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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

2023 Parish Council

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Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers - 2025

Sunday, August 24 – Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, August 31 - Bud Graham
Sunday, September 7 – Sandy Graham
Sunday, September14 – Reader Michael Luc

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 2
Hieromarttyr Eutychius, Disciple of Saint John the Theologian

Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25

Sunday, August 24

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: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN

Thursday, August 28

6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Friday, August 29 – *Strict Fast Day*

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3
The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Most-holy Theotokos

Saturday, August 30

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, August 31

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistle: 1 Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26
Panakhida requested by Bilas and Bohush families.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 My defense to those who examine me is this: 4 Do we have no right to eat and drink? 5 Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as *do* also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

6 Or *is it* only Barnabas and I *who* have no right to refrain from working? 7 Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its fruit? Or who tends to flock and does not drink the milk of the flock?

8 Do I say these things as a *mere* man? Or does not the law say the same also? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? 10 Or does He say *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sake, no doubt, *this* is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. 11 If we have sown spiritual things for you, *is it* a great thing if we reap your material things? 12 If others are partakers of *this* right over you, *are* we not even more?
Nevertheless, we have not used this right but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” **22** Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. **24** And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25** But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. **26** The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ **27** Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.
28 “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ **29** So his fellow servant fell down [a]at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ **30** And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.
31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved and came and told their master all that had been done.
32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave all that debt because

you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother [c]his trespasses."

Hieromartyr Eutychius
Commemorated, August 24

The Hieromartyr Eutychius, a disciple of the holy Apostles John the Theologian and Paul, lived from the first century into the beginning of the second century, and was from the Palestinian city of Sebastea.

Although Saint Eutychius is not one of the 70 Apostles, he is called an Apostle because of his labors with the older Apostles, by whom he was made bishop. After hearing about Christ the Savior, Saint Eutyches first became a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian. Later he met the Apostle Paul and preached together with him on the early journeys.

Saint Eutychius underwent many sufferings: they starved him with hunger, beat him with iron rods, they threw him into the fire, and then to be devoured by wild beasts. Once, a lion was let loose upon the saint, which astonished everyone because it praised the Creator with a human voice. The Hieromarttyr Eutychius completed his labor in his native city, where he was beheaded with a sword at the beginning of the second century.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Following the Divine Liturgy **today, Sunday, August 24,** we will have a Prayer of Blessing for the opening of the school year for all students and teachers.

Our students in Preschool, School Age, High School, along with our teachers, including College Students this being College Student Sunday, are asked to come forward as we pray for them to have good academic year.

"For one who believes, there are no questions. For one who does not believe, there are no answers."
St. Isaiah the Solitary

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of our Diocese, the Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America, will be held on **Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11, at St. Nicholas Church in Burton (Flint), Michigan**

A **Parish Meeting to elect a delegate to the Conference** will be held next **Sunday, August 31**, following the Divine Liturgy.

OUR STEWARDSHIP – AUGUST 17, 2025

Candles:	**$ 121.00**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**1,075.00**
Tithely Donations:	**613.12**
TOTAL:	**$1,809.12**

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco
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
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Niglio
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