

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Great and Holy Week

LAZARUS SATURDAY

Saturday, April 20 – LAZARUS SATURDAY

9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

5:00 pm Vigil of Palm Sunday – *Blessing of Palms*

PALM AND FLOWERY SUNDAY

The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

Sunday, April 21

9:45 am Hours – Bud Graham

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-9 GOSPEL: John 12:1-18

5:00 pm Matins of the Bridegroom - *Sad Sunday*

GREAT AND HOLY BRIDEGROOM MONDAY

Monday, April 22

6:00 pm Matins of the Bridegroom

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:3-35

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: Mary Marcin

PROSPHORA: Veronica Bilas

OUR STEWARDSHIP: April 7, 2019

Sunday Offering:	\$2,859.00
Candles:	41.00
<u>Flower Fund:</u>	30.00
<u>Bells Mounting Fund:</u>	100.00
Carpet Cleaning:	200.00
<u>Improvement Fund:</u>	20.00
TOTAL	\$3,250.00

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

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

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!

FLOWER DONATIONS

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

GREAT AND HOLY BRIDEGROOM TUESDAY

Tuesday, April 23

6:00 pm Matins of the Bridegroom

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-26:2

GREAT AND HOLY BRIDEGROOM WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, April 24

6:00 pm The Mystery of Holy Unction

GREAT AND HOLY BRIDEGROOM THURSDAY

Thursday, April 25

8:00 am Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**6:00 pm Matins of Great and Holy Friday
Twelve Passion Gospels**

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Friday, April 26

9:00 am Royal Hours – *Christ Hangs on the Cross*

6:00 pm Great Vespers and Lamentations
*Christ dies on the Cross, is taken down from the Cross,
is buried and descends into hell.*

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 Marcin: **maryemarcin@gmail.com** (330-730-0963)

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 27

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

EPISTLE: Romans 6:3-11 GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

11:30 pm Nocturns *Removal of the Shroud from the Grave*

The Holy Pascha

The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Sunday, April 18

12:00 Midnight – Resurrection Matins

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Blessing of ARTOS and RED EGGS

PASCHAL BASKET BLESSING

Following the Midnight Service of Pascha, the Paschal Baskets will be blessed in the Church Hall. The children are encouraged to bring their own Baskets.

11:00 am Agape Vespers of Holy Pascha

GOSPEL: John 20:19-25

Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese! Christos Aneste!

Al Masseh Oam! Hristos a Inviat

Bright Week

Bright Monday

Monday, April 29

9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Paschal Procession

CHURCH SCHOOL

Our Church School is Class on Sunday mornings following the Holy Communion of the Divine Liturgy. **With the coming of Holy Week and Pascha, the children will be taking part in the Divine Services:**

April 26th, Good Friday During the Procession on Good Friday night around the outside of the Temple, the children will carry the instruments of the Passion and spread rose petals before the Holy Shroud of our Lord.

April 28th, Pascha. This is a memorable time in the young lives of our children, They may be tired and even fall asleep during the Midnight Service (and that's O.K.) – but they will never forget the experience of going to church late at night, walking around the church and the joy of that celebration

RED EGGS

Please bring a half-dozen of Red Eggs to the midnight Service of Pascha. Bring the eggs to the Church Office and Father Don will bless them and then distribute them to everyone in Church.

RED EGGS symbolize the New Life in the Risen Christ granted to us through His Precious Blood shed on the Cross, As Father presents each one of us with a red egg, he will greet us with *“Christ is Risen”* and we respond *“Indeed, He is Risen”*

BLESSING OF THE ARTOS

Following the Midnight Service of Pascha, the **ARTOS** will be blessed. The Artos is a Paschal Bread and bears on it the Icon of the Resurrection. In the Old Covenant the Jews commemorated the Passover from bondage in Egypt by sacrificing a Passover Lamb.

Christ is our Passover Lamb Who has freed us from the bondage of sin and death. The Artos is offered and blessed on Holy Pascha and symbolizes the Angelic Bread, the Bread of Eternal Life; namely our Lord Jesus Christ. We will break the Bread and partake of it on the eighth of Pascha, St. Thomas Sunday.