

THE VOICE

Parish Newsletter: October - November 2019
Saint Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church
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A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

**His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington,
Metropolitan of All America and Canada**
His Eminence, Archbishop Alexander, Diocese of Toledo
Mitred Archbishop Father Don Anthony Freude, Rector
Reverend Protodeacon James M. Gresh, *Attached*

2019 Parish Council

President: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas
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Sarah Niglio, Joshua Wherley

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Reader Michael Luc

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Staff: Reader Aaron Gray, Sarah Niglio

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Coordinators: Reader Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

HOURS AND EPISTLE READERS Oct. – Nov. 2019

Sunday, October 6

Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: Reader Aaron Gray

Sunday, October 13

Hours: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Reader Michael Luc

Sunday, October 20

Hours: Joshua Wherley

Epistle: Joshua Wherley

Sunday, October 27

Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas

Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

Sunday, November Hours:

Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Sue Ellen Turscak

Sunday, November 10

Hours: Sarah Niglio

Epistle: Sarah Niglio

Sunday, November 17

Hours: Bud Graham

Epistle: Bud Graham

Sunday, November 24

Hours: Sandy Graham

Epistle: Sandy Graham

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING THE ARMED FORCES

Subd, Anthony Freude, son of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna

Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Mickey Stokich

Leonora Evancho

Larissa Freude Newman

Anastasia Haymon

Joseph Boyle

Phyllis George

Connie Pysell

Carl Palcheff

Matushka Myra Kovalik

Matushka Christine Zebren

Sarah Niglio

Lisa Nastoff

Sandra Dodovich

Angelo Lambo

Florence Lambo

Gary Turner

Infant Child Aria

Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

Matushka Suzanne Senyo

Bud Graham

BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday, September 22, the Baptismal Divine Liturgy was celebrated for the Baptism of **Vivian Nicole Keathley**, the daughter of Cody and Jessica Keathley; the granddaughter of Reader William Paluch and Margaret Hoye; and Richard and Dianna Keathley. Prayerful congratulations to Vivian Nicole, her parents, grandparents; and her Godparents Juliana Freude and William Paluch. **MANY YEARS!**

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

Holyday – THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Monday, September 30 - 6:00 pm

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7

Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas.

Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America

Saturday, October 5 -No Vespers Scheduled –

Annual Diocesan Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sunday, October 6

9:45 am Hours – Reader Aaron Gray

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

EPISTLE: 2 Cor. 6:1-10 GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-16

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council America

Saturday, October 12

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 13

9:45 am Hours – Reader Michael Luc

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

EPISTLE: 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1 GOSPEL: Luke 8:5-

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1

Greatmartyr Artemius of Antioch

Saturday, October 19 – No Vespers Scheduled

Sunday, October 20

9:45 am Hours – Joshua Wherley

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

EPISTLE: 2 Cor. 9:6-11 GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica

Saturday, October 26

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 27

9:45 am Hours – Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

EPISTLE: 2 Cor. 9:6-11 GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3

Saturday, November 2

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 3

9:45 am Hours – Sue Ellen Truscak

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Truscak

EPISTLE: Galatians 1:11-19 GOSPEL: Luke 8:41-56

Holyday – SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL

MICHAEL, and the other Bodiless Powers:

Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel,

Jegudiel and Barachiel

Thursday, November 7 - 6:00 pm

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4
Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas,
Herodion, Sospater, Quartus and Tertius
Saturday, November 9

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 10

9:45 am Hours – Sarah Niglio

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sarah Niglio

EPISTLE: Galatians 2:16-20 GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
ADVENT – THE CHRISTMAS FAST
BEGINS

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.

22rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5
St. Gregory the Wonderworker of Neo-Caesarea
Saturday, November 16

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

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

**Holyday – THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST-
HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**

Wednesday, November 20 - 5:00 pm

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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

***“Come, O Jesus, our Savior, redeem
and save us”***

St. Elia 73rd Anniversary

'OCTOBERFEST'

Sunday, Oct. 13th following
10AM Liturgy

Brats/Kielbasa and Kraut
(provided by Sisterhood)

German Beer

*Please bring your
'fall favorite' side or dessert
to share.*



CHURCH SCHOOL – 2019-2020



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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday evening, October 15, at 7:00 pm

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

A General Parish Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 10**, following the Divine Liturgy. At this Meeting the 2020 Parish Council will be elected. Please give nominations to the **Nominating Committee: Alexandra Bohush, Sandy Graham, Joshua Wherley**

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The Annual Diocesan Conference will be held at St. Nicholas Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on October 5. Our Parish will be represented by Fr. Don and Joshua Wherley



GENERAL PARISH MEETING

September 8, 2019 ·

Again.. thank you to all who were able and willing to meet on Sunday, September 8th , and be informed on our parish family present financial concerns. Please visit our website at www.saintelia.com

“All of us, in return for God’s blessings and sharing with us, are asked to return a portion to God that His work might be promoted in our midst”.

As early as the fourth chapter of Genesis, we see human beings bringing sacrificial offerings to God. Grain, animal, wine, oil, and monetary offerings were presented to God by mortals as expressions of gratitude, devotion, love, and worship. In bringing these offerings, believers were united to God.

When we give our tithes and offerings to God, we do so not simply to meet the church’s budget or to win God’s favor. Even though our offerings are an expression of our gratitude to God, they represent something more than that. We give them as an expression of our desire to belong wholly to God, to honor and love Him and put Him first in our lives. In our ordinary lives, we often give gifts that express our appreciation, love and devotion to another Giving our tithes and offerings is an act of worship for us to God Who gives us in whom we have our life and being.

Love in Christ,

Fr. Don



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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Annual Welcome and Fellowship Tea

Sunday, October 6, 2019: 2- 4 pm

**Presentation of Our Lord Orthodox Church,
3365 Ridgewood Road, Fairlawn, Ohio**

Pilgrimage to Russia

Presented by Father Nicholas Wyslutzky

Father Nicholas led 30+ people in a 2 week pilgrimage in July of this year visiting many historic churches, monasteries and museums in Russia.

Please join us on to share our faith and enjoy our friendships together with food and refreshment. All are welcome – men and women. RSVP: Niki Bober (330) 409-3552 or Nancy Studebaker (330) 807-7640



CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX COUNCIL OF AKRON

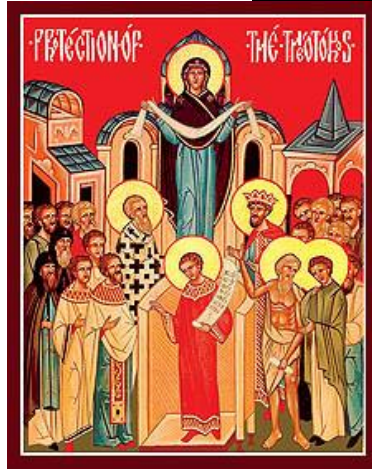
Meeting: October 21, 2019 – 7:00 pm

St. Demetrius Serbian Orthodox Church

**Representing St. Elia: Michele Lambo, Mary
Marcin, Joshua Whereley**

The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Commemorated on October 1



The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos: “Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century. On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians

for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer. After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe." Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."

[The Vesperal Divine Liturgy for this FEAST will be celebrated on Monday evening, September 30 at 6:00 pm]

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers

Commemorated on November 8



The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers.

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

The six-winged SERAPHIM (Flaming, Fiery) (Is 6:12) stand closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity. They blaze with love for God and kindle such love in others.

The many-eyed CHERUBIM (outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment) (Gen 3:24) stand before the Lord after the Seraphim. They are radiant with the light of knowledge of God, and knowledge of the mysteries of God. Through them wisdom is poured forth, and people's minds are enlightened so they may know God and behold His glory.

The THRONES (Col 1:16) stand after the Cherubim, mysteriously and incomprehensibly bearing God through the grace given them for their service. They are ministers of God's justice, giving to tribunals, kings, etc. the capacity for righteous judgment.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities:

DOMINIONS (Col 1:16) hold dominion over the angels subject to them. They instruct the earthly authorities, established by God, to rule wisely, and to govern their lands well. The Dominions teach us to subdue sinful impulses, to subject the flesh to the spirit, to master our will, and to conquer temptation.

