# WEEKLY BULLETIN

# SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

64 West Wilbeth Road, Akron, Ohio 44301 Church Hall: 330-724-7129

Office: 330-724-7009

www.saintelia.com www.facebook.com/sainteliaakron 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 – July 5, 2020** 

Vol. 37

# SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES All Services are "Lived Streamed"

# 4th SUNDAYAFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3 – Uncovering of the Relics of Saint Sergius of Radonezh

Saturday, July 4 –5:00 pm Panakhida for the repose of the soul of Elaine Pedder (1 year) 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 Gray** 

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

# **5th SUNDAYAFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4 – Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra**

Saturday, July 11

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, June 12

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

**Epistle Reader: Bud Graham** 

EPISTLE: Romans 10:1-10 GOSPEL: Matthew 8:29-9:1

# TAIL-GATE COFFEE HOUR'

Thank you to Anna Bohush and Mary Marcin for hosting the "Tail-Gate Coffee Hour" this past Sunday. A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO BE TOGETHER.

#### BIBLE STUDY – PASCHAL GOSPELS OF ST. JOHN

Our "Zoom" at- home Bible Study will be held this week **on Wednesday, July 8: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.** To join the Bible Study go to the Parish Website ). 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!

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIA

Our Temple Feast of St. Elia is observed on July 20th. On **Sunday**, **July 19th the Blessing of Vehicles** will take place following the Divine Liturgy, followed by a **special** "*Tale-Gate Coffee Hour*"

On the Feast Day, **Monday**, **July 20**th, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 8:00 am.

# VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 21 AT 7:00 PM

# "SUMMER CLEAN-UP"

We are in need your help during the "summer" months for grass cutters, flower beds cleaners, wood choppers and weed pullers. Thank you Tony Dodovich for cutting the grass and trimming this week.

### 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:

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 <a href="https://www.saintelia.com">www.saintelia.com</a>. 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.

## "HOPE FOR TROUBLED TIMES

I believe in the sun, even if it does not shine.I believe in love, even if I do not feel it.I believe in God, even if I do not see Him.\*

\*An Inscription on a wall of the Warsaw Ghetto by an unknown Jew, circa 1942

LET NOTHING disturb you,
Nothing dismay you;
All things are passing;
God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all that it strives for;
Those who have God find they lack nothing.
God alone suffices.\*\*

\*\*Saint Teresa of Avila