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SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2024 Parish Council

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

Choir Director: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas
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Deaconisa Heidi Gresh, Reader Michael Luc

Church School Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude
Staff: Natalie Slife, Eve Tavenier, Reader Nicholas Morelli. Frances Hakim, 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 2025

Sunday, January 26 - Bud Graham
Sunday, February 2 - Reader Nicholas Morelli
Sunday, February 9 - Reader Joshua Wherley
Sunday, February 16 - Marybeth Gray
Sunday, February 23 - Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Sunday, March 2 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- Tone 6
SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY.
Sunday of Zacchaeus
Saturday, January 25
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, January 26
9:10 am - 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Panakhida (1 year) for the repose of the soul of +Samir Hakim as requested by his wife Frances and Family
Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

SYNAXIS OF THE ECUMENICAL TEACHERS AND HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
Wednesday, January 29
6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

THE MEEETING OF OUR LORD AN SAVOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE.
Saturday, February 1
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, February 2
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Nicholas Morelli
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Nicholas Morelli
Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. [10] For to this *end* we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is *the* Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that *way.* And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he [c]made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw *it,* they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." **9** And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila
Khristopher Barnhart, son of Diego and Chanelle

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS

Archbishop Onuphry of the Ukraine
Archbishop Anastasios of Albania
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Anderew Moulton
Archpriest Emil Huntya
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Matushka Valerie Zahersky
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Niglio
Melissa Trace
Martin Vronick
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Brian Gable
Hilda Ralich

ETERNAL MEMORY

Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Suzanne Senyo

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Family Meeting of St. Elia Orthodox Church will be held following the Divine Liturgy **NEXT Sunday, February 2, 2025.**

There will be **a covered dish dinner.** The main dish of chicken will be provided. Please sign the list on the coffee table in the hall and list what side dish or dessert you will be bringing.

The **Parish Council 2025,** having been presented to His Eminence Archbishop Alexander for approval, will be installed: President: Veronica Bilas; Vice President: Bud Graham; Secretary: Deacon Aaron Gray; Treasurer: Daniel Slife; Members: Anthony Dodovich, Sandy Graham, Jefferson Hodge, Daniel Ralich.

All are encouraged to attend and participate.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, January19, 2025

Candles:	**$ 29.00**
Special Offering:	**10.00**
Sun. Tray Offerings:	**1,110.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**509.55**
PayPal Offerings:	**29.80**
TOTAL:	**$1,688.35**

HEART BEATS

"When pregnant, the cells of the baby migrate into the mother's bloodstream and the circle back in the baby, it's called "fetal-maternal microchimerism."

For 41 weeks, the cells circulate and merge backwards and forwards, and after the baby is born, many of these cells stay in the mother's body, leaving a permanent imprint in the mother's tissues, bones, brain and skin, and often stay there for decades. Every single child a mother has afterwards will leave a similar imprint on her body, too.

Even if a pregnancy doesn't go to full term, or if you have an abortion, these cells still migrate into your bloodstream.

Research has shown that if a mother's heart is injured, fetal cells will rush to the site of the injury and change into different types of cells in mending the heart. The baby helps repair the mother, while the mother builds the baby.

Studies have also shown cells from a fetus in a mother's brain 18 years after she gave birth. How amazing is that?

If you are mom you know how you can intuitively feel your child even when they are not there…Well, now there is scientific proof that moms carry them for years and years even after they have given birth to them. ***This is so incredibly beautiful!***

Please Note: ***The Sisterhood is looking for small donations (around $5), Basket donations or Monetary donations.*** The monetary donations can be given to Anastasia Bohush and she will purchase the items.