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3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTRCOST

THE VOICE

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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,
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SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2026 Parish Council

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Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude
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Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers – 2026

Sunday, June 21 – Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, June 28 –
Hours: Melissa Trace
Epistle: Subdeacon David Trace

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2
Father's Day
Saturday, June 20
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20
Sunday, June 21
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak
Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

Blessed Father's Day to all of our Fathers, Grand fathers, Godfathers, Spiritual Fathers and to all the Father figures in our life. MANY YEARS!

MEMORY Eternal to all of our Fathers who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the hope of the Resurrection!

DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT
Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction, Michigan
Tuesday – Thursday, June 23 – 25

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3
Saturday, June 27
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12
Sunday, June 28
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Melissa Trace
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Subdeacon David Trace
Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Much more than, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole-body will be full of darkness.

If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. “Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is life not more than food and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you are not of more value than they?

Which of you worry about can add one cubit to his stature? “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

“Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

THE APOSTLES FAST

The Apostles Fast, Also known as the Saints Peter and Paul Fast, continues through June 28. The Feast of the holy Apostles is celebrated on June 29.

DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT

His Eminence Archbishop Alexander and Diocesan Clergy will gather for Retreat at the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery in Rives Junction, Michigan, June 23, 24 and 25.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Saint Elia Parish Council will meet for their monthly meeting on Monday, June 30, at 6:30 pm.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER'S VISIT

Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us **July 18 and 19** for the celebration of our Temple Feast of Saint Elia.

GRASS-CUTTING HELP NEEDED

Please look for the sign-up sheet on the counter in the Church narthex and choose any date that you would be able to assist with cutting the grass using our Parish riding-mower. Please see Subdeacon Terrence Bilas if you have any further questions.

OUR STEWARDSHIP, JUNE 14, 2026	
Candles:	**93.00**
Improvement Fund:	**5.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**928.25**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**1,675.00**
TOTAL:	**$2,701.25**

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Onuphry of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Theodosy of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Arseny of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Hnntyan
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie
Florence Lambo
Michele Lambo
Marc Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Sofia Wsevolodov

THE WILL OF GOD

"Now the will of God is precisely what Christ did ad taught.

It entails:

being humble in our lifestyle,
steadfastness in our faith,
modest in our word,
just in our actions,
merciful in our dealings,
disciplined in our conduct,
incapable of inflicting a wrong, but able to bear one inflicted on us;
keeping peace with our brothers;
loving God with all our heart;
cherishing Him as Father while fearing Him as God;
putting absolutely nothing before Christ, since He put nothing before us;
clinging tenaciously to His love;
standing brave and confident, by His Cross;
and whenever His Name and honor are involved, displaying in our speech the constancy to confess Him,
under torture the courage to fight for Him,
and in death patience for which we shall be crowned"

Saint Cyprian of Carthage
On the Lord's Prayer