

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 - June 28, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

All Services are "Lived Streamed"

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

Saturday, June 27 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, June 28

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua W

EPISTLE: Romans 5:1-10 GOSPEL: Matthew 6:22-33

THE HOLY GLORIOUS, AND ALL-PRAISED LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL

Monday, June 29 - 8:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3

Saturday, July 4 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, June 5

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron G.

EPISTLE: Romans 6:18-23 GOSPEL: Matthew 8:5-13

'TAIL-GATE COFFEE HOUR'

Trying something new THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 28th – ‘tail gate’ coffee hour. Keeping in mind safety precautions, coffee and donuts will be available in the parking lot and a chance to “distance” visiting. A suggestion was made: bring a lawn chair. For questions contact Ana B.

FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL

With the completion of the Apostles Fast on Sunday, June 28th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Prime Apostles Peter and Paul on **Monday, June 29th**, with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at **8:00 am**.

BIBLE STUDY – PASCHAL GOSPELS OF ST. JOHN

Our “Zoom” at-home Bible Study will be held this week **on Wednesday, July 1: 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!

"SUMMER CLEAN-UP"

We are in need your help during the “summer” months for grass cutters, flower beds cleaners, wood choppers and weed pullers.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Your maintaining your stewardship to St. Elia is astounding. **THANK YOU!** 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 the blessing from our Diocese for Stage 4 reopening for our 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 live streamed by visiting our website www.saintelia.com. **Saturday Evening Vespers @ 5:00 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 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.

The Holy Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul



The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times, their commemoration has been universally kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the Church. It is for the same reason they are called the ‘Leaders of the Apostles’ in the Liturgy.

SAINT PETER, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be His disciple: ***“Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men”*** (Matthew 4:19). After Jesus’ Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness to Christ’s divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first

Gentiles into the Church from Jerusalem. From Jerusalem, he went to preach the Gospel in Asia at Antioch (Galatians 2:11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus and finally Rome.

SAINT PAUL, known as Saul before his conversion, was born in Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated Rabbi Gamaliel (Act 22:3). At the time of Jesus' ministry he already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving Baptism, Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the Gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings.

The ICON of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to present the holiness, wisdom and brotherly love of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation.

The Liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called "**the rock of faith**" and Paul "**the pride of the universe**". Together they are celebrated as "**luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun, pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ**". (Matins Hymns)

"Celebrating now the memory of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, remembering their venerable sufferings, we esteem their true faith and holy life, we esteem the innocence of their sufferings and pure confession". (St. Augustine)

Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-Praised Twelve Apostles

Commemorated on June 30

The Synaxis of the Glorious and All-Praiseworthy Twelve Apostles of Christ appears to be an ancient Feast. The Church honors each of the Twelve Apostles on separate dates during the year, and has established a general commemoration for all of them on the day after the commemoration of the Glorious and First-Ranked among the **Apostles Peter and Paul**. For lists of the Apostles' names, see: Mt.10:2, Mark 3:14, Luke 6:12, Acts 1:13, 26.

The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle Andrew the First-called** is also commemorated on November 30. He was the brother of Saint Peter (June 29). The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle James** is also commemorated on April 30. He and his brother **John** is also commemorated on September 26 and **are the sons of Zebedee**, and were called "sons of Thunder" (Mark 3: 17). May 8. (Mark 3:17). The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle Philip** is also commemorated on November 14. The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle Bartholomew, also known as Nathaniel**, is also commemorated on June 11 and August 25. The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle Thomas** is also commemorated on October 6 and on the Sunday after Pascha. The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle and Evangelist Matthew** is also commemorated on November 16. The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle James, the son of Alphaeus**, is also commemorated on October 9. The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle Jude** is also commemorated on June 19, **also known as Thaddeus**. The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle Simon the Zealot** is also commemorated on May 10. The holy, glorious, all-laudable **Apostle Matthias** is also commemorated on August 9.