

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Meatfare Sunday



## St. ELIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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*

# SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

*3<sup>rd</sup> Pre-Lenten Sunday*

**MEATFARE SUNDAY – Tone 6 – Sunday of the Last Judgment**

**Saturday, March 6 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, March 7**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Reader Michael Luc**

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

**Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

**Panakhida** for the repose of the souls of Leonora and Steve Evancho and Claudia Sulin as requested by the Evancho family,

*After this Sunday, meat is not eaten until the Sunday of Pascha, but otherwise there is no fasting this week from eggs, cheese, butter, milk, fish, including Wednesday and Friday*

## “OUR BROTHER IS OUR LIFE”

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ’s brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

*4<sup>th</sup> Pre-Lenten Sunday*

**CHEESEFARE SUNDAY – Tone 7 – FORGIVENESS  
SUNDAY. The expulsion of Adam from Paradise  
Saturday, March 13**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, March 14**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Joshua Wherley**

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

**Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley**

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

**Panakhida** for the repose of the soul of Ludmila  
Terekovska, the mother of Nana Sugden, as requested  
by the Sugden family

**5:00 pm Vespers and Mutual Forgiveness Service**

## ***Beginning of Great Lent***

***The Lenten Spring has come!***

***The light of repentance!***

***Let us cleanse ourselves, crying out to the  
Giver of Light:***

***Glory to Thee, O Lover of Mankind!***

### ***FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT***

**Monday, March 15 – 6:00 pm**

Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete-1<sup>st</sup> Section

**Tuesday, March 16 – 6:00 pm**

Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete-2<sup>nd</sup> Section

**Wednesday, March 17 – 6:00 pm**

Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete-3<sup>rd</sup> Section

**Thursday, March 18 – 6:00 pm**

Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete-4<sup>th</sup> Section

**Friday, March 19 – 6:00 pm**

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Blessing of the Boiled Wheat in memory of the miraculous  
intervention of Saint Theodore the Recruit

# SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

## 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord

## Matthew 25:31-46

### The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the

left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

<sup>41</sup> "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

<sup>44</sup> "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' <sup>45</sup> Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## **REMEMBER THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr .Don and Popadia Donna  
Egor Cravcenco. Son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

## **REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Metropolitan Herman

Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)

Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)

Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)

Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo

Larissa Freude Newman

Reader William Paluch

Martin and Rose Marie Vronick

Niki Bober (President of the Orthodox Christian Women)

Matushka Myra Kovaiak and Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak

Matushka Christitne Zebren;

Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

## **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

### **Sunday, February 21, 2021**

**Candles: \$ 18.00**

**Sunday Offering: 323.00**

**TOTAL \$341.00**

### **Sunday, February 28, 2021**

**Candles: \$ 21.00**

**Sunday Offering 1,503.00**

**TOTAL \$1,524.00**

## **SUPPORT ST. ELIA – AMAZON PURCHASES**

**Step 1: Go to: [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)**

**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.**

**C.S. Lewis astutely remarked: *“A proud man is always looking down on things and people, and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see anything that is above you.”***

# Saint Elia Prayer Group

## **The Goal**

To draw nearer to Christ and one another during this Lenten Fast by praying the Psalms together as a community, as we journey together toward holy Pascha.

## **How It Works**

The Orthodox Church has divided the book of Psalms into 20 sections. In our St. Elia prayer group, we will all be praying a new section each day throughout the 40 days of the fast, beginning on **March 15**, so that we all will pray through the entire book of Psalms *twice* during the course of the fast.

## **Added Bonus**

As we all join together in prayer, we can use this opportunity to pray for one another, for our parish, and for any special intentions that any of us may have by sharing prayer requests with one another via email.

## **What You Need**

Nothing more than a Bible and a little bit of time to set aside each day.

## **How Do I Join?**

To learn more and sign up, please visit <http://saintelia.com/news/lenten-prayer-group/> .

## **Spread the Word!**

This does not need to be limited only to members of St. Elia. Pass along this information to friends and relatives elsewhere and invite them to join.

## **One Last Thing**

May God bless us as we pray the Psalms together, and may He draw us nearer to Himself and to one another during this Lent. Have a blessed 40 days!

## **St. Elia Prayer Group**

A ministry of [St. Elia Orthodox Church](#)

# **Orthodox Christian Women's Annual Lenten Retreat**

**“7: The Seven Statements  
Jesus Makes at the Cross”**

**Fr. Nicholas Louh  
Jacksonville, Florida**

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Online via Zoom Free Event**

**Everyone Welcome!**

**Contact Nikki Bober  
(330-409-3552 or email  
[NLBober@gmail.com](mailto:NLBober@gmail.com))**

**or Nancy Studebaker  
(330-655-9638)**

**For questions or information  
regarding the Zoom Link**



# **Important Guidelines on Attending the Divine Services**

All services will continue to be *live streamed* by visiting our website [www.saintelia.com](http://www.saintelia.com).

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 OR 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**