

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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14TH 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

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5
Rest of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John

Saturday, September 25
NO VESPERS SCHEDULED

Sunday, September 26
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Bud Graham
9:30 am Typika Service with Presanctified
Gifts – Protodeacon James Gresh
Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY
THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, September 30
6:00 pm Vespertal Divine Liturgy of Saint
John Chrysostom
Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6
Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop
of Athens

Saturday, October 2
Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 3
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Sandy Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA MEETING – OCTOBER 3
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

**BULGARIAN DIOCESE,
ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA
58th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE SAINTS CYRIL
AND METHODIUS CHURCH, LORAIN, OHIO**

Saturday, September 25

9:00 am Divine Liturgy, Memorial Trisagion for all departed
Diocesan Clergy at Saints Cyril and Methodious Church

11:00 am Brunch & Conference Registration

11:30 am Keynote:

"Tradition and New Forms of Orthodoxy," Fr. Silviu Bunta

1:00 pm Break

2:00 pm Conference Business Session at Cambria Hotel (two
hours allotted)

5:00 pm Vespers at Sts. Cyril and Methodious Church

7:00 pm Dinner at local restaurant (optional)

Sunday, September 26

(At Saints Cyril and Methodious Church)

9:45 am Greeting of His Eminence Archbishop Alexander

10:00 am Pontifical Divine Liturgy — Archbishop Alexander and
Diocesan Clergy

12:00 pm Closing Dinner

**Mr. Tyler McKelvey is the St. Elia Parish Lay Delegate
to the Annual Diocesan Conference.**

**Protodeacon James Gresh will serve the Typica
Service with the Presanctified Gifts at St. Elia on
Sunday, September 26 at 9:30 am.**

There will be no Vespers on Saturday, September 25.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover, I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith, you stand. So, I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.

Luke 5:1-11

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. Now when he had stopped speaking, he said to Simon, launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch. But Simon answering said to him, "Master, we have toiled all night, and caught nothing: nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net". And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish: and their net was breaking. So, they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came, and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of the fish which had been taken, and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon

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And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth you will catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

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 – September 19, 2021

Candles:	\$ 28.00
75th Anniversary donation:	75.00
Special Donation:	380.00
Sunday Offering:	<u>1,097.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,580.00

REPOSE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST JOHN – September 26 Vesper Verses

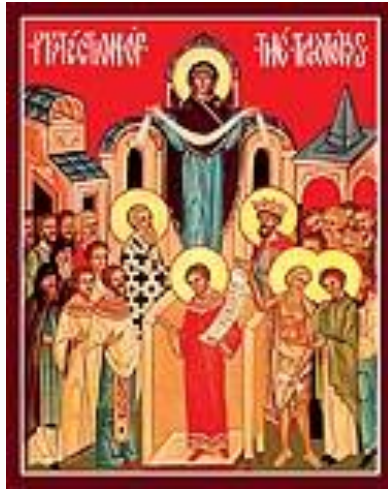
Rivers of theology gushed forth from your precious mouth, O Apostle. Watered by them, the Church of God in an Orthodox manner worships the Trinity, one in essence. Pray now, O John the Theologian, that our souls may be saved!

On this present feast, the Tree of Purity has emitted the myrrh of sweet fragrance, so that we may cry out to him: “O Apostle John, who reclined on the Master’s breast, and thundered forth the Word to the world and guarded the Virgin as the apple of the eye; entreat Christ that He grant us great mercy!”

O disciple of the Savior, virgin and theologian, to you did Christ our God, when He was crucified, entrust the Virgin and Mother of God; and you guarded her as the apple of your eye. Entreat Christ that He grant us great mercy!

As an eyewitness of the ineffable mysteries, you cried out, exclaiming: “In the beginning, the pre-eternal Word was with God, and He was God!” O Apostle John, who leaned on Christ’s breast, the true friend of the Trinity, fragrance of Ephesus, unshaken support of Patmos, and our helper. intercede, most blessed Theologian, that the people who faithfully keep your memory may be delivered from hostile enemies, both physical and spiritual!

The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary --Commemorated on [October 1](#)



The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos:
“Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!”

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All-Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer. After completing her prayer, she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church. The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession.

. On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."

The Vesperal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, September 30, at 6:00 pm

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:

If you are sick and/or exhibit coronavirus symptoms, you must refrain from attending services.

- 1) 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.**
- 2) 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**