

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET ORTHODOX CHURCH**

*A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

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**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

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## **SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

*All Services are "Live Streamed"*

**22<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6th Hours: Bud Graham**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Bud Graham**

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

*Beginning of the Christmas Fast - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6**

**Saturday, November 14 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, November 15**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham**

Epistle : Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

***Lighting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Candle on the Advent Wreath***

## **GENERAL PARISH MEETING TODAY**

Today, Sunday, **November 8, 2020**, a **General Parish Meeting** will be held to elect the 2021 Parish Council, subject to the approval of the Archbishop.

The following parishioners have been nominated: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas, Veronica Bilas, John Bohush IV, John Cheese, Tony Dodovich Reader Aaron Gray, Sarah Niglio, Tyler McKelvey, Joshua Wherley and Mary Marcin as COCA Representative

## **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, November 1, 2020**

<b>Candles:</b>	<b>\$ 23.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>1,367.00</b>
<b>Special Donation:</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b><u>Improvement Fund:</u></b>	<b><u>30.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,425.00</b>

### **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!**

# Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration. A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him” (Mt. 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones

The six-winged SERAPHIM (Flaming, Fiery) (Is 6:12) stand closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity. They blaze with love for God and kindle such love in others

The many-eyed CHERUBIM (outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment) (Gen 3:24) stand before the Lord after the Seraphim. They are radiant with the light of knowledge of God, and knowledge of the mysteries of God. Through them wisdom is poured forth, and people’s minds are enlightened so they may know God and behold His glory.

The THRONES (Col 1:16) stand after the Cherubim, mysteriously and incomprehensibly bearing God through the grace given them for their service. They

are ministers of God's justice, giving to tribunals, kings, etc. the capacity for righteous judgment.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities

DOMINIONS (Col 1:16) hold dominion over the angels subject to them. They instruct the earthly authorities, established by God, to rule wisely, and to govern their lands well. The Dominions teach us to subdue sinful impulses, to subject the flesh to the spirit, to master our will, and to conquer temptation.

POWERS (1 Pet 3:22) fulfill the will of God without hesitation. They work great miracles and give the grace of wonderworking and clairvoyance to saints pleasing to God. The Powers assist people in fulfilling obediences. They also encourage them to be patient, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude

AUTHORITIES (1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16) have authority over the devil. They protect people from demonic temptations, and prevent demons from harming people as they would wish. They also uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil thoughts.

The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:

PRINCIPALITIES (Col 1:16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of God's commands. They watch over the world and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render proper honor to those in authority, as befits their station. They teach those in authority to use their position, not for personal glory and gain, but to honor God, and to spread word of Him, for the benefit of those under them.

ARCHANGELS (1 Thess 4:16) are messengers of great and wondrous tidings. They reveal prophecies and the mysteries of the faith. They enlighten people to know and understand the will of God, they spread faith in God among the people, illuminating their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel.

**ANGELS** (1 Pet 3:22) are in the lowest rank of the heavenly hierarchy, and closest to people. They reveal the lesser mysteries of God and His intentions, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They support those who remain steadfast, and they raise up the fallen. They never abandon us and they are always prepared to help us, if we desire it.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel **Michael** (his name in Hebrew means “who is like unto God”), the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God.

We invoke **Saint Michael** for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of adversaries on the field of battle. He conquers all spiritual enemies.

Holy Scripture and Tradition give us the names of the Archangels:

**Gabriel**: strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine omnipotence (Dan 8:16, Luke 1:26). He announces the mysteries of God.

**Raphael**: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15)

**Uriel**: the fire or light of God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with darkened minds.

**Selaphiel**: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16). He prays to God for mankind.

**Jehudiel**: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts

**Barachiel**: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people.

Each person has a guardian angel, and every nation also receives its own guardian angel from God (Dan. 10:13). When a church is consecrated, it also receives a guardian angel

# **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](http://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.**

*“Christianity is entirely a new way of being human”  
Saint Maximus the Confessor*