

WEEKLY BULLETIN

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA

Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector

Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached

January 20, 2019

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sanctity of life sunday

34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1 –Euthymius the Great

Saturday, January 19 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, January 20

9:45 am Hours: Joshua Wherley

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:4-11 GOSPEL: Luke 18:35-43

Panakhida for the repose of the soul of +Bessie Alexandrovich
as requested b her family (1 year anniversary)

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

Saturday, January 26

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, January 27

9:45 am Hours: Sarah Niglio

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sarah Niglio

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:12-16 GOSPEL: Luke 25:14-30

Panakhida for the repose of the soul of +Betty Jean Wulff

as requested by her family (40th Day)

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon 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

Phyllis George

Connie Pysell

Lisa Nastoff

Elaine Pedder

Sandra Dodovich, (mother of Tony Dodovich)

Angelo and Florence Lambo

Gary Turner

Infant Child Aria

COFFEE HOUR: Alexander Family PROSPHORA: Veronica Bilas

OUR STEWARDSHIP: January 13, 2019

Sunday Offering: \$696.00

Candles: 32.00

Improvement Fund: 15.00

Bookstore: 45.00

Candle Desk: 100.00

TOTAL: \$888.00

PARKING LOT:

To Date: \$17,410.00

FURNACE/AC DONATIONS:

To Date: \$8,050.00

AMAZON SMILE – Support St. Elia whenever you shop

Step 1: Go to: www.smile.amazon.com

Step 2: search and select “**St. Elia the Prophet Eastern Orthodox Church**” as your preferred charity. There are several St. Elia churches listed. We are the only one in Akron

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Church School Class is held on Sunday mornings in the Church Hall following Holy Communion. Questions and Answers - Q & A -for Adults follow the Divine Liturgy and Announcements in the Church.

ST. ELIA PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORMS

The Parish Council asks everyone to fill out and sign a Membership Form asking for your commitment to the Parish Family of St. Elia This is not a pledge card, but the Membership Form will be used to establish voting eligibility and quorums for Parish Meetings.

Contact information will be used to maintain communications for Parish purposes. Your house address, email addresses, and phone numbers are vital for our Parish unity and development.

Please take the time to pickup a Membership Form, fill it out and handed it in to Father Don or to a Parish Council Member. Thank you!!!

2019 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2019 boxes of Offering Envelopes are available on the front pew of the Church. If you have not already picked your envelope box up, please do so as soon as possible.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, **January 22nd at 7:00 pm.** This meeting is for all for 2018 and 2019 Council members in preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting.

THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS

Last Sunday, January 6th, we celebrated the Feast of Theophany and the Great Sanctification of Water. Included in this celebration is the Blessing

of our homes. If you would like to have your home blessed, please fill out the form included in today’s Bulletin and Father Don will contact you to make further arrangements

Sanctity of Life Sunday 2019

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon

January 20, 2019

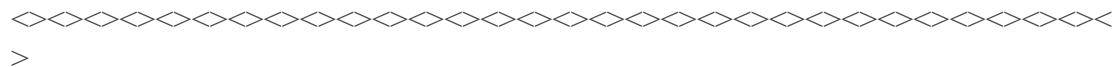
To the honorable Clergy, venerable Monastics, and pious Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

For forty-six years, we have lamented the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States of America. And for forty-six years, those who consider life to be a sacred gift from God have gathered each January in Washington, DC and elsewhere in this nation to proclaim this most sacred gift. Created as we are in the very image and likeness of God, we turn to the One Whom we worship as the “Giver of Life” in thanksgiving for sharing His very life with “every man who comes into the world,” even “from his mother’s womb.”

In our liturgical worship, we continuously acknowledge God as the “Bestower of Life.” And in doing so, we recognize that His precious gift is imparted at the moment of conception—a reality underscored in Luke 1:41, in which we read that John the Baptist “leaped” in his mother Elizabeth’s womb, rejoicing in her encounter with the Mother of God. It has become increasingly evident, however, that proclaiming the sanctity of life involves much more than lamenting the legalization of abortion and protecting the unborn, crucial as these are. While we so often speak of life “in the womb” and eternal life “beyond the tomb,” there are many related issues that are encountered “in between.” Our commitment to life of necessity extends to care for our infants, our infirm, our elderly—and ourselves. While expressing our concern and offering our prayers for the unborn, we are called to recognize that issues such as the opioid crisis, the cost of quality health care, capital punishment, the marked increase in addictions and suicide, to name but a few, are intimately connected to our recognition and proclamation of God’s gift of life.

Our Christian witness demands not only concern for the unborn, but a sense of responsibility to ensure that living a “life well lived”—seeking the blessedness to which we have been called—extends to the unborn and born alike. As we discern the will of God in our own lives, we are called to preserve and protect all life in recognition of God’s plan for His people on this earth and in anticipation of “the life of the world to come.”As we mark this sorrowful anniversary, may we turn our attention to the “Giver of Life,” Who created us in His ever-abundant love. May we, each in our own way, proclaim His sacred gift. And may we embrace His will, that in all things He and He alone might be glorified as the “Fountain of Life” and the “Light of the world,” Who brings all mankind to that Kingdom which has yet to be fully revealed, but is already fully present in the life of His people, the Church.

With love in Christ,
+ Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. Elia the Prophet Parish Family will be held on **Sunday, February 3rd, 2019. There will be a covered dish following the Divine Liturgy, followed by the meeting.**

A General Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, November 18,2018, following the Divine Liturgy. At that Meeting **the Members of the 2019 Parish Council were elected: President-Subdeacon Terence Bilas; Vice President-John Bohush; Secretary-Sandy Graham; Treasurer-Tony Dodovich; Advisors: Veronica Bilas, Bud Graham, Sarah Niglio, Joshua Wherley.**

Having been approved by His Eminence, our Father and Archbishop Alexander, the 2019 Parish Council will be installed.

ANNUAL COCA
CABARET-SILENT AUCTION
TO BENEFIT THE SEMINARIAN FUND

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 10TH, 2019

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
ORTHODOX CHURCH
3365 RIDGEWOOD ROAD
AKRON, OH 44333

ADULTS	\$15
STUDENTS	\$10
CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER	

COCKTAILS @ 5:00 P.M.
DINNER @ 6:00 P.M.

AUCTION @ 7:00 P.M.

EACH PARISH IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A
THEMED BASKET FOR THE AUCTION

 BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY 