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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VOICE

SAINT ELIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2026 Parish Council

President: Veronica Bilas
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Members: Anastasia Bohush, Anthony Dodovich, Bud Graham, Jefferson Hodge,

Choir Director: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas
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Church School: 2026-2027

Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude
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Sisterhood of St. Juliana:

President: Sandy Graham, V. President: Kathy Gray Secretary: Katherine Hodge, Treasurer: Mary Magensky Assistant Treasurer: Anastasia Bohush

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Deacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers 2026

Sunday, September 27 Mary Beth Gray
Sunday, October 4 -Hours: Subdeacon Terrence
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

- *SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES*

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8
Saturday, September 26
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53
Sunday, September 27
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Mary Beth Gray
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Mary Beth Gray
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-17:1
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST- HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY
Wednesday, September 30
6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1
Saturday, October 3
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10
Sunday, October 4
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Gospels: Luke 6:31-36

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?
For s you 7 are the temple of the living God. As God has
said:
t "I will dwell in them
And walk among them.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people." 8 17 Therefore
u "Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you." 9 18 "I v will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My w sons and daughters, says the Lord
Almighty.
Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse
ourselves of all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit,
perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

The Great Catch of Fish

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the
word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,
2and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the
fishermen had gone from them and were washing their
nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was
Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land.
And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the
boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon,
"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a

catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord! For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

"Lord, Lord, look down from heaven and behold and visit this vineyard which Your right hand planted, and perfect it."

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please present your Nominees to **Nominating Committee: Sandy Graham, Mary Marcin, Reader Joshua Wherley.**

The slate of nominees will be presented at a Parish Meeting in November for election. All Nominations must be made to the Nominating Committee before the Parish Meeting. **Nominations cannot be made at the November Meeting.**

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The 63rd Diocesan Conference will be held at Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr Church, Perrysburg, Ohio, **October 9-10**. Fr. Don, Deacon Aaron, and Jefferson Hodge, our Delegate, will be representing St. Elia Parish.

AKRON 5K MARATHON - SATURDAY, OCT 17

TO BENEFIT IOCC

Hosted by St. Elia in conjunction with COCA

OUR STEWARSHIP, September 20, 2026

Candles:	**125.00**
Tray Offerings:	**1,190.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**913.25**
TOTAL:	**$2,228.25**

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

CELL PHONES: Make sure to silence your cell phone before entering the temple. There are few things as distracting, or embarrassing, as a loud cell phone signal during prayer or a sermon. It is completely inappropriate to text, call, or play with your phone while in church. Refrain from being distracted, unless there is an emergency

BLESSED BREAD: The practice of taking extra antidoron and hand out to catechumens, strangers, or visitors is strongly discouraged. Rather welcome them to come up to venerate the Cross at the end of the Liturgy, and take some of the blessed bread for themselves, if they wish to.

REMEMBER THOSE IN 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 Laura Bilas
Priest Wayne Paul Wright
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahirsky
Florence Lambo
Michele Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Sofia Wsevolodov
David Gable

Parish Picnic in the Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
following Divine Liturgy

Meet us at the park for food, fun and fellowship as a parish community. Tennis courts, playground, trails and covered pavillion included.

Columbia Woods Park
4060 Columbia Woods Dr.
Norton, OH

Scan here to RSVP and let us know what you're bringing!