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21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA
Very Rev. Mitred Archbishop Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

First Week of Advent

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 4
Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip

Saturday, November 13

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 14

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Lighting of the 1st Candle on the Advent Wreath

Monday, November 15

Beginning of the Christmas Fast - Advent

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 5
THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS
INTO THE TEMPLE

Saturday, November 20

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 21

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

9:30 am Baptismal Divine Liturgy of Saint John
Chrysostom

Baptism of Harper Faith Keathley

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Romans 6:3-11

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 Matthew 28:16-20

Lighting of the 2nd Candle on the Advent Wreath

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

(k)nowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

“But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

And behold, a certain ^[a]lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it*? “So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among ^[b]thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So, he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

THE ADVENT WREATH



Tomorrow, on Monday, November 15th, forty days prior to the celebration of the Feast of our Lord's Nativity, the Holy Orthodox Church begins the Christmas Fast. This period of six weeks is often called *Advent*, which means *the Coming*, and refers to the Coming of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Mystery of His Holy Nativity.

Christmas and Epiphany are Feasts of Light, celebrating the Coming and Manifestation of Christ, the Light of the world. Nature itself helps us to experience these Feasts of Light. With the coming of the winter the days get shorter and the nights longer, but once we reach Christmas Day itself the reverse begins to happen. Nature prepares for the Coming of Christ, the Light in the darkness – and so do we during the Holy Season of Advent.

To help in our preparation, we will have an Advent Wreath in Church. The Wreath made of evergreens will have six candles on it – one for each week in Advent. **Each Sunday, beginning this Sunday, November 14th**, along with special prayers, we will light a candle on the wreath – as we prepare ourselves to receive Christ the Light of the world into our hearts.

Please pick up an Advent Calendar to assist you during the Fast.

ADVENT – PREPARING FOR EMMANUEL

Advent begins tomorrow, November 15. During Advent we are challenged to think more seriously about our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel, who took on our humanity to touch us and to reveal God’s love for us.

Rejoice, O Isaiah! A Virgin shall be with Child and bear a Son and shall name Him Emmanuel – God with us! With these words, the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah anticipated the Coming – the Advent - of the Savior. Isaiah’s prophecy embodies the longings, hopes and desires of God’s people as they prepared to receive the One Who comes to grant them new life.

During Advent, we are like those who in Old Testament times anticipated and prepared for the Savior’s birth. The joy we experience on the Feast of Jesus Christ’s birth depends on how well we have prepared our hearts to receive Him.

The weeks leading to the Nativity of the Savior do not have the “bright sadness” of Great lent, as they are a joyful time of getting ready to celebrate Christ’s birth by receiving Him anew into our lives as we take our place with angels, shepherds, prophets and generations of righteous people from all over the world who have rejoiced that the Son of God has become one with us, to bring broken and suffering human beings who were

created so that God could love us and bring us into His life.

We will fast as we are able, pray as the Holy Spirit leads us, confess our sins honestly, give to the needy, and forgive those who have offended us and ask for forgiveness of those whom we have offended during the coming weeks so that we will have the spiritual strength to celebrate Christmas properly, which means welcoming the Savior, our Good Samaritan, into our lives at His birth.

Of course, anyone can make a cultural observance of Christmas. But something so profound as the Incarnation, the joining of divinity and humanity in the Person of Jesus Christ for our salvation, requires more than putting up a tree or going to a party. It requires that we unite ourselves with the One Who comes to save us, that we prepare the way of the Lord in our own souls.

That is what the Nativity Fast – Advent – is all about as a season of joyful anticipation, a time of getting ready to enter more fully into the salvation of the world. Jesus was born to sanctify every aspect of human existence. No dimension of our life in the world is a stranger to Him or His salvation. He is born truly to save and bless us in our much less than perfect world. ***“The angel said to them, ‘Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day a Savior, Who is Chris the Lord.’”***

Be a part of The Workers of St. Elizabeth!

We are looking for interested individuals to help this ministry of St. Elia in planning a schedule of charitable activities and initiatives that we can all participate in throughout the year.

Talk to Aaron Gray (330-413-8324) or grayaaron@outlook.com) if you are interested, and we will schedule a date and time to meet and share ideas.

The Workers of St. Elizabeth is named after St. Elizabeth the New Martyr, a grand duchess of Russia who, following the assassination of her husband, took monastic vows and founded a convent dedicated to serving those in need. She was killed by the Bolsheviks in 1918 and later glorified as a martyr of the Church.



Coming November 22: “Working On Ourselves” Webinar

Do you feel stuck? Do you want to make a change but don't know where to start? Wellness and nutrition specialist Rita Madden is here to help!

Join us at St. Elia at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, for a special webinar focused on guiding you through successful change utilizing the Holy Orthodox Tradition as the foundation.

We all have different areas that we need to work on; however, we can all utilize a behavior modification strategy that incorporates our faith and has been shown to help people make lasting change to address personal needs. Participants will be encouraged to participate in implementing processes into their day during the Nativity Fast (or at a different time if they choose) to help make sustainable and lasting habits to benefit their daily living. A bonus resource guide will be included that complements the workshop.

There are two different options for participation:

- 1) Join us **in-person** at St. Elia for snacks and fellowship as we watch the webinar together downstairs in the parish hall. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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2) OR register in advance **online** to watch from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. To register, visit

<https://foodfaithfasting.gumroad.com/1/QhqVZ>

Cost: To watch at home there is suggested minimum donation of \$6, to be paid when you register online. We request that you make a similar donation if you attend in-person. Proceeds cover Rita's operating expenses and the remainder goes toward Orthodox Christian charities and mission projects.



About the host: Rita Madden (MPH, RDN) lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, and is the nutrition director for Mediterranean Wellness, a company that focuses on sensible

weight loss/management and chronic disease prevention/management. She is the author of "Food, Faith, and Fasting: A Sacred Journey to Better Health" and hosts a podcast of the same name on Ancient Faith Radio.

Questions about the webinar? Contact Aaron Gray at 330-413-8324 or grayaaron@outlook.com. See you

on

Nov. 22!

**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

"ZOOM" PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 16 – 7:30 PM.

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

A General Parish Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 28, 2021** following the Divine Liturgy. to elect the 2022 Parish Council. Please submit your Nominees to the Nominating Committee: Sandy Graham and Anastasia Bohush.

BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY

A Baptismal Divine liturgy will be celebrated next **Sunday, November 21, 2021**, for the Baptism and Chrismation of **Harper Faith Keathley**, the daughter of Cody and Jessica Keathley. The Godparents are William Paluch and Juliana Freude.

2022 CALENDARS

The 2022 Church Year Calendars are available courtesy of **Anthony Funeral Homes**. Please pick your calendar from the front pew.

OUR STEWARDHIP – November 7, 2021

Candles: 67.00

Improvement Fund: 55.00

Special Offering: 55.00

Sunday Offering: 915.00

TOTAL: \$1,092.00

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.**

- 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**