

WEEKLY BULLETIN

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached

Sunday, October 18, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

All Services are "Live Streamed"

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 Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

Epistle :Colossians 4:5-9,14,18 Gospels:Luke 8:5-15;Luke 10:16-21

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3 – Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries of Constantinople

Saturday , October 24

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 25

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle :Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

“ZOOM” PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – 7:00 pm

PARISH COUNCIL 2021 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In November 2020, a General 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 Nominating Committee members: **Sandy Graham, Reader Aaron Gray or Joshua Wherley.**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Your maintaining of your financial stewardship to St. Elia Parish is astounding. Your regular donations have enabled the Parish to meet the bills and maintain stability during these unprecedented times.

Thank you to Subdeacon Terrence Bilas, Bud Graham and Tony Dodovich for your stewardship of efforts, time and work in restoring the kitchen and storage area ready for Parish use.

74TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

As a Parish Family we are grateful to His Eminence, our Father and Archbishop Alexander, for coming and being with us this past weekend as we celebrated the founding of our Parish 74 years ago. We enjoyed his company and the fellowship of all who were able to participate.

We wish to thank on behalf of all of us for the Outdoor Coffee Hour planned and prepared especially by Veronica Bilas and Anastasia Bohush and all those who in any way helped and contributed. We all realized how much we needed this time to be together socially after our prayer time during the Divine Liturgy. Please keep in mind that next year will be 75 years as a Parish and we will be planning for next year's celebration.

Sunday Candles and Offering, October 11, 2020: \$979.00

Important Guidelines on Attending the Divine Services

We have the blessing from our Diocese for Stage 4 reopening for our faithful to attend liturgical services. 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) All must wear masks in church (disposable masks are provided in the vestibule).
- 3) Sanitize your hands before entering the church (sanitizer is located in the vestibule).
- 4) All are required to keep 6 feet social distancing. Pews are marked for available and not available seating.
- 5) Please... there will be no gathering in the vestibule/office/and in the parish hall

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.

Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Commemorated on [October 18](#)



The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, Saint Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied Saint Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, Saint Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.

Tradition credits Saint Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. Saint Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. Saint Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), Saint Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51).

In Saint Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

Saint Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. At the center of the narrative is

the Council of the holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29). The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church “into all truth” (John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

The holy relics of Saint Luke were taken from Constantinople and brought to Padua, Italy at some point in history. Perhaps this was during the infamous Crusade of 1204. In 1992, Metropolitan Hieronymus (Jerome) of Thebes requested the Roman Catholic bishop in Thebes to obtain a portion of Saint Luke’s relics for the saint’s empty sepulchre in the Orthodox cathedral in Thebes.

The Roman Catholic bishop Antonio Mattiazzo of Padua, noting that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there, appointed a committee to investigate the relics in Padua, and the skull of Saint Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of Saint Vico in Prague.

The skeleton was determined to be that of an elderly man of strong build. In 2001, a tooth found in the coffin was judged to be consistent with the DNA of Syrians living near the area of Antioch dating from 72-416 A.D. The skull in Prague perfectly fit the neck bone of the skelton. The tooth found in the coffin in Padua was also found to fit the jawbone of the skull.

Bishop Mattiazzo sent a rib from the relics to Metropolitan Hieronymus to be venerated in Saint Luke’s original tomb in the Orthodox cathedral at Thebes.