

WEEKLY BULLETIN

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Protodeacon Joel M. Chupp, Attached

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

THE APOSTLES FAST - JUNE 12-28

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

Sunday, June 25

- 9:15 am Hours – Sandy Graham
- 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham

EPISTLE: Romans 5:1-10 GOSPEL: Matthew.6:22-33

Holyday - THE HOLY GLORIOUS AND ALL-PRAISED APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL

Wednesday, June 28 – 6:00 pm

Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 3 Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Saturday, July 1 – 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 2

- 9:15 am - Hours – Sue Ellen Turscak
- 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader – Sue Ellen Turscak

EPISTLE: Romans 6:18-23 GOSPEL: Mathew 8:5-13

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 Gray's 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 Hnntyan (St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights OH)
Reader Bill Paluch
Elaine Pedder
Claudia Sulin 1342 Shannon Ave. Barberton, OH 44203
Sandra Dodovich – (mother of Tony Dodovich)
Angelo Lambo – Copley Health Center
Gary Turner (father of Joseph Turner)



- **COFFEE HOUR** – Sugden Family
- **PROSPHORA** – Veronica Bilas

OUR STEWARDSHIP: June 11, 2017

Sunday Offering: \$613.50
Candles: 24.00
Candle Desk Donation: 10.00
Computer Equipment: 193.00
TOTAL: \$840.50



PARKING LOT DONATIONS

To Date: \$16,964.20

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

To Date: \$680.90

SAINT ELIA BOOK STUDY

You're invited: New book discussion on "The Mountain of Silence." The first gathering of our new St. Elia book discussion group **took place on Wednesday, June 21**, in the downstairs Parish Hall. Future gatherings will be announced and may also take place in coffee shops or participants' homes—stay tuned! **You're invited!** We will be discussing chapters 3 and 4 of "**The Mountain of Silence: A Search for Orthodox Spirituality**," by **Kyriacos C. Markides**, which can be purchased through Amazon and other booksellers. The book combines elements of memoir, travelogue, and history as the author journeys to the island of Cyprus and makes the acquaintance of a monk named Fr. Maximos. Traveling and talking with Fr. Maximos as he establishes churches, convents, and monasteries in this divided land, the author receives answers to questions on topics ranging from angels and demons to the role of icons in worship and the place of hell in Christian belief, and is awakened anew to the spirituality of the Orthodox Church.

Remember: If you start your purchase at www.smile.amazon.com and select "St. Prophet Elia Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church" as your preferred charity, Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase back to our Parish.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE – LORAIN, OHIO

The **54TH Annual Diocesan Conference of the Diocese of Toledo, Orthodox Church in America**, is hosted this year by **Saints Cyril and Methodius Church in Lorain, Ohio**. The Pontifical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Alexander and concelebrating Clergy begins **at 10:00 am Sunday morning, June 25th**.

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PLEASE WELCOME FR. BASIL STOYKA TO ST. ELIA

The Divine Liturgy is served today, Sunday, June 25th, by Father Basil Stoyka at St. Elia for the faithful of our Parish Family. Fr. Don will be serving at the Diocesan Conference in Lorain.

THIS WEEKS' FEAST DAYS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Monday, June 26 – St. David of Thessalonica - *Fast Day*

Epistle: Romans 9:18-33 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

Tuesday, June 27 – St. Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople - *Fast Day*

Epistle: Romans 10:11-11:2 Gospel: Matthew 11:16-20

Wednesday, June 28 – Translation of the Relics of Cyrus and John - *Fast Day*

Epistle: Romans 11:2-12 Gospel: Matthew 11:20-26

Thursday, June 29 – THE HOLY GLORIOUS AND ALL-PRAISED LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Friday, June 30 -Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, the son of Alphaeus, Jude the brother of James, Simon the Zealot, and Matthias - *Fast Day*

Epistle: Romans 11:25-36 Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 1 – Holy Wonderworking Unmercenaries, Cosmas and Damian

Epistle: Romans 6:11-17 Gospel: Matthew 8:14-23



BLESSING BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The BLESSING BAGS are assembled and now available for distribution. We ask each individual or family to take at least one of the bags to distribute, with one string attached: **You must learn the FIRST name of the person you give the bag to, so that you (and the Church) can pray for them by name.**

GRADUATE CONGRATULATIONS

Christopher Di Puccio graduated from Tallmadge High School on May 18, 2017. A graduation celebration will be held on **Sunday, July 23, 2017, 3:30 pm – 9:00 pm**, at the Lion's Hall (Lion's Park), 245 Northeast Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio.



Please RSVP Barb Di Puccio @ 330-633-5042

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

June 29

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times, their commemoration has been universally kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the Church. It is for the same reason they are called the “Leaders of the Apostles” in the Liturgy.

SAINT PETER whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be a disciple. **“Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mt. 4:19).** After Jesus’ Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness of Christ’s divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church. From Jerusalem, he went to preach the Gospel in Asia at Antioch (Gal. 2:11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome.

SAINT PAUL known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province Cilicia. As a youth he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated Rabbi, Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). At the time of Jesus’ ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving Baptism, Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the Gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings.



The Icon of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to present the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majestically as pillars of the Church and teachers of the Lord Jesus.

The Liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the “**rock of faith**” and Paul the “**pride of the universe.**” Together they are celebrated as “**luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun, pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ.**” (Matins Hymn)

THE VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEASTDAY OF THE HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 28 AT 6:00 PM

Tone 4 Troparion

O first-enthroned of the Apostles,
and teachers of the universe:
entreat the Master of all
to grant peace to the world,
and to our souls great mercy!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, June 4th, 2017 and continuing through Sunday, August 27th, 2017: Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 am.

