

## PRAYERS NEEDED

Bethel Adamov  
June Slavoff  
Chris Popovich  
Olimpia Maftan  
Spasenija Spasenovski  
Biljana Spasenovski  
Anne Bowden  
Carol Egnatuk  
Zachary & Gabriel Beronja  
Peggy Hanchar  
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



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

11 Michael & Sarah Halstead  
15 Joe & Nicki Britten  
24 Chris & Olga Popovich  
24 Chris & Linda Nicastro  
27 Grant & Angela Boyer  
28 Chris & Lisa Repair

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Chris Nicastro  
1 Daniel Nicastro  
2 Zahar Rush  
4 Stephanie Gusching  
4 Dimitriy Smith  
7 Melanie Schall  
10 Mike Yosifovski  
10 Leonora Keathley  
12 Nicki Britten  
12 Ella Halstead  
13 Stephanie Hanchar  
14 Bellamy Miller  
15 Jennifer Hanchar  
15 Luke Boyer  
18 Ihor Balaban  
19 Nancy Dimitri  
19 Luke Britten  
20 Mat. Marie Bacik  
20 Kellan Nicolich  
21 Natalia Rush  
21 Michael Olarean  
22 Timothy Oliphant  
28 Christopher Nicastro  
31 Johnny Wiesner

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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!

## *July 2022 Parish Newsletter*



Since you are an imitator of the Merciful One and have received from Him the grace of healing, O Passion-bearer and Martyr of Christ God; by your prayers, heal our spiritual ailments, always driving away the temptations of the Enemy from those who cry unceasingly: "Save us, O Lord."

--Kontakion, Tone 5

*The Eternal Lamp is graciously being offered throughout the month of July by  
Anastasia, in loving memory of  
Bernie, Betty & Richard Byrd, Maria McGhan  
& Nikan*



*God's blessings and many thanks is expressed to Fr. Lawrence & Alexander Bacik,  
for sponsoring the July newsletter edition,  
in honor of Matushka Marie Bacik's Birthday on 20 July 2022!*

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

As the war rages on, please increase your prayers for those suffering in Ukraine and those individuals who have perished as a result of this terrible invasion since its start on 24 February 2022.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Brand New Appliance:** Both members of St. Elias and the Sisterhood would like to express their gratitude to the Ilich family for donating their memorial fund towards the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator in loving memory of +Ljubica "Violet" (Nicolich) Ilich and +John Michael Ilich.

**Stuff-A-Bus Campaign:** School supplies are currently being collected now through 14 August to help provide assistance for local children in need! What's needed? Backpacks, pencils, colored pencils, pencil boxes, sharpeners, erasers, crayons, washable markers, safety scissors, glue sticks, white school glue, hand sanitizer, notebook paper, pocket folders, three-ring binders, and rulers. Your generosity will particularly help Battle Creek's lower-income children succeed by providing much needed educational supplies! Collection bins are located in the church hall.

**Sisterhood:** Following summer recess, the St. Mary's Sisterhood will resume their monthly meetings beginning in September.

**OCW Retreat:** The Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan (OCW) will meet for their annual retreat on Saturday, 23 July from 8:45am - 3:00pm at Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction. There are two topics being discussed, "How to Practice Grace in an Uncertain and Divisive World" and "Spiritual Mothers of the Faith" with Fr. Paul Patitsas and Mother Gabriella, presenters. Pre-registration required by 16 July by addressing correspondence to Loretta Gates, 37 Scottsdale Dr., Troy, MI 48084 Cost: \$25 check payable to Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan.

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** We're currently working on the list for next year. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact Helen Repair at 269.275.5575. Due to several members who are no longer able to host, participants will have 3 scheduled host duties during the course of the year. The responsibility of the host is to bake prosphora ("offering" in Greek) for the Divine Liturgy and to offer refreshments following Sunday's services. There's currently a need, however, for additional individuals to make prosphora. A future date and time will be set for a prosphora baking class!

**Prosphora Bakers:** An abundance of thanks is expressed to Zivka Nanos and Olga Popovich for faithfully baking prosphora for divine services.

**Social Media:** Special thank you to Matt Starkweather and Maryellen Jackson for keeping our social media outlet up to date and sharing creative pictures and videos of services.

<i>July 2022 Parish Calendar</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><u>Spiritual Food for Thought:</u>                      "When reading the Holy Scriptures, he who is humble and engaged in spiritual work will apply everything to himself and not to someone else."                      -St Mark the Ascetic, Philokalia, Vol. 1 p.110</p>					1	2  <b>Great Vespers</b> 6PM
3 Tone 2  <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: Marija Balaban	4  <b>Independence Day</b>	5	6	7	8	9  <b>Great Vespers</b> 6PM
10 Tone 3  <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: Milica Nicolich	11	12	13	14	15  <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM;  <b>St. Volodymyr</b>	16  Fr. Lawrence out of town
17 Tone 4  <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: Helen Repair	18	19	20	21	22	23  Fr. Lawrence out of town
24 Tone 5  <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: Michael Ilich	25	26	27	28	29	30  <b>Great Vespers</b> 6PM
31 Tone 6  <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: Charissa Oliphant	1. August	<b>Sacred Scripture:</b>		<p>"Do to others as you would have them do to you."                      -Luke 6:31</p>	<p>"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."                      -Ephesians 4:32</p>	