

PRAYERS NEEDED

Bethel Adamov
 June Slavoff
 Chris Popovich
 Olimpia Maftean
 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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Milica Nicolich
 1 Alexis Miller
 2 Seth Repair
 2 Randy Dowling
 2 Tina Mallo
 3 George Vrantsidis
 3 Alex Nicolich
 5 Lisa Repair
 8 Rudy Yost
 8 Ernest Gagye
 9 Zachary & Tyler Beronja
 15 Nancy Vrantsidis
 16 Tammy Yosifovski
 16 Didier Gerges
 17 Michael Busch
 18 Jim Fisher
 19 Alexander Hanchar
 20 Marie Gagye
 21 Jean Hanchar
 22 Tasha Federinko
 24 Stephen Oliphant
 24 Chris Sias
 26 Amanda Beronja
 27 Kaden Nicolich
 28 Robert Hanchar
 28 Anthony Bell

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Fr. Roman & Mat. Rose Marie Star
 9 Tom & Charissa Oliphant
 18 Nikola & Vera Krstev
 23 Matt & Jamie Starkweather

The Eternal Lamp is being offered throughout the month of September by James & Sandra Fisher, in loving memory of +Mary, +John, +Helen, +Michael & +Marie



God's blessings and many thanks is expressed to Chris & Natalia Rush for sponsoring the September newsletter, in loving memory of +Maria Monko, +Tatiana Hil, +Rosemarie Haines, +Leonid Monko, +Richard Rush & +Platon Hil

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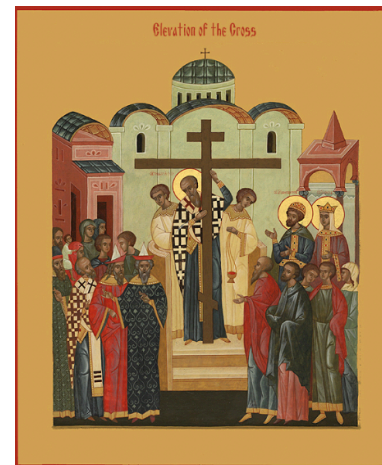
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Welcome Visitors!

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!

September 2022 Parish Newsletter



Great Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

"O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation."

--Troparion to the Holy Cross, Tone I

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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

RAISING THE ROOF: St. Elias Eastern Orthodox Church is proceeding with the replacement of its current and worn roof by its parishioners' unanimous decision during a special meeting held on 21 August 2022. Cornerstone Roofing & Siding of Ceresco, MI will complete this project in the immediate future for a cost of \$37,845. Everyone's support with this major undertaking is greatly appreciated.

Special Ministry: Many thanks is expressed to everyone who helped support the "Stuff-A-Bus-Campaign" this summer! We were able to collect an abundance of new school supplies for local children in need. May God bless all of you a hundredfold!

Feeding the Poor: We will need volunteers to help prepare breakfast for people in need in downtown Battle Creek on Saturday, 10 September at St. Thomas Church (16 E. Van Buren St.) from 7am - 10:30am. Supplies are not needed, everything will be made available for the meal's preparation, serving and clean-up. Alex Bacik, Coordinator.

Coins For Winter Coats: During the months of September and October, we'll be collecting spare change to help purchase warm weather gear for those in need in Battle Creek. This special drive is being coordinated by Charitable Union, a small non-profit organization serving Battle Creek since 1887.

In Gratitude: Many thanks to Matt & Jamie Starkweather for coordinating a picnic held on 28 August at Willard Beach along with securing a pavilion for everyone's comfort! What an ideal area on scenic Lake Goguac! Delicious food was bountiful and an enjoyable time was had by all! Many thanks for everyone's support and participation with this parish event!

In Gratitude: Many thanks to Cathy Ilich for donating a beautiful floral arrangement adorning the Holy Cross in loving memory of her parents, +Mito & +Luba Ilich and brother +John Ilich. This donation is in conjunction with the great feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross celebrated on 14/27 September.

Prospora Bakers: An abundance of thanks is expressed to both Zivka Nanos and Olga Popovich for faithfully baking prospora for divine services.

Healing Ministries: The 29th Annual Retreat for Orthodox Women in the Healing Ministries (OWHM) will be held 30 September through 1 October at Holy Dormition Monastery (Rives Junction). This year's theme, "How to Pray" will be presented by Archpriest Paul Jannakos. Registration: owhm.org or call 517.414.3829.

Cookbooks: The St. Mary's Sisterhood is selling cookbooks! The cookbooks have traditional family and contemporary recipes. Consider picking up a copy or two of this keepsake to share with friends and family! Donations appreciated.



<i>September 2022 Parish Calendar</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Spiritual Food for Thought: <i>Only in the God-man and through the God-man can each human individual become truly human, completely human. Only with the God-man and his Church, and through his Church "with all the Saints," is it possible to achieve "complete personhood, as measured by the stature and fullness of Christ" (Eph. 3:18,4: 11-16).</i> Venerable Justin (Popovic) of Chelije in Serbia <i>Orthodox Faith and Life in Christ p.99</i>				1 Ecclesiastical New Year	2	3 Great Vespers 6PM
4 Tone 3 Divine Liturgy 10AM Prospora/donuts: Suzanne Gusching	5 Labor Day	6	7 Great Vespers 4PM	8 Divine Liturgy 10AM; Birth of Theotokos	9	10 Feeding the Poor at Breakfast; St. Thomas Church (Downtown) 7AM; Great Vespers 6PM
11 Tone 4 Divine Liturgy 10AM Prospora/donuts: Helen Repair	12	13 Great Vespers 4PM	14 Divine Liturgy 10AM; Elevation Holy Cross Strict Fast	15 Sisterhood Meeting at Church Hall at 1PM; Bring a Lunch!	16	17 Fr. Lawrence out of town
18 Tone 5 Divine Liturgy 10AM Prospora/donuts: Jamie Starkweather	19	20	21	22	23	24 Great Vespers 6PM
25 Tone 6 Divine Liturgy 10AM Prospora/donuts: Julia Spriggs	26	27	28	29	30	<i>"Trust in the Lord with all your heart"</i> <i>-Proverbs 3:5</i>