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5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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, July 5 – Reader Nicholas Morelli
Sunday, July 12 –Reader Joshua Wherley
Sunday, July 19 - Reader Michael Luc

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6
Saturday, July 18
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, June 19
9:00 am Greeting of Archbishop Alexander
9:30 am Pontifical Divine Liturgy
Subdeaconate Ordination of Reader Daniel Slife
Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc
Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayed to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart, one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

Two Demon-Possessed Men Healed
When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demons possessed *men,* coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.

And suddenly they cried out, saying, ***"What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"***

Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, ***"If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine."*** And He said to them, ***"Go.***" So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

Then those who kept *them* fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men.*

And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged *Him* to depart from their region.

So, He got into a boat, crossed over, and Came to His own city.

BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY

Next Sunday**, July 12, 2026**, the Baptismal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at **9:30 am**. **Calvin James Keathley,** the son of Cody and Jessica, the brother of Vivian, Harper and Nora., will be Baptized and Chrismated. The Godparents are William Pauch and Juliana Freude.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER'S VISIT

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

We will greet His Eminence at the narthex at **9:00 am,** followed by the Entrance Prayers and the Vesting of the Archbishop.

Before the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence will ordain **Reader Daniel Joseph Slife,** a Subdeacon of Saint Elia Church.

Following the Divine Liturgy, in celebration of our Temple Feast of St, Elia, we will process outside for the blessing of vehicles (anything on wheels).

Following Vespers on Saturday (July 18) you are welcome to come for a light meal at Father Freude's home – weather permitting.

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday (July 19) a Dinner will be held in the hall. The main dish will be provided by Sisterhood. A sign-up sheet is in the hall for the side dishes and salads, fruit salads, and drinks that you will be bringing. Please check the list.

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
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Helena Woroncow
Jospeh Taylot
Sofia Wsevolodov
Tim Manion

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 28, 2026

Candles:	**86.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**263.25**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**665.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,014.25**

A HEALTHY APPROACH

A healthy approach to yourself as sinner depends upon knowing something of God's mercy. Without faith and trust in God—as merciful and loving beyond measure—our self-condemnation would be impossible to bear. It would be self-destructive. And there is no clearer portrait of God than the crucified Christ, who has voluntarily surrendered everything for us. The cross—the limitless self-giving, voluntary co-suffering that it represents, the extent of love and mercy that it conveys—reveals to us what it is to be God.

—Dr. Peter Bouteneff, *How to Be a Sinner*