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32nd Sunday After Pentecost

THE VOICE

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SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2025 Parish Council

President: Veronica Bilas
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Secretary: Deacon Aaron Gray
Treasurer: Daniel Slife
Members: Anthony Dodovich, Bud Graham, Jefferson Hodge, Daniel Ralich

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, Reader Nicholas Morelli, Frances Hakim, Subdeacon David Trace, Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Sisterhood of St. Juliana:

President: Sandy Graham V. President: Kathy Gray
Secretary: Katherine Hodge; Treasurer: Mary Magensky;
Assistant Treasurer: Anastasia Bohush

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers-2026-2027

Sunday, January 18 - Sandy Graham
Sunday, January 25 - Bud Graham
Sunday, February 1 - Reader Nicholas Morelli

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7

Saints Athanasius the Great and Cyril

Saturday January 17

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14

Sunday, January 18

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham
Epistle: 1Timothy 1:15-17. Gospel: Luke 18:35-43
Panakhida for the repose of the soul of Larissa Freude Newman as requested by her family

33rd SUNDAY AFTERN PENTECOST – TONE 8
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Saturday January 24

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

Sunday, January 25

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistle: 1 Timothy Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Tone 1 - *Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.*

Saturday, January 31

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, February 1

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Nicholas Morelli.
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Nicholas Morelli
Panakhida for the respose of the soul of Samir Hakim as requested by his wife Frances and family

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

15 This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of
whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained
mercy, that in me Christ Jesus may show long-suffering,
as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for
everlasting life. 17 Now to the King
eternal, immortal, invisible, to [a]God who alone is
wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever Amen

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

A Blind Man Receives His Sight

35 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jerich may
6And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it
meant. 37 So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was
passing by. 38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of
David, have mercy on me!"39 Then those who went cried
out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to
Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying,
"What do you want me to do for you?" Hed said, "Lord,
that I may receive my sight."

He said, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you
well." 43 And immediately he received his sight, and
followed Him, glorifying God.

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MEMORY ETERNAL

In blessed repose grant eternal rest, O Lord, to thy servant Archpriest Andrew Moultron and make his memory eternal!

Let us remember him in our daily prayers and his family Popadia Joan, children and grandchildren.

THE GREAT SANCTIFICATION OF WATER

As the Holy Cross is plunged into the waters the Troparion of Theophany for the Baptism of our Lord is sung:

When Thou, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Thou have revealed Thyself and have enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

BLESSING OF HOMES

Father Don is planning, weather permitting, to bless homes, with the driving assistance of Popadia Donna.

If it is your wish that Father comes to your home for this blessing, please sign the list located on the Vestibule Counter or call Father at 330-724-7009 or 330-618-4878. Please pick up the brochure and list the names of the living and deceased that you wish to be prayed for.

OUR STEWARDSHIP – January 11, 2026

Candles:	**$ 95.00**
Sunday Tray Offerings	**821.00**
Tithely Donations:	**359. 62**
TOTAL:	**$1,180.62**

Winter/Spring BIBLE STUDY: Epistle to the Hebrews Join us as we study and discuss this rich and meaningful book of the New Testament that is read in the Orthodox Church throughout the year. All sessions will be from **6:30 To 7:30 p.m.**, with locations split between the St. Elia parish hall and Artisan Coffee at 662 Canton Road in Ellet, which has a private room available for us to reserve (and excellent food and coffee!). **Please see Deacon Aaron with any questions. We look forward to learning together!**

Session 1: Hebrews Introduction — Hebrews 1:1 to 1:4
• Thursday, Jan. 22, at Artisan Coffee

Session 2: A Name Superior to Angels — Hebrews 1:5 to 4:13
• Thursday, Feb. 5, at St. Elia

Session 3: A Merciful and Faithful High Priest
Hebrews 4:14 to 6:20
• Thursday, Feb. 19, at Artisan Coffee

Session 4: High Priest of a New and Better Covenant
Hebrews 7:1 to 10:39
• Monday, March 9, at St. Elia

Session 5: A Good Testimony Through Faith
Hebrews 11:1 to 12:13
• Thursday, April 23, at Artisan Coffee

Session 6: Let Brotherly Love Continue
Hebrews 12:14 to 13:25
• Thursday, May 14, location TBD

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Saint Elia's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026 following the Divine Liturgy.

Father Don will give his Rector's Report The Financial Report for 2025 will be given along with the Budget for 2026.

THE 2026 PARISH COUNCIL will be installed:

President:	Veronica Bilas
Vice President:	Daniel Ralich
Secretary:	Deacon Aaron Gray
Treasurer:	Reader Daniel Sife
Members:	Anastasia Bohush
	Anthony Dodovich
	Bud Graham
	Jefferson Hodge

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The Orthodox Christian Women (OCW) Presents

WINTER MINI-RETREAT

To be held at
St. Thomas Eastern Orthodox Church

Saturday, January 24, 2026
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Continental Breakfast Served

Speaker: Reader Basil Kochan
Orthodox Church Music 101: Fundamentals of Liturgical Music Practice in Eastern Orthodox Christianity

Questions: **Contact Anne *Fry 330*-714-2844**
or
Nancy Studebaker 330-807-7040

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 & SHUTINS

Metropolitan Onuphry of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Theodosy of Cherkasy and Kaniv, Ukraine
Metropolitan Areseny of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahersky
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Michele 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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