

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

Sunday –September 27, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

All Services are “Lived Streamed”

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7 – Martyr Callistratus

Saturday, September 26 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, September 27

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham

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

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

EPISTLE: 2nd Corinthians 6:1-10 GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

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

Thursday, October 1

8:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8 – Hieromartyr

Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

Saturday, October 3 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 4

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham

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

Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham

EPISTLE: 2nd Corinthians 6:17-7:1 GOSPEL: Luke 6:31-36

SAINT ELIA CHURCH 74TH ANNIVERSARY

The Church at 64 W. Wilbeth Road was established 74 years ago on October 10, 1946 under the patronage of Saint Elia the Prophet. To quote Winston Churchill: "The farther back you look, the farther forward you are likely to see." There are many happenings that have contributed to the present day character of this Parish and have influenced the Family who worships here.

It will be our great pleasure to welcome our father and Archbishop Alexander on Sunday, October 11, 2020 to celebrate this milestone in the history of our Parish. Please mark your calendars and plan to register as usual for the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am. Because of *Covid 19*, we must continued to follow the guidelines of social distancing,

FALL TIME 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 for beautifying the grounds of our Parish Temple and dedicated labor.

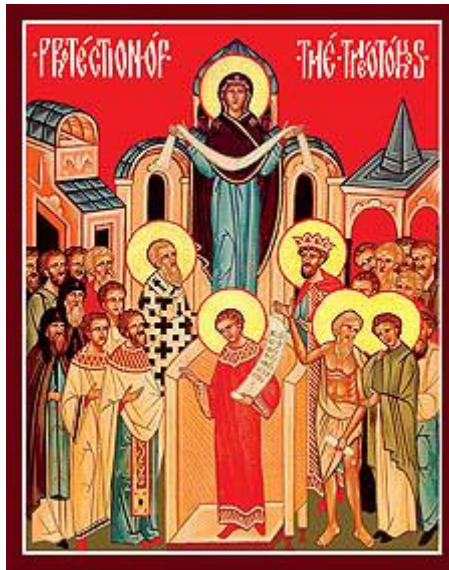
PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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.

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Candles:	\$ 16.00
Offerings;	724.00
Employees Foundation: Akron's Children's Hospital:	260.00
<u>Special Offering:</u>	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,300.00

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. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!”

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."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."

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.”

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.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the following events of the OCW will be virtually by ZOOM:

THE FELLOWSHIP TEA, October 18: 2-4 pm. Presented by Dr. Bill Shaheen, MD: *“In Wonder of the Supreme Artist – A Reflection on the Orthodox View of Ecology and the Environment.*

THE BOOK STUDY will begin on October 5.

Please send your email address to Nikki Bober (niboer@gmail.com) so you can be invited. You will need the ZOOM link in order to attend these events

Important Guidelines on Attending the Divine Services

We have the blessing from our Diocese for Stage 4 for our faithful to attend liturgical services. Pews have been roped off for available and not available seating. There will be an usher to assist you and/or your family to be seated (it may not be in your ‘usual’ place). In accordance with the State of Ohio, CDC, and Diocesan Guidelines we all must follow these mandatory steps when attending:

- 1) If you or your family member is sick please stay home.**
- 2) Accordance with Governor’s state mandate ALL must wear masks in Church (disposable masks are provided in the vestibule).**
- 3) Sanitize your hands before entering and exiting the church building.**
- 4.) All are required to keep 6 feet social distancing.**
- 5.) No physical contact with icons, cross, chalice, gospel book, and/or Father’s hand.**

Due to limited seating PLEASE pre-register for Sunday Divine Liturgy by calling Fr. Don at (330) 724-7009 or (330) 472-6456 by Saturday.

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

“Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I with them” says our Lord. (Mathew 18:20)