

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

Sunday, August 18, 2019

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8 - Afterfeast of the Dormition

Saturday, August 17

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 18

9:15 am Hours – Joshua Wherley

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 3:9-17 GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-34

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1

Saturday, August 24

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 25

9:15 am Hours – Subdeacon Terrene Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 4:9-16 GOSPEL: Mathew. 17:14

**40th Day Panakhida for the repose of soul of +Elaine Pedder
as requested by her family**

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 Newman
Anastasia Haymon
Joseph Boyle, (Kathy Gray’s brother)
Phyllis George, (Rose Marie Vronick’s sister)
Connie Pysell
Lisa Nastoff
Sandra Dodovich
Angelo and Florence Lambo
Carl Palcheff
Gary Turner (father of Joseph Turner)
Infant Child Aria
Sarah N1glio
Bud Graham

COFFEE HOUR: Gray Family

PROSPHORA: Veronica Bilas

OUR STEWARDSHIP: August 11, 2019

Sunday Offering:	\$ 978.00
Entrance Flower Pots:	15.00
<u>Candles:</u>	<u>45.52</u>
TOTAL	\$1,038..52

<u>PARKING LOT</u>
To Date: \$17,450.00
<u>FURNACE/AC</u>
To Date: \$8,150.00

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

Race To Respond: IOCC needs your help!

We need your support! St. Elia and other Akron Orthodox parishes will once again be sending runners to the **Akron Marathon** on Saturday, **Sept. 28**, to raise funds for **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)**.

The money raised will help provide life-saving and life-sustaining services—*without discrimination*—to some of the world's most vulnerable populations. You can help by making a donation—large or small—to help IOCC provide the tools needed to rebuild communities, one family at a time. Donations of cash or checks (made payable to "IOCC") can be placed in the church collection or given to Aaron Gray between now and Sept. 29, or go online to <http://support.iocc.org/goto/akronsaintelia> to donate to our team.

Support our runners and all of the wonderful work that IOCC does by making a donation today, and help Team IOCC: Akron go the distance!

STEWARDSHIP

Will You Give What You have?

**Teofilo (“Friend of God”) said to Christobel (“Christbearer”):
Christobel, if you had a hundred sheep, would you give fifty of them
for the Lord’s work?”**

“Yes, I would.”

“Would you do the same if you had a hundred cows?”

“Yes, Teofilo, I would.”

“Would you do the same if you had a hundred horses?”

“Yes, of course.”

“If you had two pigs, would you give on of them to Him?”

**“No, I wouldn’t; and you have no right to ask me. Teofilo, for you
know I have two pigs.”**

THIS WEEK’S FEAST DAYS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, August 19 - Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr Andrew

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 Gospel: Matthew 21:18-22

Tuesday, August 20 - Afterfeast of the Dormition. Prophet Samuel

Repose of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander Hotovitsky

Epistle: 1 Cor. 15:29--38 Gospel: Matthew 21”23-27

Wednesday – August 21 - Afterfeast of the Dormition.

Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:4-12 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday, August 22 - Afterfeast of the Dormition.

Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia and his companions

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 21:43=46

Friday, August 23 - Leavetaking of the Dormition.

Martyr Lupus, slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:12-20 Gospel: Matthew 22:23-33

Saturday, August 24 – Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian

Epistle: Romans 15:30-33 Gospel: Matthew 17:24-18:4



GENERAL PARISH MEETING

St. Elia Parish Council, in their August meeting, discussed the financial situation of our Parish Family and decided that a Parish Meeting is necessary to bring everybody up to date. This Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2019 following the Divine Liturgy.



St. John Damascene

John Damascene is one of the strongest witnesses from the days of the Church Fathers, to the doctrine of the Dormition and bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the end of her earthly life into heaven.

But even though, according to nature, your most holy and happy soul is separated from your most blessed and stainless body and the body as usual is delivered to the tomb, it will not remain in the power of death and is not subject to decay.

DORMITION OR FALLING ASLEEP OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS AND EVER- VIRGIN MARY

For just as her virginity remained inviolate while giving birth, when she departed her body was preserved from destruction and only taken to a better and more divine tabernacle, which is not subject to any death . . . Hence I will call her holy passing not death, but falling asleep [dormition] or departure, or better still, arrival. . . .

“Your stainless and wholly immaculate body has not been left on earth; the Queen, the Mistress, the Mother of God who has truly given birth to God has been translated to the royal palaces of heaven. .

“Angels and archangels have borne you upwards, the impure spirits of the air have trembled at your ascension. The air is purified, the ether sanctified by your passing through them. . . the powers meet you with sacred hymns and much solemnity, saying something like this: Who is she

that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, elect like the sun? [cf. Song of Songs 6:9] How you have blossomed forth, how sweet you have become! You are the flower of the field, a lily among the thorns [Song of Songs 2.1] . . .

ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN

Not like Elia have you entered heaven, not like Paul have you been rapt to the third heaven; no, you have penetrated even to the royal throne of your Son himself . . . a blessing for the world, a sanctification of the universe, refreshment for those who are tired, comfort for the sorrowing, healing for the sick, a port for those in danger, pardon for sinners, soothing balm for the oppressed, quick help for all who pray to you. . .

“Good Mistress, graciously look down on us; direct and guide our destinies wheresoever you will. Pacify the storm of our wicked passions, guide us into the quiet port of the divine will and grant us the blessedness to come.”

Tone 1 Troparion (*Dormition*)

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life O Mother of Life,
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Dormition*)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life,
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.