

## 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



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Gary Busch  
1 Nada Yosifovski  
1 Christopher Rush  
3 Jason Yosifovski  
4 Elijha Kent  
4 Cathy Wiesner  
5 Kayden Kent  
6 Stephanie Rambow  
7 Vesna Radonjic  
7 Jessica Kent-Clark  
9 Fr. Lawrence Bacik  
9 Steve Welk  
11 Velika Pazik  
13 Anna Gagye  
16 Olimpia Maftean  
16 Rozanne Nickolaou  
18 Sophie Tilley  
18 Carl & Paul Ilich  
19 David Federinko  
25 Masha Smith  
25 Joan Welk  
27 Marija Balaban  
28 Jacob Finkbeiner  
31 Sarah Halstead

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Ken & Helen Repair  
3 Pando & Tammy Yosifovski

*The Eternal Lamp is being offered throughout  
the month of October by  
Fr. Lawrence & Mat. Marie Bacik,  
in loving memory of  
+John & +Alice Bacik; +John Bacik III;  
+Mark Sancenito; +Nicholas & +Helen Veliky;  
+George & +Marie Conway;  
+Andrew Wooten and +Brian Wooten.*



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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!

## *October 2022 Parish Newsletter*



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### **The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary**

On this day we, the Orthodox people, joyously keep festival, illumined by your coming, O Mother of God; and, beholding your most pure image, we cry out with compunction: "Cover us with your Protecting Veil and deliver us from all evil, entreating your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls."

--"Pokrov" Troparion, Tone 4

*God's blessings and many thanks is expressed to Mat. Marie & Alexander Bacik for sponsoring the October newsletter, in honor of Fr. Lawrence Bacik on the occasion of his 60th Birthday on 9 October! God grant him many years!*

**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**

**RAISING THE ROOF:** Cornerstone Roofing & Siding of Ceresco, MI replaced St. Elias' worn and deteriorated roof during the week of 12 - 16 September. The completed project totaled \$40,957. Please be certain to take a close peek at the fine details of workmanship and overall quality of the parish's new roof. Everyone's prayers and financial support with this major undertaking is greatly appreciated!

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


**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.

**Sisterhood Corner:** With regards to the parish's customary coffee hour on Sundays, St. Mary's Sisterhood is humbly suggesting a donation of \$1 for coffee and \$1 for a donut, change effective on 6 November '22. Note: If you're scheduled to host coffee hour, you can decide on what particular treat(s) you would like to offer.

**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, "Scripture is our life: thoughts on the Orthodox interpretation of Scripture," will be presented by Fr. Silviu Bunta, Associate Professor of Early Judaism & Old Testament at University of Dayton. Registration: owhm.org or call 517-414-3829.

**Feeding the Poor:** Many thanks to Fr. James Anthony, pastor and Dn. Michael Cook of St. John Chrysostom Church in Grand Rapids along with 13 of their parishioners and a dedicated core from St. Elias: Fr. Lawrence & Alex Bacik (coordinator), Abbey Fuller, MaryEllen Jackson, Zach Stanton and Matt Starkweather. The able group prepared a complete breakfast, feeding 100 individuals in need in downtown Battle Creek at St. Thomas Church on Saturday, 10 September. Afterward, Matt Starkweather hosted an informal get together at the Kellogg House Park (1 Monroe St.) for all of the volunteers from our "sister" parish in GR!

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'" -Matthew 25:40

October 2022 Parish Calendar						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spiritual Food for Thought:</u> A deep feeling of spiritual poverty, a lamentation at the existence of evil, a thirst after salvation, are to be found in every straightforward and humble soul.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt My Life in Christ p.508</p>						<p>1. <b>Protection Theotokos; Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM</p>
<p>2 Tone 7 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: MaryEllen Jackson</p>	3	4	5	6	7	<p>8  Fr. Lawrence out of town</p>
<p>9 Tone 8 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: Stephanie Rambow</p>	10	11	12	13	14	<p>15  <b>Great Vespers</b> 6PM</p>
<p>16 Tone 1 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: Natalia Rush</p>	17	18	19	<p>20  Sisterhood Meeting at Church Hall at 1PM; Bring a Lunch!</p>	21	<p>22 <b>St. Demetrius "Soul" Memorial Saturday; Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM</p>
<p>23 Tone 2 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: Carol Stein</p>	24	25	26	27	28	<p>29  <b>Great Vespers</b> 6PM</p>
<p>30 Tone 3 <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10AM  Prosphora/donuts: Chantal Gerges</p>	31	<p><b>Coins For Winter Coats:</b> 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Note: Daylight Savings Time End on Sunday, 6 Nov.</i></p>				