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22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VOICE

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Coordinators: Deacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers

Sunday, November 1: Reader Michael Luc
Sunday, November 8: Bud Graham
Sunday, November 15 Sandy Graham

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5
Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian
Saturday, October 31
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25
Sunday, November 1
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc
Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6
SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWEERS: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel, Barachiel
Saturday, November 7
5:00 pm Reception into the Church and Chrismation of Steven - Great Vespers
Matins Gospel: Matt.28:16-20
Sunday, November 8
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Bud Grham
9:30 am Baptismal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Baptism of Aaron and Benjamin
Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistles: Romans 6:3-11 Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospels: Luke 16:19-31 Matthew 28:16-20

SUNDAYSCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with
my own hand! 12 As many as desire to make a good
showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be
circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution
for the cross of Christ. 13 For not even those who are
circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you
circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But
God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified
to me, and I to the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither
circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a
new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule,
peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of
God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my
body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of
our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

A Demon-Possessed Man Healed

26 Then they sailed to the country of the [a]Gadarenes,
which is opposite Galilee. 27 And when He stepped out on
the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who
had demons [b]for a long time. And he wore no clothes,
nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he
saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a
loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son
of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!”
29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out

of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.
30 Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?”
And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.
32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. 33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.
34 When those who fed *them* saw what had happened, they fled and told *it* in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 They also who had seen *it* told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. 37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the [d]Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.
38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Texts at the Divine Liturgy

Tone 5 Troparion ***(Resurrection)***
Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 8 Troparion ***(Saints Cosmas and Damian)***
Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our infirmities.
Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Tone 5 Kontakion ***(Resurrection)***
You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 2 Kontakion ***(Saints Cosmas and Damian)***
Having received the grace of healing,
you grant healing to those in need.
Glorious wonder-workers and healers, Cosmas and Damian,
visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies,
and bring healing to the world through your miracles!

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia

Commemorated on November 1

The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian and their mother Saint Theodota were natives of Asia Minor (some sources say Mesopotamia). Their pagan father died while they were still quite small children. Their mother raised them in Christian piety. Through her own example, and by reading holy books to them, Saint Theodota preserved her children in purity of life according to the command of the Lord, and Cosmas and Damian grew up into righteous and virtuous men.

Trained and skilled as physicians, they received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people's illnesses of body and soul by the power of prayer. They even treated animals. With fervent love for both God and neighbor, they never took payment for their services. They strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Freely have you received, freely give." (Mt. 10:8). The fame of Saints Cosmas and Damian spread throughout all the surrounding region, and people called them unmercenary physicians.

Once, the saints were summoned to a grievously ill woman named Palladia, whom all the doctors had refused to treat because of her seemingly hopeless condition. Through faith and through the fervent prayer of the holy brothers, the Lord healed the deadly disease and Palladia got up from her bed perfectly healthy and giving praise to God. In gratitude for being healed and wishing to give

them a small gift, Palladia went quietly to Damian. She presented him with three eggs and said, "Take this small gift in the Name of the Holy Life-Creating Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Hearing the Name of the Holy Trinity, the unmercenary one did not dare to refuse.

When Saint Cosmas learned what had happened, became very sad, for he thought that his brother had broken their strict vow. On his deathbed he gave instructions that his brother should not be buried beside him. Saint Damian also died shortly afterward, and everyone wondered where Saint Damian's grave should be. But through the will of God a miracle occurred. A camel, which the saints had treated for its wildness, spoke with a human voice saying that they should have no doubts about whether to place Damian beside Cosmas, because Damian did not accept the eggs from the woman as payment, but out of respect for the Name of God. The venerable relics of the holy brothers were buried together at Thereman (Mesopotamia).

Many miracles were worked after the death of the holy unmercenaries. There lived at Thereman, near the church of Cosmas and Damian, a certain man by the name of Malchus. One day he went on a journey, leaving his wife all alone for what would be a long time. He prayerfully entrusted her to the heavenly protection of the holy brothers. But the Enemy of the race of mankind took on the appearance of one of Malchus' friends, and planned to kill the woman. A certain time went by, and this man went to her at home and said that Malchus had sent him to bring her to him. The woman believed him and went along. He led her to a solitary place intending to kill her. The woman, seeing

that disaster threatened her, called upon God with deep faith.
Two fierce-some men then appeared, and the devil let go of the woman and fled, falling off a cliff. The two men led the woman home. At her own home, bowing to them deeply she asked, "My rescuers, to whom I shall be grateful to the end of my days, what are your names?"
They replied, "We are the servants of Christ, Cosmas and Damian," and became invisible. The woman with trembling and with joy told everyone about what had happened to her. Glorifying God, she went up to the icon of the holy brothers and tearfully offered prayers of thanksgiving for her deliverance. And from that time the holy brothers were venerated as protectors of the holiness and inviolability of Christian marriage, and as givers of harmony to conjugal life.

'CHURCH MICE'

So many people at St. Elia are, as the saying goes, "Quiet as a church mouse," who do so many things and we wish to thank them for all their effort.

RECEPTIONS INTO HOLY ORTHODOXY

The Catechumen **Steven** will be received in the Holy Orthodox Church **Saturday, November 7, – at 5:00 pm**

Steven will go to Confession, make a Profession of Faith in Christ, be received into the Church, receive absolution for his Confession and then be Chrismated with ***"The Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit"***
Protodeacon James Gresh is his Sponsor

The Catechumens **Aaron and Benjamin** will be received into the Holy Orthodox Church on **Sunday November 8** at the celebration of The Baptismal Divine Liturgy at **9:30 am.**

Aaron and Benjamin will be Baptized **"In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** and Chrismated with ***"The Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit."***
Aaron's Sponsors are Subdeacon Daniel and Natalie Slife
Benjamin's Sponsors are Subdeacon David and Melissa Trace

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 class

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

Agenda: Election of the 2027 Parish Council SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, following the Divine Liturgy. Please present your Nominees for the 2027 Parish Council to the **Nominating Committee: Sandy Graham, Mary Marcin, Reader Joshua Wherley.** All Nominations must be made by the Nominating Committee. Nominations **cannot** be made at the General Parish Meeting.

FOR THE ALASKAN SEMINARY, OCA

"Let each one gives as he proposes in his heart. God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:6) During Advent- from **November 15** – **December 27,** we will make our charitable offerings in support of the Seminarians and Catechists enrolled at St. Herman's Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska.

OUR STEWARSHIP, October 25, 2026	
Candles	**83.00**
Tray Offerings:	**1,455.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**318.25**
TOTAL:	**$1,856.25**
10CC 5K WALK:	**$802.27**

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 Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahirsky
Florence Lambo
Michele Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
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