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+ Protinica Ana Stepanov passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2026 on Vidovdan in Medina, Ohio. She was born on September 22, 1942, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to a prominent Serbian family as the only child of Miodrag and Branka Radosavljevic. Ana married her college sweetheart, Stevan Stepanov, who was ordained a deacon in March of that same year. They immigrated to the United States in June of 1971, settling in Cleveland, Ohio. In February of 1973, Stevan was ordained a Serbian Orthodox priest in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

The couple faithfully served the community of St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church for forty-one years. St. Elijah was not only their **first** and **only** parish—it was their beloved family. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 55 years, Fr. Stevan Stepanov, February 24, 2018. Ana is survived by her daughter Ivana (Tony) Taylor, her son Marko (Inna) Stepanov, and her cherished grandsons: Alexander, Dimitri, Roman, and Stevan. Viewing is today from 1pm-4pm at the Tatalovich Funeral Home. Pomen will be held at 3:30 pm Family and friends will gather Monday, July 6, 2026, at 10am for her funeral service. Interment will be at our St. Elijah Serbian Church Cemetery *The family strongly suggests that all or any contributions may be made to St. Elijah Church memo "Chapel Bells Fund" in her name.*

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+++++ Save the date: **St. Elijah Summer Day Camp** will take place **August: 12th, 13th and 14th** . Mark your calendars and stay tuned for a registration link in your email arriving soon! +++++

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our parish organizations—the **Circle of Serbian Sisters (KSS)**, **St. Elijah Choir**, **Mothers’ Club**, **Men’s Club**, and **St. Elijah Fellowship**—need your energy, talents, and ideas. The Church is strongest when every generation takes an active role in serving Christ and supporting our parish family.

“Let each of you use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” (1 Peter 4:10)

I warmly invite our younger parishioners and families to become involved. Together, let us build a strong and vibrant future for our Church and pass on our faith to the next generation.

Fr. George



“Вера без слободе
може постојати,
док слобода без вере
не може
опстати.”
ИРИНЕЈ
Епископ вашингтонско-њујоршки
и источноамерички

HAPPY 4th OF JULY



CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE



“Faith without freedom
can exist, but
freedom without faith
cannot
endure.”
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Bishop of Washington-New York
and Eastern America