

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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*



St. Elia Name Day Parish Celebration
Sunday, July 25, 2021
DIVINE LITURGY – 9:30 AM
followed by
SLAVA TO SAINT ELIA
And BLESSING OF VEHICLES
Commemorating St. Elia being taken
up into heaven in a fiery chariot.

Covered Dish Picnic Style Dinner
Main dish will be provided.
Everyone is asked to bring a side
dish or dessert.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4

Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most Holy Theotokos

Saturday, July 24

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 25

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

SLAVA to Saint Elia and Blessing of vehicles

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5

Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord

Saturday, July 31

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 1

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

DORMITION FAST – AUGUST 1-14

The Dormition Fast begins on August 1, the Feast of the Procession of the Holy Cross, and continues through August 14. The Feast of the Dormition of Mary the Theotokos is celebrated on August 15.

TODAY'S EPISTLE — Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for ^{the} Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

TODAY'S GOSPEL — Matthew 8:28-9:1

Two Demon-Possessed Men Healed

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the ^{the} Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed *men*, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, ^{the} permit us to go away into the herd of swine."

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And He said to them, “Go.” So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

Then those who kept *them* fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men*. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged *Him* to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.



REMEMBERING THOSE ARMED FORCES

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

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Herman
Archbishop Paul
Archbishop Benjamin
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo
Larissa Freude Newman
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Reader William Paluch
Martin Vronick and Rose Marie Vronick
Niki Bober (President of Orthodox Christian Women)
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Geoffrey Michael Lubic

DORMITION OF THE RIGHTEOUS ANNA,

THE MOTHER OF THE THEOTOKOS

Commemorated today, [July 25](#)

“Come together, all creation! Let us praise the divinely-wise Anna on cymbals and with psalms! Through her womb she gave birth to the divine mountain. Today she is translated to the spiritual mountain and the mansions of Paradise. Let us cry out to her: “Blessed is your womb, which bore her who carried the Light of the world in her womb! Entreat Him that He may deliver us from all tribulation and assaults of the Enemy and that He may save our souls”



Saint Anna was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos



St. ELIA

ORTHODOX  CHURCH

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 this weekend of our Anniversary celebration.

Plans are being made for this 75th Anniversary celebration.

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

Tentative Schedule

Saturday, September 4:

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Social following

Sunday, September 5

**9:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Archbishop Alexander and Clergy**

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

Social Meal to follow.

More details to come

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) is the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church and an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops. The mission of OCPM is to serve those who are incarcerated and their families, and provide resources, training and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified.

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) proclaims the love of Christ to men and women who are incarcerated. We do this by applying the teachings of the Orthodox Faith to correspond with thousands of prisoners, providing them personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, catechism, and study courses. For those wishing to live an Orthodox way of life, we advocate on their behalf for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith, so that priests can enter prison facilities and administer the Sacraments and services.

As the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church, we provide resources and training to local parishes and clergy, enabling them to offer local solutions and fulfill Christ's command to visit Him in prison. As a result, families are reunited, marriages are healed, and thousands of incarcerated men and women have a new sense of peace and restored order in their lives.

OCPM Sunday 2021 is July 25. Please make your offerings for this Ministry during the month of July. Our charitable offerings at St. Elia will be matched by our Diocese. For further information please contact Joshua Wherley

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking ever PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-bring of all our people. In accordance with the CDC, the State of Ohio, and our Diocesan Directives, St. Elia Parish will follow these directives:

- 1) If you are sick and/or exhibit coronavirus symptoms, you must refrain from attending services.
- 2) While the CDC and the State of Ohio have lifted the mask mandate, the social distancing and capacity restrictions, the State officials recommend that unvaccinated people continue to wear the masks indoors. The Diocesan Directives stress that everyone is welcome to continued wearing face coverings if there is any level of discomfort with this new guidance.
- 3) The kissing of Icons, the Cross, the Gospel Book, the Chalice and the priest's hand when receiving the blessing is permitted if you ae comfortable doing so
- 4) The sanitizer and masks are available in the vestibule for your convenience

OUR STEWARDSHIP – July 18, 2021

Candles:	\$ 18.00
Improvement Fund:	35.00
Prison Ministry:	25.00
Special Donation:	25.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>1,725.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,828.00