

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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, November 17, 2019

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

22rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5

St. Gregory the Wonderworker of Neo-Caesarea

Saturday, November 16 - NO VESPERS

Sunday, November 17

9:45 am Hours – Bud Graham

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18 GOSPEL: Luke 12:16-21

Lighting of the 1st Candle on the Advent Wreath

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6

Afterfeast of the Theotokos into the Temple. Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday, November 23

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 24

9:45 am Hours – Sandy Graham

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham

EPISTLE: Ephesians 2:4-10 GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Lighting of the 2nd Candle on the Advent Wreath

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, 102 Wilpark Drive, Akron, Ohio 44312
- Leonora Evancho, 1065 Massachusetts Road, New Bern, NC 28562
- Larissa Freude Newman, 614 Hollows Circle, Deerfield, Florida 33442
- Anastasia Haymon, 2132 Stockbridge Road, Akron, Ohio 44313
- Joseph Boyle, (Kathy Gray’s brother)
- Phyllis George, (Rose Marie Vronick’s sister)
- Connie Pysell, 1318 John Road, Clinton, Ohio 44216
- Lisa Nastoff, 1217 Harrison Pond Drive, New Albany, Ohio 43054
- Sandra Dodovich, (mother of Tony Dodovich)
- Angelo and Florence Lambo, 1833 Brookfield Dr., Akron, OH 44313
- Carl Palcheff, 1008 Eldorado Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319
- Gary Turner (father of Joseph Turner)
- Infant Child Aria
- Bud Graham
- Popadia Donna Freude

COFFEE HOUR: Sandy Graham

PROSPHORA: Veronica Bilas

OUR STEWARDSHIP:		November 10, 2019
Sunday Offering:	\$433.00	PARKING LOT
“Tithley” Electronic Donation:	\$80.00	To Date: \$17,450.00
Candles:	39.00	FURNACE/AC
Total	\$542.00	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

ADVENT – THE CHRISTMAS FAST

Forty Days prior to the celebration of the Feast of our Lord’s Nativity, the Holy Orthodox Church begins the Christmas Fast, which is often called Advent, which means Coming, and refers to the Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Mystery of His Holy Nativity. Christmas together with Epiphany are Feasts of Light celebrating the Manifestation of Christ the Light of the World

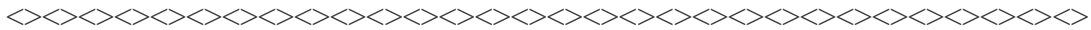
To help in our preparation during the Fast, we will have an ***Advent Wreath*** in Church. The Wreath, made of evergreens, will have six candles on it – one for each week in Advent. ***Each Sunday, beginning with Sunday, November 17th,*** along with special prayers, we will light a candle on the wreath – as we prepare

to empty ourselves in repentance and open our hearts to receive Christ the Light of the World into our hearts.



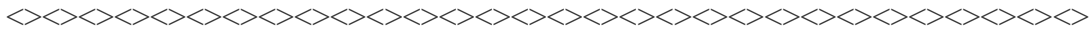
MEN'S CLOTHING COLLECTION

Our Parish Family will continued to collect men's clothing on Sundays, November 17th and 24th that will be delivered then to St Herman's House of Hospitality- FOCUS - in Cleveland. It supports homeless men on the path to well-being and independence in a safe and stable environment and also meets the basic needs of people in the community As an expression of Christ's love, FOCUS North America serves the hungry, thirsty, naked by providing food, occupation, clothing understanding and shelter.



GENERAL PARISH MEETING

A General Parish Meeting was postponed and will **be rescheduled**. The **2020 Parish Council will be elected**. Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Anastasia Bohush, Sandy Graham, Joshua Wherley. A member of the **Nominating Committee will present the names of the nominees who have willingly accepted their nomination**.



CHURCH SCHOOL – 2019-2020

Our Church School Class began last **Sunday, November 3rd**. Twenty-five Classes are scheduled through 2019-2020, Classes are held on Sunday mornings in the Church Hall following Holy Communion.



New St. Elia "Spirit Wear"

Just in time for the gift-giving season, we have new St. Elia "Spirit Wear" T-shirts, long-sleeve T-shirts, and hoodies available for pre-order with a fresh new design. Download the order form here: <http://saintelia.com/.../2019-Winter-St-Elia-Shirt-Order-Form...>, then return or mail your order with cash or check payable to St. Elia no later than Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019. Items will be available at church for pick-up 10 days before Christmas. Don't miss out!

NEW: These items (and previous "Spirit Wear" items) are now available at <https://teespring.com/stores/stelia> year-round, including additional style and color options. This is especially for our extended St. Elia family and friends living outside of the area who are not able to order and pick up at church.

The Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple

Commemorated on **November 21**

According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple .After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home the earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Saint Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."

From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Saint Gregory of Nyssa, in the fourth century, also mentions this Feast. In the eighth century Saints Germanus and Tarasius, Patriarchs of Constantinople, delivered sermons on the Feast of the Entry.

The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells God's blessing for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.

THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU ...

Fr. Don update: Father has been released from the hospital and recovering well at home by monitoring by Home Care Rn and PT. Unfortunately I will not be serving Liturgy this Sunday but Protodeacon James will conduct the service and will be giving Prescanted Holy Communion. Deaconisa Heidi will be conducting the choir for the Liturgy.

The Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple will not be celebrated, but the Feast will be commemorated next Sunday.