

## PRAYERS NEEDED

Bethel Adamov  
June Slavoff  
Chris Popovich  
Olimpia Maftan  
Spasenija Spasenovski  
Biljana Spasenovski  
Anne Bowden  
Carol Egnatuk  
Zachary & Gabriel Beronja  
Alexander Hanchar  
Leonora Keathley  
Olga VanNiman  
Ramona Repair  
Barbara Repair  
Phoebe Davis  
Radovan Schall  
Tami M.  
Grace Ann  
Sveta  
Menka  
Alexandra  
Christian  
Peter Holoviak  
Carleigh Byrd  
Child of God Alexander Micevski  
Child of God Gabriella  
Child of God Sebastian



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5 Louie Nickolaou  
7 Keagan Nicolich  
10 Sean Rambow  
11 Bethel Adamov  
13 Ashley Beronja  
16 Paul John George  
17 Matt Busch  
20 Carolyn Keathley-Smith  
20 Jeff Samson  
21 Helen Repair  
24 Nicholas Federinko  
28 Nathan Beronja

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

2 George & Nancy Vratsidis  
6 Chris & Beth Nicolich  
8 Dave & MaryEllen Jackson  
13 Lou & Liz Nickolaou  
15 Robert & Nancy Hanchar  
17 Jacob & Anastasia Finkbeiner  
30 David & Tasha Federinko  
30 Alex & Robin Nicolich

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Welcome Visitors!

The pastor and parishioners of St. Elias are pleased to have you worshipping with us! Following the veneration of the Cross, please join us for coffee hour so that we may meet you!

## *May 2022 Parish Newsletter*



Today Constantine and his mother Helen reveal the precious Cross, the weapon of the faithful against their enemies. For our sakes, it has been shown to be a great sign, and fearsome in battle.

--Kontakion, Tone 3

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## **PRAYERS NEEDED**

Please pray for all who are suffering in Ukraine and also those individuals who have perished as a result of this terrible invasion, since 24 February!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attention:** A General Meeting of the Parish will be held on Sunday, 19 June following Divine Liturgy; all parishioners are encouraged to attend!

**Spring Cleanup:** An abundance of thanks to everyone who helped clean and decorate both the church and hall for Palm Sunday! Many thanks to Gary Busch for offering all of the pussy willow branches! Special thanks to Gary Busch and Alex Hanchar for setting up the Tomb of Our Lord along with the arrangement of flowers on Great & Holy Friday! Many thanks for everyone's contributions towards the ornate flowers, extremely beautiful!

**Mother's Day:** Wishing all of our mothers a Happy Mother's Day on 8 May! For all of our mothers who have departed this life, may their memory be eternal!

**New Altar Covers:** An abundance of gratitude is expressed to Jake & Anastasia Finkbeiner for donating altar and analogian (lectern) covers for Holy Pascha! The fine and beautiful European material along with trim adornment was custom made for St. Elias by the talented Vesna Lucic of Toronto, ON. Visit her website: <https://www.vesnavestments.com/>

**Special Intention for Health:** An abundance of gratitude is also expressed to Ken & Helen Repair for donating a jeweled pectoral cross from Europe! This exquisite archpriest cross will be blessed and dedicated in honor of the Repair (Mito) Family's loved ones on 15 May!

**St. Mary's Sisterhood:** The next Sisterhood meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 May at 1pm at the church hall.

**Prospora Bakers:** Many thanks to Zivka Nanos & Olga Popovich, dedicated Sisterhood members, for faithfully baking prospora for divine services! Also, many thanks to Zivka Nanos for preparing and baking the beautiful Artos for Holy Pascha!

**Website:** Be sure to check out St. Elias' website and feel free to share with family and friends! <https://steliastblog.wordpress.com/>

**Class of 2022:** Please inform Fr. Lawrence if a family member is graduating.

**Spiritual Food for Thought:**  
"God descends to the humble  
as waters flow down from the  
hills into the valleys."  
-St Tikhon of Voronezh

<i>May 2022 Parish Calendar</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Tone 1 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM;  Prospora/donuts: Liz Nickolaou	2	3	4	5	6	7  <b>Great Vespers</b> 6PM
8 Tone 2 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM; Parish Council meeting to follow  Prospora/donuts: Alex Hanchar	9	10  40th Prayer Breakfast, 7:25am @ Kellogg Arena, \$15pp	11	12  Sisterhood meeting 1PM at church hall	13	14  <b>Great Vespers</b> 6PM
15 Tone 3 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prospora/donuts: Ana Olaren	16	17	18	19	20	21  <b>Great Vespers</b> 6PM
22 Tone 4 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prospora/donuts: Vellika Pazik	23	24	25	26	27	28  Fr. Lawrence out of town
29 Tone 5 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prospora/donuts: Chana Spasenovski	30  <b>Memorial Day</b>	31	<b>Sacred Scripture:</b> "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." --John 11:25			