

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
Carleigh Byrd
Child of God Alexander Micevski
Child of God Gabriella
Child of God Sebastian

Sacred Scripture Quote:
"Be still and know that I am
God." --Psalm 46:10

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

24 Chris & Olga Popovich



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Nicholas Bell
3 Iryna Kapitsyna
6 Nicholas Rambow
6 Anastasia Finkbeiner
8 John Yosifovski
8 Adrian Pietrariu
8 Mary Welk
9 Biljana Spasenovski
10 Biljana Popovich
13 Liz Nickolaou
13 Nina Rush
15 Candice Hanchar
15 Oksana Balaban
22 Natalie Smith
25 Leni Nicolich
26 Tracy Zoley
27 Elias Gerges
29 Larry Weitting

*The Eternal Lamp is being offered throughout the
month of April by
Thomas & Charissa Oliphant
in loving memory of their parents +Nicholas & +Mary
Libertin, +Paul & +Dorothy Oliphant,
and brother Dr. +Nick Libertin.*



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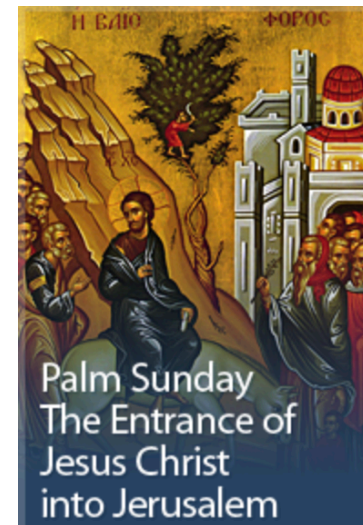
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Welcome Visitors!

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

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Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem: Palm Sunday

"Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!"

--Matthew 21:9

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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

Important: Throughout the season of Great Lent, Confessions will be heard privately before Divine Liturgy, following Vespers and also by appointment. Please be certain, however, to prepare for the Sacraments of Holy Confession & Holy Communion prior to Holy Pascha on 16 April.

Annual Spring Cleaning: Please help clean the church and parish hall following the 10am Divine Liturgy on St. Lazarus Saturday, 8 April. Everyone's welcome to bring a Lenten snack to share and please feel free to bring personal cleaning supplies.

Parish Membership Meeting: Mark your calendars for the 7th of May! All dues paying parishioners in "good standing" are encouraged to attend St. Elias' Semi-Annual Parish Membership Meeting following services on Sunday, 7 May 2023.

Flowers: The parish is currently collecting donations towards purchasing beautiful flowers for the latter part of Holy Week and Great & Holy Pascha, please help!

Special Intention for Health: An abundance of gratitude is expressed to Zivka Nanos, Suzanne Gusching, Alexandra Bell and their respective families for generously donating 3 large ornate Paschal candles for liturgical worship! Many thanks to Zivka for also baking the traditional Artos bread for Pascha!

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

Spiritual Food for Thought:
 "Consider prayer to be the first and foremost duty in your life."
 -St. Theophan the Recluse

SISTERHOOD CORNER

Fundraising Breakfast: St. Mary's Sisterhood will prepare a delicious breakfast immediately following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, 30 April to help benefit the parish roof fund; please support this event.

Bread List: On a weekly basis, parishioners are assigned to prepare prospora for Sunday's Divine Liturgy along with hosting coffee hour. If you would like to be added to the "Bread" list or be taken off this list, please inform either Helen Repair or Fr. Lawrence of your intentions. Prospora baking directions are also available for your convenience, see Fr. Lawrence.

Attention All Children: An Easter egg hunt follow divine services on Pascha; be sure to join us for this fun activity! We'll also need a dozen dyed red eggs from parish families to be distributed by Fr. Lawrence on Pascha, and please also bring sweets for coffee hour.

Next Sisterhood Meeting: Thursday, 20 April at 1PM, at D'nicio's Restaurant, 1275 E. Columbia Ave. Battle Creek.

<i>April 2023 Parish Calendar</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Loving Reminder: Prepare for the Sacraments of Holy Confession & Holy Communion prior to Holy Pascha on 16 April!						1 Great Vespers 6PM
2 Tone 8 Divine Liturgy 10AM Prospora/donuts: Olga Popovich	3	4	5 Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts , 6PM (Lenten potluck supper to follow)	6 Great Compline , 6PM	7 Annunciation Great Vespers/ Divine Liturgy , 10AM;	8 Divine Liturgy St. Lazarus Saturday , 10AM Spring Cleaning Vespers to follow
9 Tone 1 PALM SUNDAY Divine Liturgy 10AM Prospora/donuts: Peggy Hanchar	10	11	12 Healing Service , 6PM	13 Great Vespers/ Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great , 10AM Matins , 6PM (12 Passion Gospels)	14 Great Vespers (Burial Service; "Plashchanitsa"/ Shroud), 6PM	15 Holy Saturday Great Vespers/ Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great , 12 Noon. Nocturn (Midnight Office) 11:25PM
Holy Week						
16 Tone 2 HOLY PASCHA Divine Liturgy 10AM (Blessing of Paschal Foods) Prospora/donuts: Zivka Nanos	17	18	19	20 Sisterhood Meeting 1PM @ D'nicio's Restaurant	21	22 Fr. Lawrence out of town
26 Tone 3 Divine Liturgy 10AM Prospora/donuts: Suzanne Gusching	24	25	26	27	28	29 Great Vespers 6PM
30 Tone 4 Divine Liturgy 10AM SISTERHOOD BREAKFAST Prospora/donuts: Liz Nickolaou;	<p><i>Paschal greetings from Father Lawrence & Matushka Marie:</i></p> <p><i>Wishing everyone a most joyous and radiant Holy Pascha!</i></p> <p><i>Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!</i></p>					