



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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*His Grace Alexander, Bishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA*  
*Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector*  
*Protodeacon Joel M. Chupp, Attached*

**Sunday, February 5, 2017**

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

*{BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION}*

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE – Tone 8**

**Afterfeast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple. Martyr Agatha of Sicily**

**Saturday, February 4**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, February 5**

**9:45 am Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas**

**10:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush**

**EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-14**

***2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Lenten Sunday***

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON - Tone 1 – St. Meletius of Antioch**

**Saturday, February 11**

**5:00 pm – Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, February 12**

**9:45 am – Hours – Reader Aaron Gray**

**10:00 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader – Reader Aaron Gray**

**EPISTLE: 1Cor. 6:12-20 GOSPEL: Luke 15:11-32**

**We WELCOME ALL** visitors to the Divine Liturgy. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving the blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and join us for Coffee Hour.

**REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

**Anthony Freude**, son of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna Freude  
**Egor Cravcenco**, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

**REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

**Mickey Stokich**

**Leonora Evancho**

**Bessie Alexandrovich**

**Larissa Freude**

**Anastasia Haymon**

**Joseph Boyle**, (Kathy Grays' brother)

**Joseph Boyle** (Kathy Gray's father)

**Phyllis George** (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)

**Connie Pysell**

**Lisa Nastoff**

**Mary Drakage** (sister-in-law of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna)

**Matushka Laryssa Huntyan** (St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights, Ohio)

**Reader Bill Paluch** - Cleveland Clinic

**Elaine Pedder**

**PROSPHORA OFFERING** – Michele Lambo

**COFFEE HOUR** – Bilas Family in honor of Subdeacon Terence Bilas' birthday

**OUR STEWARDSHIP: January 29, 2017**

**Sunday Offering:**

**\$ 828.50**

**Candles:**

**13.00**

**Insurance Reimbursement**

**162.00**

**Candle Desk Donation:**

**50.00**

**TOTAL**

**\$1,053.50**

**PARKING LOT DONATIONS**

**To Date: \$16,424.20**

**CHURCH PAINTING PROJECT**

**To Date: \$3,600.00**

**PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING – Wednesday,**  
**February 15 @ 7 pm**

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Our Church School classes are held on Sunday mornings in the Church Hall following the Holy Communion of the Divine Liturgy.

**Q&A** – Questions and Answers for adults follow the Divine Liturgy in Church.



## 2017 Stewardship

**“The rich man is not one who has much, but one who *gives much*, for what he gives away *remains his forever.*” –St. John Chrysostom**

In filling out your **2017 Membership/Pledge Card**, please consider that your gift is a spiritual exercise. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Prayerfully consider how God has blessed you. In true stewardship, we are giving back to God with joy in thanksgiving for what He has done for us. Stewardship cheerfully offers back to God a portion of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

As of the printing of this Weekly Bulletin 18 Membership/Pledge Cards have been returned – representing 25 members.

## SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Our Greater Akron Community will gather together on Sunday evening, **March 5, 2017, at 5:00 pm, for Vespers of the Sunday of Orthodoxy at Presentation of Our Lord Orthodox Church, 3365 Ridgewood Road, Fairlawn Ohio.** Our speaker is **Father Silviu Bunta**, a professor of Old Testament Studies at the University of Dayton and a Priest of our Diocese. He earned his PhD at Marquette University under the mentorship of our Bishop Alexander. The St. Tikhon Seminary Mission Choir will be singing the Vespers under the direction of Fr. Mikel Hill, also a priest of our Diocese

### SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Program Booklet

***Sponsored by:***

**The Orthodox Clergy Association; Christian Orthodox Council of Akron and the Orthodox Christian Women. Please make your donations in support of the Sunday of Orthodoxy to Michele Lambo:**

**Benefactors: \$50 Supporter: \$25 Patrons: \$10 Sponsors: \$5**

## **THIS WEEKS' FEAST DAYS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **FAST FREE WEEK**

**Monday, February 6 - Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple**

**St. Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna - *No Fast***

2 Peter 1:20-2:9    Mark 13:9-13

**Tuesday, February 7 - Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple**

**St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lamosacus on the Hellespont - *No Fast***

2 Peter 2:9-22    Mark 13:14-23

**Wednesday., February 8 - Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple -**

**Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates ("The General") *No Fast***

2 Peter 3:1-18    Mark 13:24-31

**Thursday, February 9 - Leavetaking of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple**

**Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch Syria - *No Fast***

1 John 1:8-2:6 and Hebrews 7:7-17    Mark 13:31-14:2 and Luke 2:22-40

**Friday, February 10 – Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly and Martyrs Porphyrius, Baptus and three women martrys - *No Fast***

