

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 –October 4, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

All Services are “Lived Streamed”

**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

**Tuesday, October 6 – Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas. Glorification of Saint
Innocent, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas**

**Friday, October 9 - Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus. Glorification of Saint
Tikhon, Enlightener of North America**

**18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1 – Commemoration of
the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

Saturday, October 10 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 11

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom - Archbishop Alexander

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

EPISTLE: 2nd Corinthians 6:9:6-11 GOSPEL: John 17:1-13

74th ANNIVERSARY

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The Parish Church at 64 West 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 Parish Family who worships here.

It will be our great pleasure to welcome our Father and Archbishop Alexander next Sunday, October 11, 2020, to celebrate with us this milestone in the history of Sant Elia Parish.

Please mark your calendars and because of *Covid 19* we must continue to follow the guidelines of social distancing. Remember to register as usual for the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am by calling Father Don at 330-724-7009.

A Special Coffee Hour will follow the Divine Liturgy.

PARISH PROJECTS

Many needed projects are being completed. We wish to thank Bud Graham for tackling the kitchen sink project; for Subdeacon Terrence Bilas for painting the Church Sign and fire escape, railings and exterior doors; and Tony Dodovich for grass cutting and landscaping

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Your maintaining of your stewardship to Saint 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 27, 2020

Candles: \$ 49.00

Sunday Offering: 467.00

Parking Lot: 50.00

TOTAL: 566.00

“Tithley” Electronic Donations

August 30 – September 30

\$1,111.85

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)

PARISH COUNCIL 2021 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In November 2020, a Parish Meeting will be held to elect the 2021 Parish Council, subject to the approval of the Archbishop.

On Sunday, September 27, a Nominating committee was chosen from those who volunteered.

Please submit your Nominees to one of the committee members:
Sandy Graham, Reader Aaron Gray, Joshua Wherley.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the following events of the 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 (nibober@gmail.com) so you can be invited. You will need the ZOOM link in order to attend these events.

*“Never confuse the person , formed in the image of God,
with the evil that is in him.*

*The evil is but a chance misfortune, an illness; a devilish reverie.
Remember that the very essence of each person is the image of God.*

And this image remains in him or her despite very defilement.

St. John of Kronstadt

Glorification of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas

Commemorated on **October 6**

Glorification of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America (in the world John Popov-Veniaminov), was born on August 26, 1797 in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese, into the family of a sacristan. The boy mastered his studies at an early age and by age seven, he was reading the Epistle in church. In 1806 they sent him to the Irkutsk seminary. On May 13, 1817 he was ordained deacon for the Irkutsk Annunciation church, and on May 18, 1821, he was ordained priest.

The missionary service of the future Apostle of America and Siberia began with the year 1823. Father John spent 45 years laboring for the enlightenment of the peoples of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands, North America, Yakutsk, the Khabarov frontier, performing his apostolic exploit in severe conditions and at great risks to life. Saint Innocent baptized ten thousand people, and built churches, beside which he founded schools and he himself taught the fundamentals of the Christian life. His knowledge of various crafts and arts aided him in his work.

Father John was a remarkable preacher. During the celebration of the Liturgy, memorial services and the all-night Vigil, he incessantly guided his flock. During his time of endless travels, Father John studied the languages, customs and habits of the peoples, among whom he preached. His work in geography, ethnography and linguistics received worldwide acclaim. He composed an alphabet and

grammar for the Aleut language and translated the Catechism, the Gospel and many prayers into that language. One of the finest of his works was the Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven (1833), translated into the various languages of the peoples of Siberia and appearing in more than 40 editions. Thanks to the toil of Father John, the Yakut people in 1859 first heard the Word of God and divine services in their own native language.

On November 29, 1840, after the death of his wife, Father John was tonsured a monk with the name Innocent by Saint Philaret, the Metropolitan of Moscow, in honor of Saint Innocent of Irkutsk. On December 15, Archimandrite Innocent was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands. On April 21, 1850 Bishop Innocent was elevated to the rank of archbishop.

By the Providence of God on January 5, 1868, Saint Innocent succeeded Metropolitan Philaret on the Moscow cathedra. Through the Holy Synod, Metropolitan Innocent consolidated the secular missionary efforts of the Russian Church (already in 1839 he had proposed a project for improving the organization of missionary service).

Under the care of Metropolitan Innocent a Missionary Society was created, and the Protection monastery was reorganized for missionary work. In 1870 the Japanese Orthodox Spiritual Mission headed by Archimandrite Nicholas Kasatkin [afterwards Saint Nicholas of Japan, (February 3)] was set up, with whom Saint Innocent had shared much of his own spiritual experience. Saint Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879, on Holy Saturday.

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