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19th 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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Choir Director: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas
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Church School: 2026-2027
Coordinator: Popadia Donna
Staff: Natalie Slife, Eve Tavenier, Mary Marcin, Denise Brito, Frances Hakim, Subdeacon David Trace, Sue Ellen Turscak, Dr. Benjamin Czarnota

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
Sunday, October 11: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Sunday, October 18: Sue Ellen Turscak

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
Saturday, October 10
5:00 pm Deaconal Vespers
Sunday, October 11
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3
Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke
Saturday, October 17
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31
Sunday, October 18
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak
Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

After Communion and Father has taken the Chalice to the Table of Oblations, the children will go to the Hall where the classrooms are set up. Please refrain from gathering and talking in the hall when the classes are in session.

SUNDAYSCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; [but] I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

Paul's Vision

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one

was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— [how] he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me.

A Thorn in the Flesh

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was

given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, ***"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."*** Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel Luke 7:11-16

Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain

Now it happened, the day after, *that* He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, ***"Do not weep."*** Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, ***"Young man, I say to you, arise."*** So, he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and "God has visited His people."

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA MEETING
TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

TRUNK-A-TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING
A TREAT TO SHARE WITH ALL THE KIDS

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please present your Nominees to the **Nominating Committee: Sandy Graham, Mary Marcin, Reader Joshua Wherley.** All Nominations must be made to the Nominating Committee before the Parish Meeting. **Nominations cannot be made at the Parish Election Meeting to be held in November.**

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The 63rd Diocesan Conference is Friday and Saturday, **October 9-10**. Fr. Don, Deacon Aaron, and Jefferson Hodge, our Delegate, will be representing St. Elia Parish. **Saturday Vespers, October 10, will be served by Protodeacon James Gresh at 5:00 pm**

OUR STEWARSHIP, October 4, 2026	
Candles:	**88.00**
Improvement Fund	**5.00**
Tray Offerings:	**2.325.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**313.25**
TOTAL:	**$2,731.25**

REMEMBERING 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 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

Akron 5K Walk/Run Event To Benefit IOCC

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Check In 8:15 a.m. • Opening Prayer/Photo 8:45 a.m.
Walk/Run 9:00 a.m. • Fellowship, refreshments immediately to follow at St. Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church

HOSTED BY

St. Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church

64 W. Wilbeth Road, Akron OH 44301

5K will begin at the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail Wilbeth Road Trailhead (380 W. Wilbeth Road) and follow the towpath to the Manchester Road Trailhead and back.

— Any distance or level of participation is welcome —

Registration fee is $25 for individuals, $70 for a family of four.

Learn more and register:

iocc.org/akron

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