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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

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: Reader Aaron Gray

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th
Ecumenical Council.

Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia at Nicomedia

Saturday, October 9

Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 10

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA MEETING –
TODAY – OCTOBER 3,
FOLLOWING The DIVINE LITURGY
Agenda: Planning Fall Event(s)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 4:6-15

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present *us* with you. For all things *are* for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Luke 6:31-36

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise." But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to *those* from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you?

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For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, ¹⁴hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens

Commemorated on [October 3](#)



Saint Dionysius lived originally in the city of Athens. He was raised there and received a classical Greek education. He then went to Egypt, where he studied astronomy at the city of Heliopolis. It was in Heliopolis, along with his friend Apollophonos where he witnessed the solar eclipse that occurred at the

moment of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ by Crucifixion. ***“Either the Creator of all the world now suffers, or this visible world is coming to an end,”*** Dionysius said. Upon his return to Athens from Egypt, he was chosen to be a member of the Areopagus Council (Athenian high court).

When the holy Apostle Paul preached at the place on the Hill of Ares (Acts 17:16-34), Dionysius accepted his salvific proclamation and became a Christian. For three years Saint Dionysius remained a companion of the holy Apostle Paul in preaching the Word of God. Later on, the Apostle Paul selected him as bishop of the city of Athens. And in the year 57 Saint Dionysius was present at the repose of the Most Holy Theotokos. During the lifetime of the Mother of God, Saint Dionysius had journeyed from Athens to Jerusalem to meet Her. He wrote to his teacher the Apostle Paul:

“I witness by God, that besides the very God Himself, there is nothing else filled with such divine power and grace. No one can fully comprehend what I saw. I confess before God: when I was with John, who shone among the Apostles like the sun in the sky, when I was brought before the countenance of the Most Holy Virgin, I experienced an inexpressible sensation. Before me gleamed a sort of divine radiance which transfixed my spirit. I perceived the fragrance of indescribable aromas and was filled with such delight that my very body became faint,

and my spirit could hardly endure these signs and marks of eternal majesty and heavenly power. The grace from her overwhelmed my heart and shook my very spirit. If I did not have in mind your instruction, I should have mistaken Her for the very God. It is impossible to stand before greater blessedness than this which I beheld.”

After the death of the Apostle Paul, Saint Dionysius wanted to continue with his work, and therefore went off preaching in the West, accompanied by the Presbyter Rustics and Deacon Eleutherius. They converted many to Christ at Rome, and then in Germany, and then in Spain. In Gaul, during a persecution against Christians by the pagan authorities, all three confessors were arrested and thrown into prison. By night Saint Dionysius celebrated the Divine Liturgy with angels of the Lord. In the morning the martyrs were beheaded. According to an old tradition, Saint Dionysius took up his head, proceeded with it to the church and fell down dead there. A pious woman named Catulla buried the relics of the saint.

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OUR STEWARDSHIP – September 26, 2021

Candles:	\$ 21.00
Special Donation:	100.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>610.89</u>
TOTAL:	\$731.89

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN
WELCOME AND FELLOWSHIP TEA**
Sunday, October 17, 2021 – 2-4 pm
Presentation of Our Lord Orthodox Church

***OCW: Our History, Challenge and
Vision for the Future –
Presented by Presvytera Zafera Bartz***

Zafera Hadgigeorge Bartz was born in Youngstown, Ohio on January 6, 1927. She graduated from St. Basil's Academy in 1948 and married Rev. George Bartz in June 1948. They served the parishes of Saint Nicholas in Youngstown, Ohio, Annunciation in Scranton, Pa. and Annunciation in Akron, Ohio. She has four children: Zoe McClish, Fr. Bill Bartz, PamPlumis and Presvytera Nicole Keares; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She taught and supervised Sunday School and Greek School and was an active choir member. She also participated in Philoptochos Ladies Society and was a founding member of the Orthodox Christian Women as well as working alongside Fr. George supporting his ministry.

Please join us to share our faith and enjoy friendships together with food and refreshments. All are welcome - men and women. "To ensure the safety of our guests we are requesting that everyone wear a mask. Also we are requesting that 5 are seated at a table to provide social distancing. Thank you for your cooperation."

**RSVP: Sandy Manhorn (330) 354-7792
Nancy Studebaker (330) 807-7640**

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

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GENERAL PARISH MEETING

Next Sunday, October 10, following the Divine Liturgy, a General Parish Meeting will be held to present the Parish Council's discussions on church carpeting, flooring and with an update on the special donations received.

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**