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6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VOICE

SAINT ELIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
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SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2026 Parish Council

President: Veronica Bilas
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Assistant Treasurer: Anastasia Bohush

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers 2026

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

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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
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

Baptism is birth to the life made new by Christ in His Death and Resurrection. *"Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3).* Baptism, as St. Paul writes, is death and resurrection with Christ. It is the personal Pascha of each Orthodox Christian.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6
Saturday, July 18
5:00 pm Great Vespers
Sunday, June 19
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc
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

BAPTISMAL SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11
Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus was baptized into His death? Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise, you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ***"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.***

BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY

The Baptismal Divine Liturgy is celebrated today. **Calvin James Keathley,** the son of Cody and Jessica, the brother of Vivian, Harper and Nora, will Baptized and Chrismated. The Godparents are William Pauch and Juliana Freude. Our Prayerful congratulations to him, to his parents and family and to his Godparents. **MANY YEARS!**

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. We will greet His Eminence at the narthex at **9:00 am, followed by the Entrance Prayers and 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: cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, etc.

Following Vespers on Saturday, you are welcome to come for a light meal at the Freude home - ***weather permitting.***

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. A dinner will be held in the hall. The main dish will be provided by Sisterhood. Please check the list of side dishes and sign-up what you will be bringing. Thank you.

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
WsevolodoF

FREE Parish Outing:
An Evening of Outdoor Classical Music

On **Sunday evening, Aug. 9**, the Akron Symphony Orchestra will once again perform a free outdoor concert less than a mile away from St. Elia at Firestone (City) Park. Included this year will be familiar classics from Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, Scott Joplin, and Charles Ives, as well as Akron's own Stephanie Childers-White as guest vocalist for a selection of soulful pops.

Anyone who would like to meet up for an informal parish get-together is welcome. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and feel free to pack a picnic, and enjoy an evening of music in a relaxed, family-friendly setting.

Look for Deacon Aaron and other members of our parish so we can all sit together. No tickets are needed. See you there!

Date: Sunday, Aug. 9
Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Location: Firestone Park Community Center,
1480 Girard Street, Akron

OUR STEWARDSHIP, JULY 5,, 2026

Candles:	**95.00**
Improvement Fund	**5.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**2,378.25**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**1,757..00**
TOTAL:	**$4,235.25**

MORE UP-COMING EVENTS

PARISH PICNIC: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
COLUMBIA WOODS PARK
Please check for the covered dish sign-up sheet

IOCC -INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES
5K Marathon St. Elia in conjunction with COCA
Saturday, October 17, 2026

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"Virtues are formed by prayer.
Prayer preserves temperance.
Prayers suppress anger.
Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy
Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit
and raises man to heaven."

"Let books be your dining table,
and you shall be full of delights.
Let them be our mattress,
and you shall sleep restful nights."

St. Ephraim the Syrian