

WEEKLY BULLETIN

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, November 1, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

All Services are "Live Streamed"

**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

**22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5 – Synaxis of the
Archangel Michael, and the other Bodiless Powers: Archangels
Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel and Barachiel**

Saturday, November 7 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 8

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

Epistles: Galatians 6:11-18 Hebrews 2:2-10

Gospels: Luke 8:41-56 Luke 10:16-21

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.

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Candles: \$ 24.00

Sunday Offering: 503.00

TOTAL: \$527.00

Sept. 27- Oct. 27, 2020

“Tithley” Electronic Donations:

\$771.38

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.

ZOE for Life URGENT NEED!!!

ZOE for Life!® is an Orthodox Christian ministry which affirms the value of all life, helping women confidentially during and after crisis pregnancy.

ZOE House™ is completely out of little girl's newborn clothing, and boys clothing sized 24mos/2T. We also have a great need for boys winter jackets, snow pants and snowsuits of all sizes. Please help us if you can.

New or gently worn clothing can be sent to us at:

1407 Roanoke Drive, Parma, Ohio, 44134.

GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE!

NOVEMBER LITURGICAL FEASTS

November 1 – Feast of the Holy Unmercenaries, Physicians
Cosmas and Damian

November 8 – Synaxis of the Archangel Michael, and the other
Bodiless Powers

November 13 - Feast of Saint John Chrysostom

November 14 – Feast of the Holy Apostle Philip

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

ADVENT – THE CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS

Forty Days prior to the celebration of the Feast of our Lord’s Nativity, the Holy Orthodox Church begins the Christmas Fast, which is often called Advent, which means Coming, and refers to the Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Mystery of His Holy Nativity. Christmas together with Epiphany are Feasts of Light celebrating the Manifestation of Christ the Light of the World

To help in our preparation during the Fast, we will have an *Advent Wreath* in Church. The Wreath, made of evergreens, will have six candles on it – one for each week in Advent.

Each Sunday, beginning with Sunday, November 15th, along with special prayers, we will light a candle on the wreath – as we prepare to empty ourselves in repentance and open our hearts to receive Christ the Light of the World into our hearts

NOVEMBER 16 - Feast of the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

NOVEMBER 21 Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple.

NOVEMBER 24 – Feast of the Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria

NOVEMBER 30 – Feast of the Apostle Andrew, the First-Called

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia

Commemorated on [November 1](#)

The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian and their mother Saint Theodota were natives of Asia Minor (some sources say Mesopotamia). Their pagan father died while they were still quite small children. Their mother raised them in Christian piety. Through her own example, and by reading holy books to them, Saint Theodota preserved her children in purity of life according to the command of the Lord, and Cosmas and Damian grew up into righteous and virtuous men. Trained and skilled as physicians, they received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people's illnesses of body and soul by the power of prayer. They even treated animals. With fervent love for both God and neighbor, they never took payment for their services. They strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Freely have you received, freely give." (Mt. 10:8). The fame of Saints Cosmas and Damian spread throughout all the surrounding region, and people called them unmercenary physicians. Once, the saints were summoned to a grievously ill woman named Palladia, whom all the doctors had refused to treat because of her seemingly hopeless condition. Through faith and through the fervent prayer of the holy brothers, the Lord healed the deadly disease and Palladia got up from her bed perfectly healthy and giving praise to God. In gratitude for being healed and wishing to give them a small gift, Palladia went quietly to Damian. She presented him with three eggs and said, "Take this small gift in the Name of the Holy Life-Creating Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Hearing the Name of the Holy Trinity, the unmercenary one did not dare to refuse. When Saint Cosmas learned what had happened, became very sad, for he thought that his brother had broken their

strict vow. On his deathbed he gave instructions that his brother should not be buried beside him. Saint Damian also died shortly afterward, and everyone wondered where Saint Damian's grave should be. But through the will of God a miracle occurred. A camel, which the saints had treated for its wildness, spoke with a human voice saying that they should have no doubts about whether to place Damian beside Cosmas, because Damian did not accept the eggs from the woman as payment, but out of respect for the Name of God. The venerable relics of the holy brothers were buried together at Thereman (Mesopotamia). Many miracles were worked after the death of the holy unmercenaries. There lived at Thereman, near the church of Cosmas and Damian, a certain man by the name of Malchus. One day he went on a journey, leaving his wife all alone for what would be a long time. He prayerfully entrusted her to the heavenly protection of the holy brothers. But the Enemy of the race of mankind took on the appearance of one of Malchus' friends, and planned to kill the woman. A certain time went by, and this man went to her at home and said that Malchus had sent him to bring her to him. The woman believed him and went along. He led her to a solitary place intending to kill her. The woman, seeing that disaster threatened her, called upon God with deep faith. Two fiercesome men then appeared, and the devil let go of the woman and fled, falling off a cliff. The two men led the woman home. At her own home, bowing to them deeply she asked, "My rescuers, to whom I shall be grateful to the end of my days, what are your names?" They replied, "We are the servants of Christ, Cosmas and Damian," and became invisible. The woman with trembling and with joy told everyone about what had happened to her. Glorifying God, she went up to the icon of the holy brothers and tearfully offered prayers of thanksgiving for her deliverance. And from that time the holy

brothers were venerated as protectors of the holiness and inviolability of Christian marriage, and as givers of harmony to conjugal life.

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.