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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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Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers 2026

Sunday, June 28 –
Hours: Melissa Trace; Epistle: Subdeacon David Trace
Sunday, July 5 – Reader Nicholas Morelli
Sunday, July 12 – Reader Joshua Wherley

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3
Saturday, June 27
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4
Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Sergius of Radonecz
Saturday, July 4
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, July 5
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Nicholas Morelli
9 :30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Nicholas Morelli
Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5
Saturday, July 11
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, July 12
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Joshua Wherley
9 :30 am Baptismal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Baptism of Calvin James Keathley
Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley
Epistles: Romans 12:6-14 Romans 6:3-11
Gospels: Matthew 9:1-8 Matthew 28:16-20

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free regarding righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer

darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
" Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed at that same hour.

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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.

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA MEETING

Today, Sunday, June 28, follows Divine Liturgy

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 21, 2026

Candles:	**83.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**313.25**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**1,146.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,542.25**

EXAMINING OUR HEARTS

Worship God in spirit and in truth, for instance when you say, "Hallowed be Thy name." Do you really desire that God's name should be hallowed by the good works of others and by your own?

When you say, "Thy Kingdom come," do you indeed desire the coming of God's Kingdom? Do you wish to be the abode of the Spirit of God, and not the abode of sin? Would you not more willingly live in sin?

When you say, "Thy will be done," do you not rather seek your own will than that of God? Ay, it is so.

When you say" Give us this day our daily bread" do you not say something like this in your heart "I do not need to ask this of Thee—I have enough without asking; let the poor ask for this?" Or else, do we not greedily seek for more and are not satisfied with the little or that which God has given us?

We do not thank God for what we have as we ought to.

St. John of Kronstadt
My Life in Christ

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