in celebrating with our **Deacon Aaron Innocent** Gray in his Ordination. May our Lord bless Deacon Aaron and all of us for **Many Years!**

**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