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22nd Sunday After Pentecost

THE VOICE

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SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

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Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers - 2025
Sunday, November 9 – Reader Daniel Slife
Sunday, November 16 – Sandy Graham
Sunday, November 23 – Reader Michael Luc

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 5

Onesiphorus and Porphyrius. Venerable Abbess Matrona
Saturday, October 8
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, October 9
9:00 am Greeting of Archbishop Alexander
9:30 am Tonsure of Daniel Slife
Pontifical Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Daniel Slife
Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospels: Luke 8:41-56

BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST

"The sayings of the prophets are now fulfilled"

Friday, November 14
6:00 pm Advent Paraclesis
Service of Prayer in Preparation for the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

Saturday, November 15 - First day of Nativity Fast

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 6

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew
Saturday, November 15
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
Sunday, November 6
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham
Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37
Lighting of the First Candle on the Advent Wreath

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Glory Only in the Cross

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my
own hand! 12 As many as desire to make a good showing in
the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only
that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of
Christ. 13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the
law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may
boast in your flesh. 14 But God forbid that I should boast
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by [a]whom the
world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For in
Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails
anything, but a new creation.

Blessing and a Plea

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and
mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.
17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body
the marks of the Lord Jesus.
18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your
spirit. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

41 And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a
ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and
begged Him to come to his house, 42 for he had an only
daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. 43 Now a
woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had
spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be

healed by any, [44] came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.
[45] And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?”
When all denied it, Peter [a]and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, [b]and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ”

[46] But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” [47] Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

[48] And He said to her, “Daughter, [c]be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”
[49] While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue’s *house,* saying to him, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the [d]Teacher.”

[50] But when Jesus heard *it,* He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” [51] When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go [e]in except [f]Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. [52] Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” [53] And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

[54] But He [g]put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.” [55] Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat. [56] And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER'S PASTORAL VISIT

Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us on **Saturday, November 8, for Vespers, and on Sunday, November 9** for the celebration of the Pontifical Divine Liturgy. Our Chancellor, Igumen Arkady Migunov will be accompanying the Archbishop.

We will greet the Archbishop with the traditional Bread and Salt **at 9:00 am**, followed by the Entrance Prayers and the Vesting of the Archbishop

With the encouragement and blessing of Archbishop Alexander, Daniel Slife has entered our Diocesan Deaconal Program. At the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, Daniel will be led to the Archbishop in the center of the Church by Reader Joshua Wherley and Reader Nicholas Morelli. During the ***Office of Setting Apart Readers and Chanters*** the Archbishop will Tonsure Daniel as a Reader of St. Elia Church

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 13, at 6:30 pm

PARISH MEETING

A General Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16, following the Divine Liturgy to elect the 2026 Saint Elia Parish Council.

Please submit your Nominees to a member of the Nominating Committee: Anastasia Bohush, Reader Joshua Wherley, Daniel Williamson

FOR THE ALASKAN SEMINARY OCA

"So let each one give as he proposes in his heart. God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor, 9:6)

During Advent –from November 15 -December 14- we will make our charitable offerings in support of the Seminarians and Catechists enrolled at St. Herman's Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska.

Come and See

The Christmas Fast is introduced on **November 14** with the Feastday of the Apostle Philip. For this reason, the Christmas Fast is sometimes called "the Fast of Philip." (Filipovka)

John 1:43-51 **Philip and Nathanael**

43The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."\

44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him**, "Come and see."**

We must **come and see** Jesus with the eyes of our heart and know Him as our Savior and the Lover of mankind Who is always present and the Ladder that leads to heaven.

PARACLESIS:
ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

On **Friday, November 15,** forty days prior to the celebration of the Feast of Christmas, the Holy Orthodox Church begins the Christmas Fast.

This period of six weeks is often called *Advent*, which means *The Coming. a*nd refers to the Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Mystery of His Holy Nativity.

Advent is a period of fasting, prayer and Scripture reading; a time of silence, more faithful attendance to the Sacred Services and participation in the Holy Mystery of Confession to enable us to capture more fully Christ's abiding Presence among us.

"Redeeming from the hands of evil, O Lord, Who lovest mankind, Thou comest wrapped in swaddling bands. I venerate Thy divine condescension."

A beautiful and meaningful ***PRAYER SERVICE, AN ADVENT PARACLESIS,*** in preparation for the Great Feast of the Nativity-in-the-Flesh of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, will be celebrated on the EVE of Advent, the Christmas Fast:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – 6:00 PM

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, You have come to us so many times and found no resting place. Forgive us for our overcrowded lives, our vain haste, and our preoccupation with self.

We beseech You to come again, O Lord, and though our hearts are a jumble of voices, and our minds overlaid with fears, find a place, however humble, where You can begin to work Your wonder as You create peace and joy within us. If in some hidden corner, in some out-of-the-way spot, we can clear away the clutter, and shut out the noise and darkness, come to be born again in us, and we shall kneel in perfect peace with the wisest and humblest of men.

Help us to enter into this Christmas Fast with humility, yet with joy. And finally, Lord, give us Christmas from within, that we may share the blessing of Your Birth from without, and to keep Christmas holy.

For You, O Jesus, are our sanctification together with Your Eternal Father and You all-holy good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, together with the Feast of His Baptism in the Jordan, are **Feasts of Light** celebrating the coming and manifestation of **Christ the Light of the world.**

Nature itself helps us to experience these Feasts of Light. With the coming of winter, the days get shorter and the nights longer, but once we reach Christmas itself, the reverse begins to happen. Nature prepares for the Coming of Christ, the Light in the darkness and so do we during the Season of Advent,

To help in our preparation, we will have an Advent Wreath in Church. The Wreath, made of evergreens, will have six candles on it; one for each Sunday in Advent

Beginning next Sunday, November 16, we will light the first candle on the wreath as we sing the pre-festive Troparion:

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn yourself, O Ephrathah, for the tree of life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit: For if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

October 5, 2025 – April 26, 2026

After Father Don has completed giving Holy Communion and has taken the Chalice to the side table, the children will go down to the hall for their classes.

Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude
Preschool: Mrs. Natalie Sife, Mrs. Eve Tavenier
School Age: Reader Nicholas Morelli, Mrs. Frances Hakim
High School: Subdeacon David Trace
Music Program: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

The Church School time is limited. Please refrain from congregating **and talking in the hall during this time. Thank you for your cooperation**

A *first-grader's mother put a bowl of soup in front of him. He halted his first spoonful in mid-air and examined it with a frown. "What's the matter," his mother asked. "Alphabet soup," he snorted. "Gee whiz, mom, can't you let a guy forget school for a minute?*

OUR STEWARDSHIP – November 2, 2025

Candles:	**$ 88.00**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**995.00**
Improvement Fund:	**5.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**1011.12**
TOTAL:	**$2,099.12**

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 & SHUTINS

Archbishop Onuphry of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Andrew Moulton
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahersky
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Niglio
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Ellen Rees
David Elioff
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