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Note on the weather: The church building is expensive to heat, and difficult to impossible to cool and ventilate. Please be attentive of both the temperature and air-quality forecasts before deciding whether to attend Liturgy.

After Liturgy Today: Baptism of Josephine Mary Alt (Daughter of Alex and Marie)

Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 7): Through your Cross You destroyed death, You opened Paradise to the thief, and turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of the Fathers: O Christ our God, you are above all glory, for you have established our Holy Fathers as radiant stars on earth, and through them you have guided us all to the true faith. Most Merciful One, glory to You!

Troparion of St. George: O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor, a doctor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

Kontakion: O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

Prokimenon: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Stichon: Give to the Lord. You sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

Apostolic Reading: Ti 3:8-15

Gospel: Mt 5:14-19

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Nick Lagendfield, Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Edin Najera, Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Ken Schmitt (brother-in-law of

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Brian Harden), Geri Spankowski and Kathy Tomaz. For those who have died: Joseph Jules Zerey (retired patriarchal vicar of Jerusalem). For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Monday: *Prophet Elias*
Sunday *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Troparion of St. Elias

O Glorious Elias, angelic in body, pillar of prophets, second herald of Christ, by sending grace upon Eliseus from high, dispels, cleanses lepers and overflows with healing for those who honor him.

Coming Up

August 1 st	Start of the Theotokos Fast	August 15 th	Dormition of the Mother of God
August 6 th	Transfiguration of Our Lord		

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$11.00; donations=\$1150.00; ordinary collections=\$506.00. Thanks for your generosity!

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Authority of the Council - Authority of the Church

The authority of the Councils is based also on their ecclesiological grounding. A council is not an independent, autonomous body, additional, coming from outside, acting unilaterally. It is not the product of accidental circumstances in history and imposed afterwards. It is closely, or rather organically, related with the very essence of the Church. This body of Christ is a living organism, destined to grow, to face difficulties during this process, to be implanted in other regions of the world needing inculturation and a certain adaptation.

Such embodiment and multifaceted ministry creates problems, tensions, even divisions and in spite of the good will of the local bishop and pastors, the convocation of as a major assembly is considered as a natural instrument, salutary and indispensable.

The official voice of the catholicity and the koinonia of all the other sister churches, in harmony and guided by the Spirit, would only provide the new assessments, possible remedies and solutions. The functioning of such a council was such that the opinions and requests at issue found ex-

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pression from the very womb of the Church. Once the decision was made, the people had a part in receiving it and publishing it (Acts 15:22) as is seen in the first assembly of Jerusalem.

Metropolitan Emilianos

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