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12TH 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*

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3
Celebrating the Feast of the Nativity of the
Theotokos. Sunday Before the Exaltation of the
Holy Cross.

Saturday, September 11

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, September 12

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Panakhida for the repose of the soul of +Nadesda
Dodovich as requested by Anthony Dodovich and for
+Fr. John Bohush as requested by the Bohush Family

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: John 3:13=17

THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS **AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS.**

Monday, September 13

6:00 pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy of Saint John
Chrysostom

Tuesday, September 14 – *Strict Fast Day*

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Saturday, September 18

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, September 19

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

¹¹ See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! ¹² As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by [☩]whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁸ Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel: John 3:13-17

¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man [☩]who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should [☩]not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.



St. ELIA

ORTHODOX  CHURCH

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

This past Labor Day weekend, September 4-5, 2021, we at St. Elia celebrated 75 years of witnessing to Jesus Christ as a Parish community with Great Vespers on Saturday evening and Pontifical Divine Liturgy on Sunday with our Father and Archbishop Alexander, Father Don, Father Gabriel Bilas, Protodeacon James Gresh, Deacon Mark Bohush, Subdeacon Andrew Bohush; and our Servers: newly tonsured Reader Joshua Herman Wherley, Reader Aaron Innocent Gray, John Bohush and Andrew Gray.

Prior to the Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Alexander was welcomed with Bread and Salt by Subdeacon Terence Bilas, President of the Parish Council, and Mary Beth Gray greeted him with a bouquet of flowers. Before the Divine Liturgy, Joshua Herman Wherley, was Tonsured as a Reader of St. Elia Church. Congratulations Reader Joshua Herman! *Many Years!*

Thank you to Popadia Donna Freude for the overall chairing of the festivities; to Veronica Bilas, Anastasia Bohush, chairing the Saturday evening reception, and to so many who helped for the Saturday evening reception and for the Sunday luncheon. Thank you to Kathy Gray for preparing the wonderful video and to John Bohush for setting up the TV. Thank you to the faithful who attended from St. Nickolaj Mission in Alliance, Ohio and their Parish gift of St. Nickolaj Icon, and to all who participated. *Many Years!*

***Celebrating* - The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary**

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren. Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple. On one of the feast days at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be

unworthy since he was childless. Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

Orthodox Christians who lost their lives Sept 11.
ETERNAL MEMORY

Joanna Marie Ahladiotis	Luydmilla Ksido
Anastasios (Ernest) Alikakos	Thomas Kuveikis
Arlene T. Babakitis	John Lezowsky
Tatiana Bakalinskaya	Alexandru Lviu Stan
Katerina Bantis	Corina Lviu Stan
Yelena Belilovsky	James Maounis
Nicholas Bogdan	Edward J. Mardovich
Alan Bondarenko	Philip W. Mastandrea, Jr.
Gennady Boyarsky	Yelena Melnichinko
Alexander Braginsky	George Merkouris
Panagiotis (Lt. Peter) Brennan	Stillianos Mousouroulis
Thomas A. Damaskinos	Iuriy Mouchinsky
Anthony Demas	Peter C. Moutos
Konstantinos (Gus) Ekonomos	Nikos Papadopoulis
Michael J. Elferis	James N. Papageoprge
Alexander Filipov	George Paris
Ana Fosteris	Theodore Pigis
Jimmy Grekiotis	Daphne Pouletsos
Kenneth G. Grouzalis	Richard N. Poulos
Barbara Habib	Stephen E. Poulos
Peter Hansen	Tatiana Ryjova
Steven M. Haggis	Anthony (Tony) Savas
Vasilios Bill G. Haramis	Alena Sesinova
Stephen Huczko	Gregory Sikorsky
Daniel Ilkanayev	Muriel Fay Siskopoulos
Nicholas John	Timothy Patrick Soulas
Anthony Jovic	Andrew Stergiopoulos
John Katsimatidis	Derek Statkevics
Evgeny Knyazev	Michael Tarrou
Irina Kolpakova	Michael Theodoridis
Suzanne Kondratenko	Vladimir Tomasevic
Bojan Kostic	Vassillis P. Tselepis
Danielle Kousoulis	Jennifer Tzemis
Prokopios Paul Zois	Aleksandr V. Ivantsov

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 Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Geoffrey Michael Lubic
Sue Ellen Turscak

OUR STEWARDSHIP – September 5, 2021

Candles:	\$42.00
Improvement Fund:	55.00
Sunday Offering:	397.00
TOTAL:	\$494.00

Tithley Donations: Aug. 9 – Sept. 9: \$609.38

**St. Elia 75th Anniversary
Special Donations: \$842.00**

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.**