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16TH 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

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8
Prophet Hosea Monk Martyr Andrew of Crete

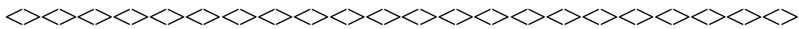
Saturday, October 16
Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 17
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Reader Joshua Wherley
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1
Martyr Arethas and the 42,99 Martyrs with him

Saturday, October 23
Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, October 24
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence
Bilas
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 at 7:30 PM

*“When God turns off the world at night,
the stars come on. They’re His screensaver.”*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 6:16-17

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.

"Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the LORD. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

Luke 8:5-15

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

His disciples asked him what this parable meant.

He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

 "though seeing, they may not see;
 though hearing, they may not understand.'

“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. ¹⁵ But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.”

MEDITATION

“When we have found love, we eat the Heavenly Bread, and we are sustained without labor and without weariness. Heavenly Bread is that which has descended from heaven, and which gives the world life; this is the food of the angels.

***He that has found love partakes of Christ at all times and becomes immortal from then on...
Blessed is he that has eaten from the Bread of love which is Jesus ...***

This is the wine that gladdens the heart of man...This is the wine which the lustful have drunk and they have become chaste, the sinners and they forgot the ways of unrighteousness, the drunkards and they become fasters, the rich and they become desirous of poverty, the poor and they become rich in hope, the sick and they become courageous, the fools and they become wise.

St. Isaac the Syrian, *Mystical Treatises*

**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
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archbishop Michael
Fr. Moses Berry
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
Sue Ellen Turscak



FALL FAMILY FUNFEST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021
9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

LUNCHEON
YOUR SOUP SPECIALTY
Please sign up on the List what soup specialty
you will be bringing!

Bread, Salad and Dessert will be provided!

AND OUR ANNUAL
TRUNK-A-TREAT FOR ALL AGES!

EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A
TREAT TO SHARE WITH ALL THE
KIDS - young and older

NON-SCARY COSTUMES ARE
WELCOME

A THANK YOU NOTE: Dear St. Elia Church, Fr. Don, your blessing. Thank you for hosting the young adult Fellowship event on Sept. 18th. It was wonderful visiting again after such a long time. The pandemic is teaching me to count & recount my blessings; your hospitality & friendship are among them. Thank you again for hosting us, and may the Lord bless & reward you. Ted Cherpas

75th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Angelo and Florence Lambo will be celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary on October 20th! I'm planning a "Drive-A-Round" Horn tooting, cheering out loud, music playing "party." More on that later! Always, Michele

OUR STEWARDSHIP – October 10, 2021

Candles:	\$ 32.00
Improvement Fund:	100.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>1,180.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,312.00

“WE DO WHAT WE CAN”

It was a chilly, overcast day when the horseman spied the little sparrow lying on its back in the middle of the road. Reining in his mount, he looked down and inquired of the fragile creature, “Why are you lying upside down like that?” “I heard the heavens are going to fall today,” replied the bird. The horseman laughed! And I suppose your spindly legs can hold up the heavens. “One does what one can,” said the little sparrow.

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.**
- 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**