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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

THE VOICE

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Scheduled Readers - 2025

Sunday, July 13 – Reader Michael Luc
Sunday, July 20 – Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, July 27 - Daniel Slife

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Saturday, July 12

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Luke 24:12-35

Sunday, July 13

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak
Epistles: Romans 10:1-10 Hebrews 13:7-16
Gospels: Matthew 8:28-9:1 John 17:1-13

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 5
TEMPLE FEAST OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIA

Saturday, July 19

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Lule 24:36-53

Sunday, July 20

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc
Epistles: Romans 12:6-14 James 5:10-20
Gospels: Matthew 9:1-18 Luke 4:22-30

MOLIEBEN TO SAINT ELIA AND THE BLESSING OF VEHICLES – anything and everything on wheels

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

. Israel Needs the Gospel

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God
for 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 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.

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16

7 Remember those who [a]rule over you, who have
spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow,
considering the outcome of *their* conduct. 8 Jesus
Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever. 9 Do
not be carried [b]about with various and strange
doctrines. For *it is* good that the heart be established
by grace, not with foods which have not profited those
who have been occupied with them.

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the
tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of
those animals, whose blood is brought into the
sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside
the camp. 12 Therefore Jesus also, that He
might [c]sanctify the people with His own blood,
suffered outside the gate. 13 Therefore let us go forth to
Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. 14 For
here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one
to come. 15 Therefore by Him let us continually
offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit
of *our* lips, [d]giving thanks to His name. 16 But do not
forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices
God is well pleased.

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.

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

Gospel: John 17:1-13

Jesus Prays for Himself

17 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, [2] as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He [a]should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they may

know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together [b]with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

6 "I have [c]manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them,* and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep[d] through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are.* 12 While I was with them [e]in the world, I kept them in [f]Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is [g]lost except the son of [h]perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Council

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church." By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church's supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the "oikumene" (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world).

The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The **First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I)** (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The **Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I)** (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The **Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus)** (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The **Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon)** (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the

Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The **Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II)** (July 25) "Concerning the Three Chapters," was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The **Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III)** (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today's celebration. The **Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.**

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as "lights upon the earth," guiding us to the true Faith. "Clad in the garment of truth," the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible.

The Orthodox Church's conciliar definitions of dogma have the highest authority, and such definitions always begin with the Apostolic formula: "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..." (Acts 15: 28).

TEMPLE FEAST DAY

Next Sunday, July 20, is our Temple Feast Day of St .Elia the Prophet. Following the Divine Liturgy we will Prayers for the Blessing of all vehicles: Cars, Motorcycles, Bicycles, Skates, Skateboards or anything on whe**els.**

VOLUNTEERS AT ST. HERMAN'S HOUSE

On Saturday, July 26 at 11:15 am, a group (six people) from Saint Elia is scheduled to help serve the noon day meal at St. Herman's House in Cleveland. **Please see Jefferson Hodge to volunteer.**

PARISH PICNIC

Our Parish Picnic will be held at Saint Elia following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 27**. **More information to follow.**

WOMEN'S VISIT TO THE ORTHODOX MONASTERY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, October 11: The schedule would be arrival at noon, lunch and a tour afterwards. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Natalie Slife: 440-477-8888, ntshiekh@gmail.com by **July 13th.** Mother Paula needs the final numbers by July 14th.

OUR STEWARDSHIP – JULY 6, 2025

Candles:	**$ 89.00**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**1,365.00**
Tithely Donations:	**346.62**
TOTAL:	**$1,800.6**

REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS

Archbishop Onuphry of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Andrew Moulton
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Priest John Manuel
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahersky
Subdeaon Martin Paluch
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Florence Lambo
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