

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

GREAT LENT

SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – Tone 5 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Saturday, February 24

5:00 pm Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, February 25

9:45 am Hours – Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Epistle Reader – Anastasia Bohush

EPISTLE: Heb.11:24-26,32-12:2 GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

Reading of the Synodicon Profession of Faith

5:00 pm – Combined Vespers for Sunday of Orthodoxy at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Our speaker is **Father Ian Pac Urar**, Rector of Presentation of Our Lord Orthodox Church, Fairlawn, Ohio. A Dinner Presentation will be given by Dr. Orwa Nasser: *Christianity in the Holy Land: Building Churches in Palestine.*

Wednesday, February 28

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 2 – 6:00 pm

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

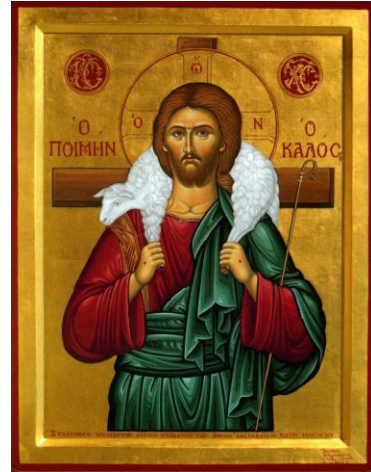
Lenten Covered Dish

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

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
- Matushka Laryssa Hnntyan (St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights OH)
- Elaine Pedder
- Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)
- Angelo Lambo
- Gary Turner (father of Joseph Turner)
- Rose Chris
- Klavdia (mother of Ludmila Cravcenco in Maldova)
- Barbara Di Piuccio



COFFEE HOUR: Sue EllenTurscak

PROSPHORA: Veronica Bilas

OUR STEWARDSHIP February 18, 2018

Sunday Offering:	\$999.50
Candles:	31.00
Bookstore:	20.00
Improvement Fund:	10.00
Furnace/AC Donations:	25.00
TOTAL:	\$1,085.50

PARKING LOT DONATIONS

To Date: \$17,239.20

FURNACE /AC DONATIONS

To Date: \$7,300.00

THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – Tone 6 - St. Gregory Palamas

Saturday, March 3

5:00 pm Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, March 4

9:45 am Hours – Sandy Graham

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Epistle Reader – Sandy Graham

EPISTLE: Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Hebrews 7:26-8:2

GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16

5:00 pm Lenten Mission Vespers at St. Nicholas Church

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

Following the Divine Liturgy, a General Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018, updating the Annual Parish Meeting that was held on February 4, 2018.

Wednesday, March 7

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 9

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

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2018 MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE CARDS



Please fill out your membership/pledge card for **2018**. As of this date, twenty-one 2018 Membership/Pledge Card have been returned representing 29 members.

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.

THE WEEK'S FEAST DAYS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. February 26 – St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza– *Fast Day*

6th Hour: Isaiah 4:2-5:7 Vespers: Genesis 3:21-4:7; Proverbs 13:34-4:22

Tue. February 27 – Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn - *Fast Day*

6th Hour: Isaiah 5:7-16 Vespers: Genesis 4:8-15; Proverbs 5:1-15

Wed. February 28 – Venerable Basil the Confessor – *Fast Day*

6th Hour: Isaiah 5:16-25 Vespers: Genesis 4:16-26 Proverbs: 5:15-6:3

Thu. March 1 – Martyr Eudoxia of Heliopolis- *Fast Day*

6th Hour: Isaiah 6:1-12 Vespers: Genesis 5:1-24; Proverbs 6:3-20

Fri. March 2 – Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia - *Fast Day*

6th Hour: Isaiah 7:1-15 Vespers: Genesis 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1

Sat. March 3 – Martyr Eutropius of Amasea and with him Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus – *Fast Day*

Epistle: Hebrews 3:12-16 Gospel: Mark 1:25-44

FURNACE – AIR CONDITIONING UNIT

At the emergency Meeting held on Sunday, December 17, the Parish Council recommended the replacement of our Furnace/AC unit at the cost of \$11,875.00, and a positive vote was taken. Loans are being investigated. In addition to your regular pledge, PLEASE consider a special donation for this needed project even before a loan is taken so that the amount of the loan can be reduced. The **COST** for a new Furnace/AC: **\$11,875.00. TO DATE: \$7,300.00** has been donated. Thank You!!!



