

The Voice

Parish Newsletter: October- November, 2018
Saint Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church

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A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America



**His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington,
Metropolitan of All America & Canada**

His Eminence, Archbishop Alexander, Diocese of Toledo

Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Rector

Reverend Protodeacon James M. Gresh, *Attached*

2018- Parish Council

President: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas

Vice President: Michele Lambo

Secretary: Kathy Gray

Treasurer: Anthony Dodovich

Communications Officer: Reader Joseph Turner

Members: Veronica Bilas, Ana Bohush, Mary Marcin,
Sarah Niglio Sue Ellen Turscak,

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

Assistant Directors: Anastasia Bohush, Florence Lambo,

Reader Michael Luc

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude

Staff: Reader Aaron Gray, Reader Joseph Turner

2018 SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA

President: Veronica Bilas, Vice President: Sandy Graham

Secretary: Sarah Niglio Treasurer: Mary Magensky

WORKERS - ST. ELIZABETH THE NEW MARTYR

Coordinators: Reader Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

HOURS & EPISTLE READERS: October-November 2018

Sunday, October 7

Hours: Bud Graham

Epistle: Bud Graham

Sunday, October 14

Hours: Florence Lambo

Epistle: Rebecca Di Puccio

Sunday, October 21

Hours: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Reader Michael Luc

Sunday, October 28

Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas

Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

Sunday, Dec. 2: Hours and Epistle: Reader Joseph Turner

Sunday, November 4

Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Sue Ellen Turscak

Sunday, November 11

Hours: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: Reader Aaron Gray

Sunday, November 18

Hours: Sandy Graham

Epistle: Sandy Graham

Sunday, November 25

Hours: Joshua Wherley

Epistle: Joshua Wherley

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING THE ARMED FORCES

Anthony Freude, son of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna Freude

Egor Cravenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravenco

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Mickey Stokich

Leonora Evancho

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

Mat. Laryssa Hnntyan (St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights)

Elaine Pedder

Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)

Angelo Lambo

Gary Turner (father of Joseph Turner)

Rose Chris

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

October - November

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 2

Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus

Saturday, October 6-

5:00 pm Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, October 7

9:45 am Hours – Bud Graham

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader – Bud Graham

EPISTLE: 2 Cor. 11:31=12:9 GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-16

**20th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 3 – Commemoration of
the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**

Saturday, October 13

5:00 pm - Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 14

9:45 am - Hours – Florence Lambo

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

Epistle Reader – Rebecca Di Puccio

EPISTLE: Galatians 1:11-19 GOSPEL: Luke 8:5-15

MEMORIAL SATURDAY – DEMETRIUS SATURDAY

Friday, October 19

6:00 pm Vespers and General Panakhida

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4 –

Venerable Hilarion the Great

Saturday, October 20

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 21

9:45 am - Hours – Reader Michael Luc

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

Epistle Reader – Reader Michael Luc

EPISTLE: Galatians 2:16-20 GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

**22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 5 -
Martyrs Terence and Neonila**

Saturday, October 27 –

5:00 pm - Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 28

9:45 am - Hours – Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

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

Epistle Reader – Anastasia Bihush

EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18 GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 6

Venerable Joannicius the Great

Saturday, November 3

5:00 pm _Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, November 4

9:45 am – Hours – Sue Ellen Turscak

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

Epistle Reader – Sue Ellen Turscak

EPISTLE: Ephesians 2:4-10 GOSPEL: Luke 8:41-56

**SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE
OTHER BODILESS Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael,
Uriel, Sepaphiel, Jegudiel, and Barachiel**

Wednesay, November 7 - 6:00 pm Vespereal Divine Liturgy

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 7

Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent

Saturday, November 10 – NO VESPER SCHEDULED

Sunday, November 11

9:45 am - Hours – Reader Aaron Gray

10.00 am – Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader – Reader Aaron Gray

EPISTLE: Ephesians 2:14-22 GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

**Please welcome Father Basil Stoyka for the celebration of
the Divine Liturgy this morning. Father Don and Popadia
Donna will be in Huntsville, Alabama for the Baptism of
their grandchildren Eve Marie and Leo Steven.**

BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTMAS FAST
ADVENT – NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 24

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 8

Martyrs Platon and Romanus

Saturday, November 17

6:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 18

9:45am - Hours – Sandy Graham

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

Epistle Reader – Sandy Graham

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:1-6 GOSPEL: Luke 12:16-21

Lighting of the 1st Candle on the Advent Wreath

**ENTRY OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS
AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE**

Tuesday, November 20 - 6:00 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 1 –

Leavetaking of the Entry of the Theotoks into the Temple

Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome

Saturday, Nov. 24 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 25

9:45 am - Hours – Joshua Wherley

10.00 am – Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader – Joshua Wherley

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:9-19 GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

Lighting of the 2nd Candle on the Advent Wreath

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 16 @ 7 pm

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

November 18, following the Divine Liturgy.

AGENDA: election of the 2019 Parish Council

FEAST OF THE PATRONAGE OF THE THEOTOKOS



The Feast of the Patronage of Mary, the Mother of God, is celebrated on **October 1st**.

This Feast was placed on the Church calendar to commemorate the apparition of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the 10th century. The account of the apparition is found in the life of St. Andrew, the fool for Christ's sake. The Saracens were trying to take the city of Constantinople and had begun the decisive battle. The terror-stricken people had gathered in the various churches. The event took place at the Church of Balchernaie near Constantinople. During the Office of the Vigil, at about 4 o'clock in the morning, St. Andrew and his disciple, Epiphanius, saw a majestic woman supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Theologian, accompanied by several saints. On reaching the center of the Church, the Mother of God knelt down and remained long in prayer, her face bathed in tears.

When she prayed again before the Altar, she took the veil that covered her head, holding it above her head, extended it over all the people in the Church., Andrew and Epiphanius alone were able to see the appearance of the Mother of God, but all who were present felt the grace of her protection. The next day the city was freed from danger.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The OCW presents our “**Annual Welcome and Fellowship Tea**” on **Sunday, October 8th from 2-4 pm** at St. Thomas Church, Please join us on this afternoon to share our faith and enjoy friendships together with food and refreshment.

This year's program is featuring Dr. John Bober who will speak on “*My Trip to Mt. Athos.*”

**RSVP: Sandy Graham (330) 775-2963;
Nikki Bober (330) 409-3552**



**FALL FAMILY FUNFEST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
10AM DIVINE LITURGY**

LUNCHEON

**Sloppy Joe's, Munchies,
Please sign up and bring a side dish**

MOVIE (TBA)

**AND OUR ANNUAL
'TRUNK- A- TREAT' FOR ALL
AGES!**

**EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING
A TREAT TO SHARE
NON-SCAREY COSTUMES**

ARE WELCOME
FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
AND ALL THE HEAVENLY HOST

What is an angel? The word angel means a “messenger” of God. An angel of God is one of the spirits of heaven sent down by God to announce His will and to fulfill His orders. The Holy Scriptures give us many accounts of the deeds performed by the angels by the order of God, such as: the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah or guarding Paradise after the fall of Adam. The New Testament tells of angels who appeared to Zacharias, and the Virgin Mary. “An angel,” says St. John Damascene, “is an intelligent substance, always active, having free will and bodiless, serving God: a being that has received immortality as a gift of God. The Creator alone knows its essential nature.” *Concerning the Orthodox Faith*



According to Orthodox Scripture and Tradition there are nine ranks of bodiless powers or the Hosts: angels, archangels, principalities, powers, virtues, dominions, thrones, cherubim and seraphim (*cf. Col. 1:16*). The Cherubim and Seraphim are described as offering continual adoration before God with the incessant and ever-resounding cry: HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! (*Isaiah 6:3, Rev. 4:8*). We refer to this when we sing the Cherubic Hymn in the Divine Liturgy: Let us mystically represent the Cherubim and sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life –creating Trinity. Together with them we sing: Holy! Holy! Holy!

The Vesperal Divine Liturgy for this Feast will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, November 7, at 6:00 pm



THE ADVENT WREATH

On November 15th, forty days prior to the celebration of the Feast of our Lord's Nativity, the Holy Orthodox Church begins the Christmas Fast. This period of six weeks is often called *Advent*, which means *the Coming*, and refers to the Coming of the Lord and

Savior Jesus Christ in the Mystery of His Holy Nativity.

Christmas and Epiphany are Feasts of Light, celebrating the Coming and Manifestation of Christ, the Light of the world. Nature itself helps us to experience these Feasts of Light. With the coming of the winter the days get shorter and the nights longer, but once we reach Christmas Day itself the reverse begins to happen. Nature prepares for the Coming of Christ, the Light in the darkness – and so do we during the Holy Season of Advent.

To help in our preparation, we will have an Advent Wreath in Church. The Wreath made of evergreens will have six candles on it – on for each week in Advent. **Each Sunday, Beginning with November 18th**, along with special prayers, we will light a candle on the wreath – as we prepare ourselves to receive Christ the Light of the world into our hearts.

