

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 11, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

All Services are “Lived Streamed”

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 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Our Father and Archbishop Alexander

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

EPISTLES: 2nd Corinthians 6:9:6-11 Hebrews 13:7-16

GOSPELS: Luke 7:11-16 John 17:1-13

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2 – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Saturday, October 17

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 18

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Joshua Wherley

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

EPISTLE: 2nd Corinthians 11:31-12:9 GOSPEL: Luke 8:5-15

74TH ANNIVERSARY

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Dear St. Elia Parish community,

This weekend, October 10th and 11th, is our 74TH Parish Anniversary weekend. Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be celebrating with us beginning with Saturday 5 pm Great Vespers and on Sunday 9:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Following Saturday 5 pm Vespers if (you're interested) we will go to Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant located in the South Plaza on E. Waterloo Rd. for dinner.

Due to the COVID guidelines, we have simplified our weekend celebration.

First, I am requesting if you and/or family are attending Sunday Liturgy please contact me for seating. Our spaces are limited in order to assure six feet distancing. Please call: (330 724 7009 or 330 472 6456)

Secondly, Archbishop Alexander will be serving but we will dispense with greeting him at the door with bread and flowers.

Thirdly, to receive the Archbishop's blessing, please gently bow instead of extending your hands to him.

In receiving Holy Communion please gently tilt your head back and open your mouth wide to receive the Eucharist.

Following Sunday Liturgy, a light luncheon will be available to enjoy each other's fellowship. Weather permitting the luncheon will be outside on the west side of the Church building parking lot.

Please let's continue to follow 6 feet distancing and when not eating wear your mask.

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.

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, October 4, 2020

Candles: \$ 36.00

Sunday Offering: 1,257.00

Improvement Fund: 255.00

TOTAL: \$1,548.00

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 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.*

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.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon requests prayers for His Eminence Archbishop David

SYOSSET, NY [OCA]

On October 7, 2020, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, made the following statement with the blessing of [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon](#):

On Friday, October 2, 2020, [His Eminence Archbishop David](#) of Sitka and Alaska informed His Beatitude that he has received a diagnosis from his doctors in Anchorage of renal cancer. On the advice of his doctors, and with the blessing of His Beatitude, His Eminence has decided to travel to Indiana, where he will undergo further testing and eventual treatment at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, while living with his son, and his son's family.

His Eminence made a formal announcement to his diocese this past weekend about his condition, which has been subsequently [posted on the diocesan website](#). Faithful are directed to visit this website for regular updates on Archbishop David's health.

His Beatitude requests prayers from the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America to the Almighty God, the Physician of our souls and bodies, for His Eminence, his family, and the medical workers who will treat him.

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)

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18)