

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

## SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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*

April 7, 2019

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

### *FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – Tone 4 St. John Climacus**

**Saturday, April 6**

**5:00 pm** Great Vespers & Confessions

**Sunday, April 7**

**9:45 am** Hours – Sarah Niglio

**10:00 am** Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

**Epistle Reader:** Sarah Niglio

EPISTLE: Heb.6:13-20 GOSPEL: Mark 8:17-31

**5:00 pm – Vespers at Presentation of Our Lord Orthodox Church**

**Wednesday, April 10 6:00 pm**

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Friday, April 12 – 6:00 pm**

Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

St. Elia 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

**REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

**Subdeacon 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**  
**Larissa Freude**  
**Anastasia Haymon**  
**Joseph Boyle**, (Kathy Gray's brother)  
**Phyllis George**, (Rose Marie Vronick's sister)  
**Connie Pysell**  
**Lisa Nastoff**  
**Elaine Pedder**  
**Sandra Dodovich**, (mother of Tony Dodovich)  
**Angelo and Florence Lambo**  
**Carl Palcheff**  
**Gary Turner** (father of Joseph Turner)  
**Infant Child Aria**

**COFFEE HOUR: The Grahams**

**PROSPHORA: Veronica Bilas**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP: March 31, 2019**

<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>\$677.00</b>
<b>Candles:</b>	<b>37.00</b>
<b>Flower Fndd:</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>Bookstore:</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Special Donation:</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$869.00</b>

**PARKING LOT**  
**To Date: \$17,450.00**

**FURNACE/AC**  
**To Date: \$8,150.00**

**AMAZON SMILE – Support St. Elia**

**Step 1: Go to: [www.smile.amazon.com](http://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

## **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 pick up a Membership Form, fill it out and hand it in to Father Don or to a Parish Council Member. Thank

## **GRAVE WATCH**

**On Good Friday evening**, following the services, a VIGIL will be kept at the Tomb of our Lord, remembering His sufferings and death for our salvation. A Vigil or a Watch is time spent in meditation and prayer while one more people read the psalms or the Gospels before the Tomb of Christ.

A Sign-up is located at the Candle Desk. Please sign up for your hour of Watch. For more information, please contact Mary Marciniak: **maryemarcin@gmail.com** (330-730-0963)

## **FLOWER DONATIONS**

Flowers adorn the CROSS on the Third Sunday of Great Lent, the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, **March 31<sup>st</sup>**, and will adorn the Tomb of our Lord on Good Friday., **April 26<sup>th</sup>**, and the Altar Area on Pascha, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please make your donations at the Candle Desk for the flowers and Palms for Palm Sunday, **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, at the Candle Desk..

## **PUSSY WILLOWS FOR PALM SUNDAY**

On Palm Sunday, Pussy Willows are also traditionally blessed. If you have them in your own yard or have access to them, please bring them to the Church for Blessing.

## **SIXTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – Tone 5**

#### **St. Mary of Egypt**

**Saturday, April 13 - 5:00 pm** Great Vespers & Confessions

**Sunday, April 14**

**9:45 am** Hours – Reader Michael Luc

**10:00 am** Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

**Epistle Reader:** Reader Michael Luc

**EPISTLE:** Heb.9:11-14 **GOSPEL:** Mark 10:32-45

**5:00 pm Vespers at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

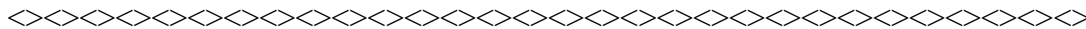
**Wednesday, April 17 6:00 pm**

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Friday, April 19 – 6:00 pm**

**Vigil of Lazarus Saturday**

*Beginning of Holy Week*



## **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

As a Parish Family we gather together on Sundays and Weekdays Lenten Services to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the great and glorious Feast of Pascha. One of the primary ways we prepare ourselves is by making a good confession and receiving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession from the Lover of Mankind, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Confessions are held each Saturday evening following Vespers, or, by request to Father Don.**

## **BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS**

A new baby girl, **Caroline Blair**, was born on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:16 pm, 6 pounds, 5 ounces to Tom and Hallie Ritzman. Congratulations to the new parents, baby brother Thomas, and grandmother Jeannette Ritzman and all family members..

# Help the Homeless this Lent

Throughout the Lenten Fast we will be collecting items to help the homeless on behalf of My Neighbor's Bread, a ministry begun by Subdeacon David Trace of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church to support the efforts of the Homeless Charity at 15 Broad Street. Items being collected are:

Chicken or tuna in cans (with pull tops) or pouches  
Pop tarts or other snack foods  
Hard candy like Jolly Ranchers and Starbursts  
Feminine hygiene products  
Socks  
Underwear  
Thermal underwear  
Gloves  
Charge sticks  
Heaters  
Tents  
Camping equipment  
Duffel bags  
Chess boards  
Cash or store gift cards (such as Target) to be used to buy these items

Please look for the collection bin at church to drop off your items, and please see Veronica Bilas or Aaron Gray if you have any questions. We will deliver the items throughout Lent as the bin fills up. Thank you for doing your part to help those in need!

## Quotes from Saint John Climacus

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"Nothing equals or excels God's mercies. Therefore, he who despairs is committing suicide. A sign of true repentance is the acknowledgment that we deserve all the afflictions, visible and invisible, that come upon us, and ever greater ones. Moses, after seeing God in the bush, returned again to Egypt, that is, to darkness and to the

brick-making of Pharaoh, who was symbolical of the spiritual Pharaoh. But he went back again to the bush, and not only to the bush, but also up the mountain. Whoever has known divine vision will never despair of himself. Job became a beggar, but he became twice as rich again."

"Let us charge into the good fight with joy and love without being afraid of our enemies. Though unseen themselves, they can look at the face of our soul, and if they see it altered by fear, they take up arms against us all the more fiercely. For the cunning creatures have observed that we are scared. So let us take up arms against them courageously. No one will fight with a resolute fighter."

"He who really keeps account of his actions considers as lost every day in which he does not mourn, whatever good he may have done in it."

"I consider those fallen mourners more blessed than those who have not fallen and are not mourning over themselves; because as a result of their fall, they have risen by a sure resurrection."

"But Adam did not wish to say, "I sinned," but said rather the contrary of this and placed the blame for the transgression upon God Who created everything "very good," saying to Him, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I ate." And after him she also placed the blame upon the serpent, and they did not wish at all to repent and, falling down before the Lord God, beg forgiveness of Him. For this, God banished them from Paradise, as from a royal palace, to live in this world as exiles. At that time also He decreed that a flaming sword should be turned and should guard the entrance into Paradise. And God did not curse Paradise, since it was the image of the future unending life of the eternal Kingdom of Heaven. If it were not for this reason, it would have been fitting to curse it most of all, since within it was performed the transgression of Adam. But God did not do this, but cursed only the whole rest of the earth, which also was corrupt and brought forth everything by itself; and this was in order that Adam might not have any longer a life free from exhausting labors and sweat..."