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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6 Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Saturday, August 7

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 8

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

“Come, let us be transformed today into a higher state! Let us come to the height of the contemplation of the virtues, piously and joyously being transfigured with Christ.

Let us rejoice with great exultation, for the Savior of our souls, in being transfigured, has enlightened and transfigured human nature in His loving kindness.”

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7 THE DORMITION OF OUR MIST HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Saturday, August 14

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 15

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Blessing of Flowers

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

EPISTLE READING: Romans 15:1-7

Bearing Others' Burdens

We then who are strong ought to bear with the ^[a]scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to ^[e]edification. For even Christ did not please Himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the ^[c]patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God

Prayer before Gospel

"Illumine our heart, O Master who loves mankind, with the pure light of Your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Your gospel teachings... that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, thinking, and doing such things that are pleasing to You"

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:27-35

Two Blind Men Healed

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.”

And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See *that* no one knows *it*.” But when they had departed, they ^[a]spread the news about Him in all that ^[b]country.

A Mute Man Speaks

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.”

The Compassion of Jesus

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease ^[c]among the people.



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‘FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD’ 1 Cor. 16:13

Dear Faithful and Friends of St. Elia,

This coming Labor Day weekend, September 4-5, 2021, we at St. Elia will be celebrating 75 years of witnessing to Jesus Christ as a Parish community. Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us for the Anniversary weekend.

75th CELEBRATION SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 4:

5:00 PM Great Vespers followed by Hor d’oeuvres/ Wine Reception in the parish hall.

Sunday, September 5:

9:30 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Archbishop and Clergy. Tonsuring of Joshua Herman Wherley as Reader

12 Noon BBQ ‘Family -Style’ luncheon catered by Waterloo Restaurant

Adults (16 yr. and up) \$15.00

Youth (7-15 yr.) \$10.00

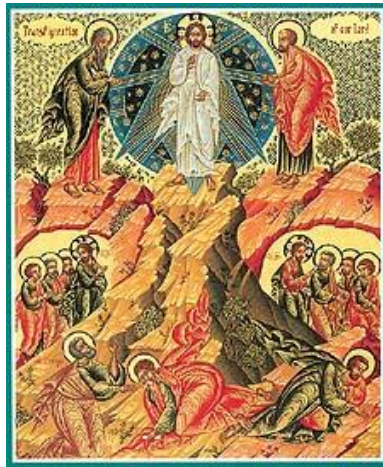
Children (6 yr. and under- free)

Luncheon tickets are by Pre-Paid ONLY by August 31st.

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

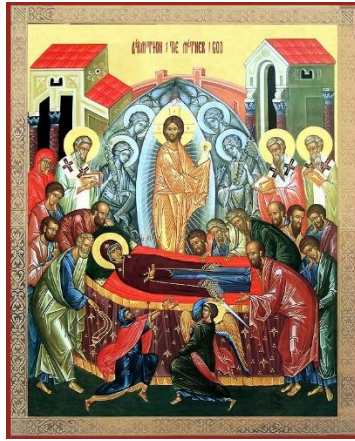
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The liturgical hymns speak of the sun appearing dim compared to the divine light of the Transfiguration. In His compassion for humanity, Christ took on mortal flesh, yet Peter, James and John saw the radiance of His glory. The incarnate *Lord* “*made Adam’s darkened image to shine again*” when He appeared on earth “arrayed in the original beauty of the Image (Genesis 1:26).



The Church’s hymns invite us to “ascend the holy mountain” and “*with the eyes of faith,*” to “*behold the radiant Transfiguration of the Lord.*” Christ has transformed our fallen human nature and restored its original beauty “by the burning radiance of His divinity.”

A Blessed Dormition Fast



The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary will be celebrated next **Sunday, August 15**, and is preceded by a two week fast from August 1 through August 14.

The tradition of the Church is that Mary died as all people die, since she bore the same mortal body that every person has who comes into the world, and that having truly died, she was raised by her Son as the Mother of Life.

Blessing of Flowers

The events that surround the death of the Theotokos are handed down to us from the early church. We are told that when Mary “*fell asleep in the Lord*” the Apostles placed her body in a tomb. Thomas, not present for the burial, came later and asked to see Mary one last time. When the Apostles arrived at the tomb, they found flowers were present where she laid. As a reminder of this event, flowers and herbs are blessed on this day. The blessed flowers are seen now as a sign of God’s Presence in the world. Please bring your flowers next Sunday for the blessing.

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
Florence Lambo
Larissa Freude Newman
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Reader William Paluch
Martin Vronick
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

OUR STEWARDSHIP – August 1., 2021

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| Candles: | \$25.00 |
| Improvement Fund: | 65.00 |
| <u>Sunday Offering:</u> | <u>251.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$341.00 |

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking every PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-being 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 are comfortable doing so
- 4) The sanitizer and masks are available in the vestibule for your convenience

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 pm