

WEEKLY BULLETIN

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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V. Rev. Mitred Archpriest Fr. Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector

Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached

Sunday, October 25, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

All Services are "Live Streamed"

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

PANAKHIDA for the repose of the soul of +Metropolitan Theodosius

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4 – Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian

Saturday , October 31 - 4:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 1

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Epistle :Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

PARISH COUNCIL 2021 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On November 8, 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. It has enabled the Parish to meet the bills and maintain stability. Thank you Tony Dodovich for sealing the front steps and mowing the lawn

<u>Sunday, October 18, 2020</u>	
Candles:	\$ 12.00
Sunday Offering:	744.10
Special Donation:	300.00
<u>Bookstore:</u>	<u>6.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,062.10

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.

ST. ELIA ONLINE FUNDRAISER

GO TO: [HTTP://BIT.LY/ST.ELIAFUND](http://bit.ly/st.elifund)

Now through October 31st

Help offset the costs of recent parking lot and kitchen repairs, support the parish, and get a jump start on your Christmas shopping at the same time.

Shop St. Elia's fundraising website for gifts, teas, snacks, chocolates, magazines, home décor, holiday items, kitchen items and more. Items can be shipped directly to your home or to the church for pickup at no charge.

We appreciate your support. Please share with your friends and neighbors

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.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (Lazor)



On Monday morning, October 19, 2020, [His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius \(Lazor\)](#), former Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, fell asleep in the Lord in Canonsburg, PA after an extended illness. He was the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America from 1977 until his retirement in 2002.

On October 27, 1933, Metropolitan Theodosius [Lazor] was born Frank Lazor to John and Mary Lazor, immigrants from Galicia (what is today the southeastern corner of Poland), in Canonsburg PA. He was raised as a son of the Orthodox Church, a devout member of Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Canonsburg PA where he served as an altar server. He attended Canonsburg High School where he was Student Council President, graduating in 1953. He enrolled in undergraduate studies at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington PA. During his time there, he served as the Recording Secretary of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, which focuses on Leadership Development.

After his graduation in 1957 from Washington and Jefferson College, he enrolled in Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, at that time in New York City. He was awarded a Master of Divinity degree in 1960. He spent the next year pursuing additional studies at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland, touring the Holy Land, and visiting Orthodox Christian centers throughout Europe and the Middle East.

Upon returning to the US in 1961, he took monastic vows and was tonsured as a schema monk on October 10 at Saint Sergius Chapel in Oyster Bay Cove, NY by Archbishop Ireney of Boston and New England and given the name Theodosius. His heavenly patron was Saint Theodosius of Chernigov. On October 14, 1961 he was ordained to the Holy Diaconate at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral in NYC by Bishop Kiprian of Washington (DC). On October 22, 1961 the Hierodeacon Theodosius was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at Saint Gregory's Church in Homestead, PA by Archbishop Benjamin of Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

From 1961 through 1966, he served as rector of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Madison, IL and as an assistant military chaplain. At the Spring 1967 Session of the Great Council of Bishops, he was elected to the episcopacy to serve as Auxiliary to the Metropolitan and Bishop of Washington DC and as administrator of the Diocese of Alaska effective June 1, 1967. He was consecrated a Bishop on May 6, 1967, Bright Saturday at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral in NYC .

On November 17, 1967, the Great Council of Bishops elected him as the diocesan Bishop of Sitka and Alaska. In May 1970, as Bishop of Alaska, he headed the OCA's delegation which traveled to Moscow to receive the Tomos of Autocephaly, marking the beginning of the Orthodox Church in America. The Tomos was signed by the Patriarch and the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church, and Bishop Theodosius received it from the hands of Metropolitan Pimen (Izvekov), the *locum tenens* of the Moscow Patriarchate. The Tomos guaranteed the right of self-governance for the Orthodox Church in America. .

Shortly thereafter, he hosted ceremonies in Alaska marking the glorification of one of the original Orthodox missionaries to Alaska, the Elder Herman. The event was significant in that it marked the first time a North American had been

entered into the Orthodox calendar of saints. Bishop Theodosius initiated the effort to consider the Elder Herman for glorification.

In 1972, he was reassigned by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America to the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. On October 25, 1977, he was elected Metropolitan of All America and Canada during the 5th All-American Council in Montreal, Quebec. As Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, Metropolitan Theodosius assumed leadership of one of the world's 15 self-governing, or autocephalous, Orthodox churches. In 1981, the Holy Synod of Bishops established a new diocese of Washington, DC as the seat of the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America. As Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan Theodosius presided over this diocese, in addition to his duties as Primate.

Metropolitan Theodosius was a frequent guest at the White House in Washington, DC, having been called upon by Presidents Bush and Clinton for advice on religious and political affairs in various parts of the world, especially after the fall of communism in the late 1980s and early 1990s. During the crisis in Kosovo, he boldly defended the rights of all peoples in the region while calling upon President Clinton to end the NATO air campaign.

On May 1, 2001, Metropolitan Theodosius, requested that he be granted a four-month medical leave of absence from his archpastoral and primatial duties by the Holy Synod of Bishops, a request they granted. However, he continued to suffer the residual effects of strokes he had suffered in late 2000 and early 2001. On April 2, 2002, Metropolitan Theodosius shared with members of the Holy Synod of Bishops his desire to retire from the office of Metropolitan of All America and Canada. The members of the Holy Synod of Bishops granted Metropolitan Theodosius' request effective July 22, 2002. On July 22, 2002, His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius opened the 13th All-American Council and presented his report on the last triennium. At the conclusion, he retired as Metropolitan of All America and Canada.

Friday, October 23, 2020 - 10:00 am: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed immediately by Interment. [Monastery of the Holy Transfiguration](#), Ellwood City, PA. *May Metropolitan Theodosius' memory be eternal!*

ZOE for Life

October 13 at 6:31 PM ·

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