POWERS (1 Pet 3:22) fulfill the will of God without

hesitation. They work great miracles and give the grace of wonderworking and clairvoyance to saints pleasing to God. The Powers assist people in fulfilling obediences. They also encourage them to be patient, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

AUTHORITIES (1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16) have authority over the devil. They protect people from demonic temptations, and prevent demons from harming people as they would wish. They also uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil thoughts.

**The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks:
Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:**

PRINCIPALITIES (Col 1:16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of God's commands. They watch over the world and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render proper honor to those in authority, as befits their station. They teach those in authority to use their position, not for personal glory and gain, but to honor God, and to spread word of Him, for the benefit of those under them.

ARCHANGELS (1 Thess 4:16) are messengers of great and wondrous tidings. They reveal prophecies and the mysteries of the faith. They enlighten people to know and understand the will of God, they spread faith in God among the people, illuminating their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel.

ANGELS (1 Pet 3:22) are in the lowest rank of the heavenly hierarchy, and closest to people. They reveal the lesser mysteries of God and His intentions, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They support those who remain steadfast, and they raise up the fallen. They never abandon us and they are always prepared to help us, if we desire it.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means “who is like unto God”), the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, “Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!”

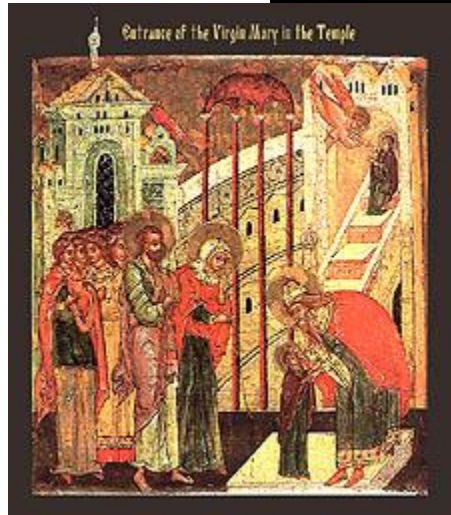
Holy Scripture and Tradition give us the names of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel

Each person has a guardian angel, and every nation also receives its own guardian angel from God (Dan. 10:13). When a church is consecrated, it also receives a guardian angel (Palladius, Dial. Ch. 10).

[The Vesperal Divine L:iturgy for this FEAST will be celebrated on Thursday, November 7, at 6:00 pm]

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.

[The Vesperal Divine Liturgy for this FEAST will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, November 20 at 6:00 pm.]

THANKSGIVING

Richard A . Hennigar

My eyes stopped suddenly on a sentence I read the other day:
“Those who can be thankful only for prosperity are forever threatened by adversity.”

To live in the spirit of Christ endows you and me with the capacity to live thankful lives despite our circumstances. How I wish more of us really understood this. The companionship of Christ – whether travelling along the bright hilltops of life or through dark valleys filled with failure, sorrow and challenge – under-grounds our whole outlook and approach to life. God yearns for us to find our joy, our satisfaction, our needs fulfilled, not in material things and prosperity, but in HIM.

The loss of prosperity, and indeed the disappointing search for it, can ruin our sense of thanksgiving. ***“Those who can be thankful only for prosperity are forever threatened by adversity.”***

As Thanksgiving Day (November 28, 2019) approaches, take time to think about your reasons for being thankful. How deep are they? Perhaps, you will want to take this season to accept more fully God’s companionship as your richest possession. Worship Him with a thankful heart.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Psalm 138 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

Thanksgiving and Praise

A Psalm of David.

138 I give thee thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing thy praise;

²I bow down toward thy holy temple
and give thanks to thy name for thy steadfast love and thy
faithfulness;

for thou hast exalted above everything
thy name and thy word.^[a]

³On the day I called, thou didst answer me,
my strength of soul thou didst increase.^[b]

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of thy mouth;

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
thou dost preserve my life;
thou dost stretch out thy hand against the wrath of my
enemies,
and thy right hand delivers me.

⁸The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;
thy steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of thy hands.