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FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA



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*

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 4 – SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN Ven. Isaac of Dalmatus

Saturday, May 29

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10

Sunday, May 30

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Joshua Wherley

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 5 – SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN Ven. Bessarion Wonderworker of Egypt

Saturday, June 5

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18

Sunday, June 6

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Wednesday, June 9

6:00 pm

Leavetaking of Pascha

Removal of the Holy Shroud from the Holy Table

*“Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God,
and let Thy glory be over all the earth.”*

**Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the
Ascension of our Lord**

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

JOHN 4:5-42

⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, "¹¹ The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." ¹⁵ The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you

spoke truly.”¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

²⁵ The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

The Whitened Harvest

²⁷ And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

²⁸ The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹ “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” ³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

³¹ In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."³² But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

³³ Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?"

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! ³⁶ And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

The Savior of the World

³⁹ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I *ever* did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of His own word.

⁴² Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed ^{la}the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Help those in need: Bring in toiletries and other needed items during Lent!

During Great Lent we are called upon to fast not only for reasons of self-control and prayer, but also for reasons of love: to deny ourselves something that we may share what we have saved with someone else who is in need. This Lent, our parish family will be collecting items for the **Peter Maurin Center** (<http://www.petermaurincenter.org>). Located just 5 minutes north of St. Elia at 1096 S. Main St., the Center serves unsheltered and marginalized individuals and families in the Greater Akron area by offering prepared meals, warm clothing and friendship at their facilities and in the community.

Look for the bin located near the entrance of church, and drop off your items as you come in each week. If you are not currently attending services, contact Aaron Gray (330-413-8324, grayaaron@outlook.com) to pick up your donations. Below is a list of ideas of items that are currently in need at the Center:

- Toilet paper
- Toiletries and personal hygiene items
- Bottled water
- Aluminum foil and plastic wrap
- Plastic zip bags: sandwich, quart, or gallon
- Cleaning supplies
- One-day Metro bus passes (these cost \$2.50 each and can be purchased at the Metro Station and frequently at Giant Eagle stores)

Thank you for doing your part to help those in need!

*Christ is risen! Christos Voskrese! Christos Aneste!
Christus ist auferstanden! El Messieh kahm!
Cristo e' risorto! Le Christ est ressuscite!
Hristos a inviat! Krishti U Ngjall!
Pchristos aftooun! Christos t'ensah em' muhtan!
Krisztus feltamad! Cristo ha resucitado!*

REMEMBER THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Herman

Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)

Kathy Gray

Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)

Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)

Angelo Lambo

Florence Lambo

Larissa Freude Newman

Reader William Paluch

Subdeacon Martin Paluch

Martin Vronick

Rose Marie Vronick

Niki Bober (President of the Orthodox Christian Women)

Matushka Myra Kovaiak

Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak

Matushka Chrisitne Zebren;

Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

Our Stewardship - Sunday, May 23, 2021

Candles:	\$ 36.00
Sunday Offering:	1,305.00
TOTAL	\$1,341.00

“Tithley” Donations – 4/26-5/26 \$847.97

”Save the date”



St. ELIA
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This coming Labor Day Weekend 2021– September 4-5, -our Parish will celebrate **75 Years** as a Christ centered Parish community! Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us for the weekend.

The **75th Anniversary Committee** has met and is making plans for the 75th Celebration and Parish Homecoming event.

We need your help ... we are collecting photos to create a video of St. Elia memories. Please send or share any photos to Kathy Gray from past years to the present. We need all photos by August 10th and your photos will be returned to you.

Here is the tentative schedule:

Saturday, September 4:

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Social following

Sunday, September 5

9:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

**Tonsuring of Joshua Herman Wherley
as Reader and Cantor**

**Family Centered Barbecue catered by the
Waterloo Restaurant**

More details to come...!

Important Guidelines on Attending the Divine Services

All services will continue to be *live streamed* by visiting our website www.saintelia.com.

AS OF NOW – May 30, 2021 - In accordance with the State of Ohio, CDC, and Diocesan guidelines we all must follow these simple steps:

- 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.**

Changes or updates will be provided as needed!

We are permitted by our Diocese to fully reopen the Church as of June 1 as permitted by the civil authorities. We are anticipating the new guidelines from the Governor of our State of Ohio Wednesday June 2nd.