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12th 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: Deacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers 2026
Sunday, August 23 - Bud Graham
Sunday, August 30 - Sandy Graham
Sunday, September 6 Reader Michael Luc

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3
Leavetaking of the Dormition of theTheotokos.
Saturday, August 22
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
Sunday, August 23
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistle: 1 Cor. 15:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNeR AND, BAPTIST JOHN
Friday, August 28
6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 29 – *STRICT FAST DAY*

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4
Afterfeast of the Beheading of the Forerunner
Saturday, August 29 – *Strict Fast Day*
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, August 30
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:1-24
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

Rich Young Ruler

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may

have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.

But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.
Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.
And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"
But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Holyday commemorating the Beheading of St. the Baptist will be celebrated on **Friday, June 28,at 6:00 pm.**
Saturday, June 29,is kept as a STRICT FAST DAY.

ST. IRENE'S ORPHANAGE

St. Irene's Orphanage in Kenya, Africa, has experienced a frost in their corn fields and now are in need of help in providing food for the children of the orphanage. We are collecting donations for them until **August 30.** Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH PICNIC: COLUMBIA WOODS PARK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Please check for the covered dish sign-up sheet

5K MARATHON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
IOCC -INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES
St. Elia in conjunction with COCA

OUR STEWARSHIP

	August 9	August 16
Candles:	**102.00**	**184.00**
Tray Offerings::	**545.00**	**1,920.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**268.25**	**1,883.25**
St. Irene Orphanage:		**40.00**
TOTALS	**$915.25**	**$4,027.25**

REMEMBER THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila
Christopher 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 Zahirsky
Florence Lambo
Michele Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
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Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
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David Gable