

WEEKLY BULLETIN

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

The Lenten Triodion

3rd Pre-Lenten Sunday

MEATFARE SUNDAY - *The Last Judgment* – Tone 3

Saturday, February 10

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

General Panakhida for all who have departed this life

Sunday, February 11

9:45 am Hours – Reader Aaron Gray

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader – Reader Aaron Gray

EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2 GOSPEL: Matt. 25:31-46

4th Pre-Lenten Sunday – FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY – Tone 4 – *The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise.*

Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm - Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, February 18

9:45 am Hours – Reader Joseph Turner

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader – Reader Joseph Turner

EPISTLE: Rom. 13:11-14:4 GOSPEL: Matt. 6:14-21

40TH Day Panakhida for the repose of the soul of **+Bessie Alexandrovich** as requested by her family.

1:30 pm Vespers and Mutual Forgiveness Service

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN 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
Joseph Boyle
Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Connie Pysell
Lisa Nastoff
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan (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 Cravenco in Maldova)
Barbara Di Piuccio



COFFEE HOUR: Mary Marcin

PROSPHORA: Veronica Bilas

OUR STEWARDSHIP – February 4, 2018

Sunday Offering: \$ 805.50
Candles: 38.00
Improvement Fund: 45.00
Candle Desk: 100.00
TOTAL: \$ 988.50

PARKING LOT DONATIONS

To Date: \$17,239.20

FURNACE /AC DONATIONS

To Date: \$6,750.00

**SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST YOU HAVE RECEIVED
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**



FEAST DAYS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

1. **MON FEB 12 – St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch – *Meat Fast***
Epistle: 3 John 1:1-15 Gospel: Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39
 2. **TUE FEB 13 – Venerable Martiian of Caesarea in Palestine - *Meat Fast***
Epistle: Jude 1:1-10 Gospel: Mark Ljude 22:39-42, 45-23:1
 3. **WED FEB 14 – St. Auxentius of Bithynia - *Meat Fast***
No Liturgy: 6th Hour: Joel 2:12-26 Vespers: Joel 3:12-221
 4. **THU FEB 15 – Apostle of the Seventy Onesimus - *Meat Fast***
Epistle: Jude 1:11-25 Gospel: Luke 23:2-34, 44-56
 5. **FRI FEB 16 – Martyr Pamphilius-Presbyter, Valens-Deacon, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyrius, Julian, Theodulus, Elias, Jeemiah, Isaiah, Samuel, and Daniel at Caesarea in Palestine - *Meat Fast***
No Liturgy: 6th Hour: Zachariah 8:7-17 Vespers: Zachariah 8:19-23
 6. **SAT FEB 17 – Meatfare Saturday. Commemoration of All Departed Righteous Monastics. Greatmartyr Theodore the Tyro (Recruit) - *Meat Fast***
Epistle: Romans 14:19-23, 16:15-17 Gospel: Matthew 6:1-13
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2018 MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

Please fill out your membership/pledge card for **2018**. Your 2018 Pledge will enable the Council to establish a budget for the year. Eighteen 2018 Membership/Pledge Card have been returned representing 25 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.

2018 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not already picked up your Offering Envelope Box for 2018 it is available at the Candle Desk.

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: \$6,750.00** has been donated. Thank You!!!



SERVICE OF MUTUAL FORGIVENESS

On **Forgiveness Sunday, February 18**, we will gather together as a Parish Family for Vespers and the Mutual Forgiveness Service following the morning services and coffee hour at **1:30 pm**. In asking each other for forgiveness, we prepare to enter Great Lent and to make a good Confession during this holy season.



SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Our Greater Akron Community will gather together on **Sunday evening, February 25, 2018, at 5:00 pm, for Vespers of the Sunday of Orthodoxy at Annunciation Geek 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.

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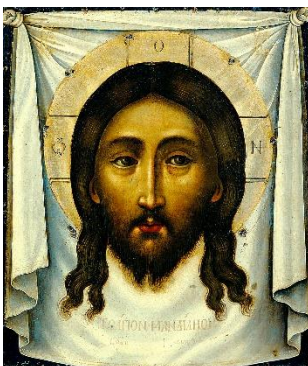
The Orthodox Clergy Association COCA and OCW

Program Booklet

**Please make your donations by February 12
in support of the Sunday of Orthodoxy to Michele Lambo**

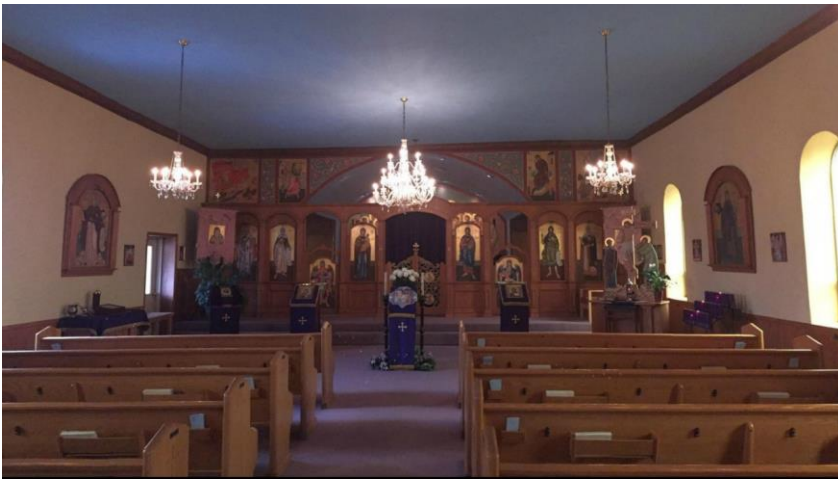
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2018 LENTEN SERVICES OF THE AKRON AREA

1. Sunday, 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
2. Sunday, March 4 - 5:00 pm
Vespers at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
3. Sunday, March 11 – 5:00 pm
Vespers at ***St. Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church***
4. Sunday, March 18 – 5:00 pm
Vespers at St. Demetrius Serbian Orthodox Church
5. Saturday, March 24 – 7:00 pm
Vespers at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
6. Sunday March 25 – 5:00 pm
Vespers at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church



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 **February 19**, 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** on the web and fill in the online form. On the Sunday before Great Lent begins, February 18, 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!

Sign up on the list at the Church or by email!

SAINT ELIA BOOK STUDY- CHURCH HALL

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: 2017-2018

Church School classes are held on Sunday mornings in the Church Hall following Holy Communion. Questions and Answers with Father Don for the adults follow the Divine Liturgy in the Church.



“It is not a coincidence that Meatfare Sunday is the Sunday of the Last Judgment. We will be judged above all by our love – real, practical love – a love that is manifest in deeds and in sacrifice, not a timid, cowardly love, that never dares to take a step beyond feelings and sentimentality.”

-Vassilios Papavasilliou

From the Lenten Triodion, (Idiomelon)

Knowing the commandments of the Lord,

let us conduct our lives in this way:

let us nourish the hungry, let us give drink to the thirsty;

let us clothe the naked, let us welcome the strangers;

let us visit the sick, the infirm, and those in prison,

so that He Who is coming to judge the whole earth, may say to us:

“Come, O blessed ones of My Father,

inherit the Kingdom which has been prepared for you”

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