LENTEN SERVICES OF THE AKRON AREA

- Sunday, TODAY - February 25 - 5 pm - Orthodoxy Sunday
 - Vespers at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
 - Homilist: Fr .Ian Pac Urar**Dinner Presentation: Dr. Orwa Nasser:*
Christianity in the Holy Land: Building Churches in Palestine
- Sunday, March 4 - 5:00 pm
 - Vespers at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
- **Sunday, March 11 – 5:00 pm**
 - **Vespers at St. Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church**
- Sunday, March 18 – 5:00 pm
 - Vespers at St. Demetrius Serbian Orthodox Church
- Saturday, March 24 – 7:00 pm
 - Vespers at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
- Sunday March 25 – 5:00 pm
 - Vespers at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School is held on Sunday Mornings in the Church Hall following Holy Communion.

While the children are in Church School, a Questions & Answers (Q & A) session is held for adults in the Church following Divine Liturgy.



BLESSING BAGS

As we begin our Lenten Journey, we will once again be putting together Blessing Bags to give to the homeless. This year, several items will be purchased through Amazon, and others will be obtained locally. In order to prevent confusion and duplication of items, there will be colored envelopes labeled with the name of the item and dollar amount required for each item. These will be available in the vestibule. Please have your donations by Sunday March 18. Blessing Bags will be assembled April 1.

Any questions, and you may contact Sarah Niglio: sarahdawnsews@gmail.com.

SAINT ELIA BOOK STUDY

THE NEXT BOOK STUDY- TO BE ANNOUNCED

The book, **“The Mountain of Silence: A Search for Orthodox Spirituality,”** by **Kyriacos C. Markides**. 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...

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN LENTEN RETREAT

The OCW Annual Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church with husband and wife, Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh and Dr. Roxanne Louh, presenting: **“Renewing You.”** Sign-in and Registration at 9:30 am. \$15.00 Tickets include Continental Breakfast, Morning Session, Lenten Luncheon, and afternoon Session. Contact Sandy Graham to register. Men are welcome!

Shop on Amazon? Join Amazon Smile!

When you designate St. Elia as your non-profit, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to the church!

Step 1: Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1268693 and select St. Elia as your preferred charity.

Step 2: Visit smile.amazon.com to make your purchases and St. Elia will receive 0.5%!

Please note that after choosing St. Elia as your charity, your **purchases must be made** "smile.amazon.com" for St. Elia to receive the donation. **Purchases made through** "www.amazon.com" or Amazon's mobile app will not receive donations.

Pysanky Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop

Join us for a Pysanky Egg Workshop on March 17, 2018 from 2:00-4:30 pm at St. Elia Orthodox Church. **Pre-registration is required!** (Register below.)

For centuries Eastern European peoples have created intricate designs on eggs with wax and dyes. Ukrainians call these eggs “pysanky,” from the Ukrainian verb *pysaty*, to write, because the lines are “written” on the eggs with a wax stylus. Since ancient times, the design motifs on the eggs have held deep symbolic meanings associated with the coming of spring and rebirth, and since the advent of Christianity, the Resurrection of Christ.

In this 2-and-a-half hour workshop, participants will learn more about this history and symbolism while receiving personal assistance to create a design on an egg using beeswax and five colors. All materials are provided, and participants will go home with a kit that includes wax, the stylus, and packets of dye to use in the future.

Instructor Sue Ellen Turscak learned this craft as a child. She began teaching pysanky workshops to her fellow students at Harvard back in 1982 and has continued to share this craft with her students and others for over three decades.

Workshop Fee: \$20 per person, includes materials and kit to take home. Fee paid by cash or check at the door.

Space is limited to 25 participants, register today using the form below. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, March 14, 2018!

If you have questions or would like to register by phone, please call Sue Ellen Tursack at 330-342-0858 and leave a message.

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Number of People in Your Party: _____

Names of Additional Attendees: _____