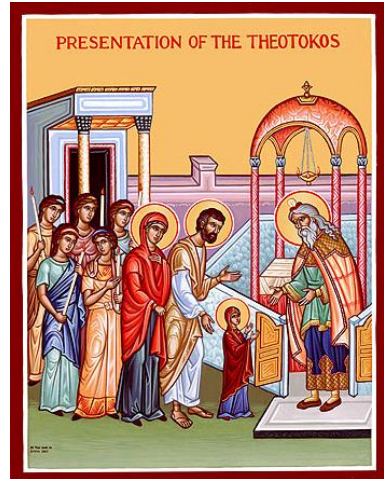
*The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light.
For those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
A light is risen.
For unto us a Child is born. :Unto us a Son is given.
And of His peace there shall be no end.*

Isaiah 9:2, 6

FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

Seven days within the Season of Advent – on **November 21st**, the feast of Mary's Entrance into the Temple as a child is celebrated. This feast is filled with important spiritual significance for the believer.

The texts of the services tell how Mary was brought by her parents as a small child to the temple in order to be raised there, consecrated to the service of the Lord, until the time of her betrothal in marriage.



According to Church tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place in order to prepare herself to become the “holy of holies” of God, the living sanctuary and temple of the Divine Child Who was to be born of her.

The main theme of Mary's entrance into the Temple is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the **LIVING TEMPLE OF GOD**, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament that **“THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD IS WITH MAN”** and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence.

The Vesperal Divine Liturgy for this Feast will be celebrated on Tuesday evening, November 20 at 6:00 pm



THANSGIVING

Richard A. Hennigar

My eyes stopped suddenly on a sentence I read the other day. “Those who can be thankful only for prosperity are forever threatened by adversity.” (Allen W. Clark)

To live in the spirit of Christ endows you and me with the capacity to live thankful lives despite our circumstances. How I wish more of us really understood this. The companionship of Christ – whether traveling along the bright hilltops of life or through dark valleys filled with failure, sorrow and challenge – under-grades our whole outlook and approach to life. God yearns for us to find our joy, our satisfaction, our needs fulfilled, not in material things and prosperity, but in HIM.

The loss of prosperity, and indeed the disappointing search for it, can ruin any deep sense of thanksgiving. “Those who can be thankful only for prosperity are forever threatened by adversity.”

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, take time to think about your reasons for being thankful. How deep are they? Perhaps you will want to take this season to accept more fully God’s companionship as your richest possession. Worship Him with a thankful heart.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Everyone who is baptized is called to be a steward of the Church and is called to be a steward of the faith in all of its aspects both material and spiritual. Simply put, we must be concerned with not the Church’s bank account only but with the spiritual growth of the Church and the spreading of the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. Doing this is both simple and difficult.

Church growth, as the New Testament and Church History reveals, does not come about as a result of any program, or campaign no matter how well marketed. It is a direct result of the spiritual growth of the members of the Church in question.

St. Seraphim of Sarov stated this truth very simply: *“Acquire the Spirit of Truth and a thousand of souls will be saved around you.”*

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CHURCH SCHOOL – 2018 - 2019

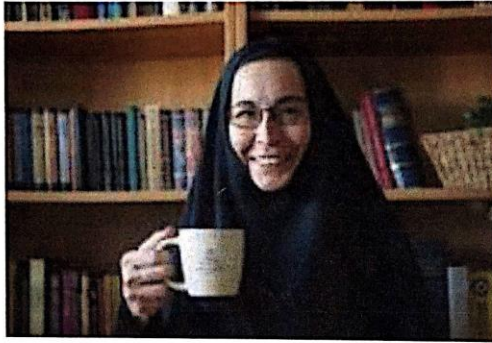
Our Church School began for the 2018/2019 school year on **Sunday September 23**. Church School is held on Sunday mornings in the Church Hall following Holy Communion.



While the children are in Church School, a **Q & A session (Questions & Answers)** will be held in the Church for adults following the Divine Liturgy. **Please remember** that our children’s time in Church School is very precious. Due to our shared facilities, please **do not go into the Church Hall during class time**. Conversations outside of the classroom area can negatively impact Church School effectiveness!

The Christian Orthodox Council of Akron
and
“The Presentation of Our Lord” Orthodox Church
present

“Coffee with Sister Vassa”



Sister Vassa Larin
will speak on
“The Place of the Creed in Liturgy and Life.”

Saturday, October 20
9:30 am—noon
in the church,
3365 Ridgewood Rd., Fairlawn OH

All ages welcome

Continental breakfast will be served

SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN:

Saturday, Nov. 17, from 1 to 5

WHERE:

St. Elia Orthodox Church
64 W. Wilbeth Road
Akron, OH 44301



Quarter Auction!

ONLY
\$5
ENTRY!

- A quarter auction is a fun, fast-paced auction where you bid on items using quarters instead of larger sums of money. You may win valuable items for as little as 25 cents!
- Shop vendors from 1 to 2 p.m., and then bid on your favorite items beginning at 2.
- \$5 entry includes one paddle, with additional paddles available for \$1 each.
- Food and beverages will be available for purchase.
- Questions? Call Sarah at 330-347-7409.

**All proceeds
benefit our parish!**

St. ELIA
ORTHODOX + CHURCH

