

WEEKLY BULLETIN

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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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

All Saints Sunday - June 14, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

All Services are "Lived Streamed"

1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8 - ALL SAINTS

Saturday, June 13

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, June 14

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 GOSPEL: Matthew 1:32-33,37-38;19:27-30

APOSTLES FAST: June 15 -June 28

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1 - ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA *Father's Day*

Saturday, June 20

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, June 21

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

EPISTLE: Romans 2:10-16 GOSPEL: Matthew 4:18-23

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please remember in your prayers **Metropolitan Theodosius** who is hospitalized. His Beatitude celebrated with us the 50th Anniversary of our Parish. Cards of support can be sent to Metropolitan Theodosius at: 601 Boone Avenue, Canonsburg, PA 15317.

VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY – PASCHAL GOSPELS OF ST. JOHN

Our “Zoom” at-home Bible Study will be held this week **on Wednesday, June 17: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**. To join the Bible Study go to the Parish Website (www.saintelia.com). There is a post on the website and click on the link provided. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Veronica. We would love to have you join!

“SPRING CLEAN-UP”

Thank you Alexander Bojanov, Tony Dodovich, Bud Graham and Popadia Donna for responding to the call for “spring” clean-up. We are in need during the “summer” months for grass cutters, flower beds cleaners, wood choppers and weed pullers.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

A great thank you to all for maintaining your stewardship to St. Elia. Your regular generous donations have enabled the Parish to meet the bills and maintain stability during these unprecedented times.

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

Important Update on Current Service Schedule & Gradual Reopening

We have been given the blessing from our Diocese to begin the process of the gradual reopening for the faithful to attend liturgical services. Please read completely as there are important procedures and guidelines we all must follow. All services will continue to be streamed online. We encourage those who cannot or should not be with us in person to join us via online streaming. **Saturday Evening Vespers will begin via streaming at 5 p.m. and Sunday Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.**

In accordance with the State of Ohio, CDC, and Diocesan guidelines we all must follow these simple steps when attending:

- 1) If you or your family member is sick please stay home.
- 2) Only enter and exit through the front church door.
- 3) Please... there will be no gathering in the vestibule/office/and in the parish hall.
- 4) All side and hall doors will be locked (in keeping with AFD and codes all of our church doors can be exited from the inside).
- 5) Sanitize your hands before entering the church (sanitizer is located in the vestibule).
- 6) All must wear masks in church (disposable masks are provided in the vestibule).
- 7) Sanitize your hands before exiting the church building.

In church: it is required to keep 6 feet social distancing. Therefore, pews will be marked for available and not available seating. There will be assigned ushers to assist you and/or your family to be seated (it may not be in your 'usual' place).

So sorry to say but we cannot kiss the icons, cross, chalice, gospel book, and/or father's hand.

Lastly, due to limited seating to ensure safe distancing and Diocesan guidelines, parishioners must pre-register to attend liturgical services. Please call Fr. Don at (330) 724-7009 or (330) 472-6456 by Saturday morning before 12 noon to attend.

...where two or three are gathered together there am I," says our Lord according to St. Matthew's Gospel.

Love in Christ our Lord, Fr. Don

Synaxis of All Saints

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit. The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

HYMNS OF VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

In oneness of belief,
let us spiritually celebrate the universal festival of faith,
the memorial of all the Saints
who from all ages have been pleasing to God:
the venerable order of the Patriarchs, the assembly of the Prophets,
the adornment of the Apostles, the company of the Martyrs,
and our pride and joy, the Ascetics;
for they ceaselessly intercede that peace be granted to the world//
and great mercy to our souls!

Come, all believers,
with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
let us praise the all-glorious memory of all the Saints,
blessing reverently the Baptist of our Savior,
the Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs,
the Hierarchs, Teachers, and the Holy Ones,
the Ascetics, the Righteous, and the God-loving assembly of holy
Women!