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NINTH 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

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8
AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST
HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN
MARY**

Saturday, August 21

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 22

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

*55th Wedding Anniversary Blessing of
Bud and Sandy Graham. Many Years!*

Monday, August 23: Leavetaking of the Dormition

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1
THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY, GLORIOUS,
PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN-
*Strict Fast Day***

Saturday, August 28

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 29

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Acts 13:25-33 Gospel: Mark 6:14-30

Today's Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 3:9-1

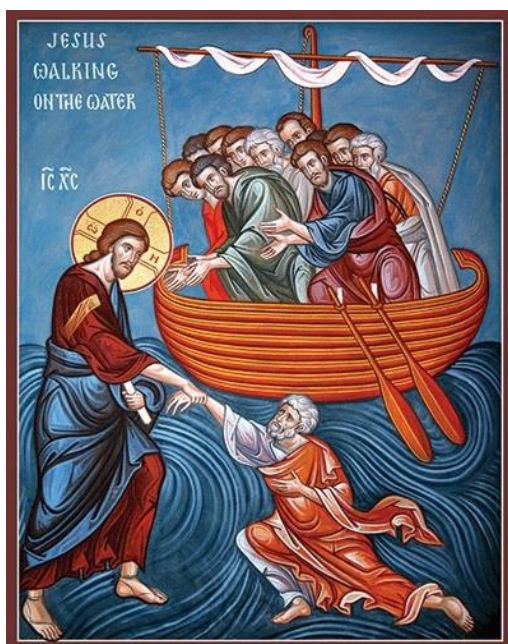
For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone ^{1a}defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

Today's Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-34

Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^{1a} for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking

toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.





St. ELIA

ORTHODOX  CHURCH

‘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.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 24 @ 7:00 pm

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE
Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church
Lorain, Ohio
September 25 and 26, 2021

REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE 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 Archbishop Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Geoffrey Michael Lubic
Sue Ellen Turscak

OUR STEWARDSHIP – August 15, 2021

Candles:	\$ 16.25
Improvement Fund:	25.00
Sunday Offering:	1,275.00
TOTAL:	\$1,316.25

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

Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia, and those with him, who suffered under Maximian

Commemorated on [August 22](#)



The Martyrs Agathonicus, Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno and others accepted death for Christ during the reign of the emperor Maximian (284-305).

The Martyr Agathonicus was descended from the illustrious lineage of the Hypasians, and he lived at Nicomedia. Well versed in Holy Scripture, he converted many pagans to Christ, including the most eminent member of the Senate (its “princeps” or leader). Comitatus Eutolmius was sent to the Pontine (lower Black

Sea) region, where he crucified the followers of the Christian Zoticus, who had refused to offer sacrifice to idols. He took Zoticus with him.

In Nicomedia, Eutolmius arrested the Martyr Agathonicus (together with the princeps), and also Theoprepus, Acindynus and Severian. After tortures, Eutolmius ordered that the martyrs be taken to Thrace for trial by the emperor.

But along the way, in the vicinity of Potama, the Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus and Acindynus were unable to proceed further behind the chariot of the governor because of wounds received during torture. Therefore, they were put to death. The Martyr Severian was put to death at Chalcedon, and the Martyr Agathonicus together with others was beheaded with the sword by order of the emperor, in Selymbria.

The relics of the Martyr Agathonicus were in a church named for him at Constantinople, and were seen in the year 1200 by the Russian pilgrim Anthony. And in the fourteenth century Philotheus, the archbishop of Selymbria, devoted an encomium to the Martyr Agathonicus.