1 John 2:7-17    Mark 14:3-9

**Saturday, February 11 – Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste - *No Fast***

2 Timothy 3:1-9    Luke 20:46-21:4

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### **THE PRESENTATION AND MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

So even though the arms of Simeon seemed to be presenting the Son, the words of Simeon testified that it was he who was being presented by the Son. Therefore, there can be no question for us about what happened; what was said puts an end to questioning: ***“Now, therefore, you dismiss Your servant in peace.”*** Whoever is dismissed in peace to go to God is presented to God as an offering. And to make it known by Whom he was being presented, he said: ***“For my eyes have seen your compassion.”*** Now, if goodness had not been at work in him, why would he have been giving thanks? He was quite properly giving thanks because he had been found worthy to receive into his arms the One whom angels and prophets had eagerly longed to see: ***For my eyes have seen Your compassion....***

There was no possibility of our Lord becoming lost; those who were lost had been found by Him! So the servant who had been very careful not to become lost, was presented by the Son, Who could not be lost. It is clear Simeon carried compassion in the baby he carried. He invisibly received peace from the Child he visibly held in his arms. That Child was glorious when a feeble little man carried Him, and the one who carried Him became exalted by Him.

***St. Ephrem the Syrian***

## **BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION**

On Saturday, **February 18, 2017, at 11:30 am**, the Baptism-Chrismation will be celebrated for **John David Bohush V**, the son of John and Anastasia Bohush, brother of Natalia, grandson of Matushka Joanne and the late Father John Bohush, and the grandson of Subdeacon Terrence and Veronica Bilas. The Godparents are Andrew Bohush and Kimberly Metz.

The Bohush family invites us to join them for lunch after the Service. Please RSVP to Anastasia by February 15<sup>th</sup> – 607-821-9225 (call or text).

## **UNIVERSAL PANAKHIDA**

On **Saturday evening, February 18**, we will celebrate the Vespers of Meatfare Sunday, followed by a Universal Panakhida for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. Father Don has the list of names from prior services. However, if you have names to add or if you have never given the names of your deceased loved ones, please give them to Father Don before the Saturday evening Panakhida so that they can be prayed for during the Memorial Service..

## **AMAZON SMILE –**

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**Step 2: Search and select “St. Prophet Elia Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church” as your preferred charity.** There are several St. Elia churches listed. We are the only one in Akron. Amazon will donate a percentage (.5%) of your purchases to St. Elia whenever you complete a transaction. **It adds up!**

## **ANNUAL COCA CABARET DINNER DANCE**

**Benefitting the Seminarian Scholarship Fund**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**St. Thomas Eastern Orthodox Church,**

**555 South Cleveland Massillon Road, Akron, Ohio**

**5 pm Cocktails 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Dancing**

**Tickets: Adults \$20, Students \$10,**

**children 5 and under free**

**Contact Michele Lambo for TICKETS**

# Prepare for Pascha by Praying the Psalms!

## **The Goal**

To draw nearer to Christ and one another during this Lenten Fast by praying the Psalms together as a community, as we journey together toward holy Pascha.

## **How It Works**

The Orthodox Church has divided the book of Psalms into 20 sections. In our St. Elia prayer group, we will all be praying a new section each day throughout the 40 days of the fast, beginning on March 3, so that we all will pray through the entire book of Psalms *twice* during the course of the fast.

## **Added Bonus**

As we all join together in prayer, we can use this opportunity to pray for one another, for our parish, and for any special intentions that any of us may have. If you have an e-mail address, we will be able to share prayer requests with one another via e-mail. (However, if you don't, we can still use good old-fashioned word of mouth!)

## **What You Need**

Nothing more than a Bible and a little bit of time to set aside each day.

## **How Do I Join?**

Any time before the beginning of the fast, write your name on the sign-up sheet at church or go to [www.saintelia.com/sign-up-for-the-lenten-prayer-group](http://www.saintelia.com/sign-up-for-the-lenten-prayer-group) on the web and fill in the online form. On the Sunday before Great Lent begins, printouts will be available at church and an e-mail will be sent out with a schedule of which Psalms to pray each day, and the names of everyone else who is participating in the prayer group, so that we can remember one another in our daily prayers.

## **Spread the Word!**

This does not need to be limited only to members of St. Elia. Pass along this information to friends and relatives elsewhere and have them get in touch to join.

**One Last Thing** May God bless us as we pray the Psalms together, and may He draw us nearer to Himself and to one another during this Lent. Have a blessed 40 days!