

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 – August 2, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

All Services are “Lived Streamed”

August 1-14 – Dormition Fast

Saturday, August 1 - PROCESSION OF HONORABLE WOOD OF THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF THE LORD

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7 – Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople (ca 428)

Saturday, August 2 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 3

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Aaron Gray

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 GOSPEL: Matthew 14:14-22

THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Blessing of Grapes and all Fruits

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8- – Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Glorification of Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America

Saturday, August 8 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 9

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-34

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Florence Lambo has been admitted to Summa (Akron City) Hospital. Let us lift this young lady (91) up in prayer.

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Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord.

Commemorated on August 1

The origin of this Feast is explained in the Greek *Horologion* of 1897: "Because of the illnesses which occur during the month of August, it was customary at Constantinople to carry the Precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification, and to deliver it from sickness."

On the eve (July 31), the Cross was removed from the imperial treasury and placed it upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (which is dedicated to Christ, the Wisdom of God). From August 1 until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, there was a procession throughout the entire the city, and then the Cross was placed where all the people could venerate It.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE: 1Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all [a]speak the same thing, and *that* there be no [b]divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's *household*, that there are [c]contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the [d]message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:14-22

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Important Guidelines on Attending Services

We have 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.**

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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.

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.

- Support St. Elia

Step 1: Go to: AMAZON SMILE

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the Gospels. When our Lord was recognized by His apostles as the Christ – the Messiah – the Son of the Living God, He told them that He must go up to Jerusalem...and suffer many things...and be killed and on the third day be raised. (Cf. Matthew 16)

The announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death upset the disciples. And then after correcting them, the Lord took Peter, James and John up the high mountain, by tradition, Mt. Tabor, and was transfigured before them, and His face shown like the sun and His garments became white as snow and behold there appeared to them Moses and Elia and Jesus was talking with them about His upcoming suffering and death.

The event of the Transfiguration teaches us that God fulfills His promise to men. But the fulfillment is greater than any man could possible realize. The Savior Who was sent is not just a messenger but the Son of God in human flesh. The mystery of the Transfiguration teaches us that the fulness of the Godhead is found in Jesus and the **DWELLING PLACE OF GOD IS WITH MAN.**

In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty and in the person of Jesus the Christ. They see this before the Crucifixion so that in the Resurrection they might know Who He is Who suffered for them, and what it is that this Jesus – Who is both God and Man – has prepared for those who love Him and His Heavenly Father. *The glory of God has appeared in our Lord Jesus!*

The Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, August 5, at 6:00 pm. Please bring grapes and all fruit for Blessing following the Divine Liturgy.