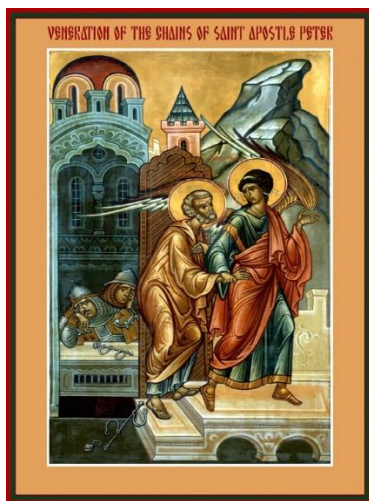


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30th Sunday After Pentecost



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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

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 5
Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy
Apostle Peter. SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

Saturday, January 15

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, January 16

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Reader Joshua Wherley

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

“Furthermore, we pray for all unborn children who are being brought to death by the unjust judgment of men: that the Lord our God would soften the hearts of those who seek their violent destruction, rescuing them from slaughter, we diligently pray Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy.”

Monday, January 17

Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great

31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 6

Hieromartyr Clement. Bishop of Ancyra

Saturday, January 22

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, January 23

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Anastasia Bohush

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN



Matthew 2:16-18

“Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

‘A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more.’”

In his prophecy Jeremiah pictures Rachel, wife of Jacob, who had long been dead, weeping even in her tomb, for the fate that had befallen her people, her children, who were being led away into exile. Now, the mothers of Bethlehem weep for the slaughter of their children, the Holy Innocents. As Rachel was told

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her children would return from exile in Babylon, so Jesus will return from His exile in Egypt. This Carpatho-Russian Carol sings of the Holy Innocents:

*Do not weep, O Rachel.
See your children they are whole,
They did not die, they are alive, they are in heaven.
In their new sanctuary, they are incorruptible.
For God the Son they were condemned.
They were doomed to death
For the sins of Herod innocents were slaughtered.
Rachel is weeping, her children are sleeping.
Though they were mortals, their souls are immortal.
For the loss of their lives, they were crowned as
martyrs.*

**The children aborted in our time are the Holy
Innocents of our day and age.**

Please join ZOE for Life!® and St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral for a Prayer Service as we Pray for the Unborn, **on Sunday, January 16th, 2022 at 6:00 pm**, 6306 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134.

We are deeply honored to be led in prayer by His Grace, IRINEJ of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and Fr. Dragoslav Kotic.

Bishop Irinej will offer his comments at 6:45, followed by a live question and answer period.

Registration is free, but required to receive a Zoom link if you are unable to join us in person.

Please register before January 14:

<https://forms.gle/f3HVhEXrj9j4pF3w6>.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting, a combined Parish Council meeting of the 2021 and

2022 members will be held **on Tuesday, January 18
at 7:30 pm**

ANNUAL MEETING

**The Annual Meeting of St. Elia the Prophet
Orthodox Church will be held following the Divine
Liturgy on Sunday, January 23, 2022**

On Sunday, November 28, 2021, a Parish Meeting was held following the Divine Liturgy to elect the 2022 Parish Council. Sandra Graham of the Nominating Committee presented the slate of those Nominated and accepted their nomination.

Elected were:

President: John Bohush IV

Vice President: Subdeacon Terence A. Bilas

Secretary: Reader Aaron Gray

Treasurer: Reader Joshua Wherley

Members: Veronica Bilas, Bud Graham, Sarah Niglio.

Mary Marcin - COCA Representative

The Parish Council 2022 will be presented to His Eminence Archbishop Alexander for approval and then will be installed at the Annual Meeting. All are encouraged to attend and participate in the important past-year assessment and the next year planning session for our parish.

A special word to the 2021 Parish Council

**Members: We thank you for your willingness to
serve this past year. *Many Years!***

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Following Great Vespers Saturday, January 22, 2022



St. Elia Christmas Ornament

Designed by Reader Aaron Gray, as a fundraiser for St. Elia Church, and is available now for purchase in our bookstore for \$10.00.

OUR STEWARDHIP – January 9, 2022

Candles:	\$ 45.00
Improvement Fund::	5.00
Christmas Offering:	10.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>690.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$750.00

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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
Fr. Moses Berry
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo
Florence Lambo
Larissa Freude Newman
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Reader William Paluch
Martin Vronick
Rose Marie Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Sarah Niglio



**Orthodox Christian Women
Annual Mini-Retreat
Saturday, January 22, 2022
ZOOM MEETING - 10:00 am to Noon**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84738595823?pwd=SFRJUmlqLzFPQndlb3JGZjZKaStHQT09>

Meeting ID: 847 3859 5823

When prompted, you must enter this Passcode to
join the meeting : 424138

***“Race, Life, People & Faith:
Addressing the Racial Divide”***

**Speaker: Fr. Martin Johnson,
Butler, Pa.**

Fr. Martin holds an MDiv in Theology and Philosophy from Bryn Athyn College, a MS in Business Management from Colorado Technical University, and a Doctor of Ministry in Practical Theology from Barry University. After completing his service in the US Navy Chaplain Corps, Fr. Martin converted to Eastern Orthodoxy. He was ordained a Deacon in 2018 and elevated to the Holy Priesthood in 2020. He is Staff Chaplain at Allegheny General Hospital.

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking every PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-bring of all our people. In accordance with the CDC St. Elia Parish will follow these directives:

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

- 2) The CDC recommends masking while indoors for both vaccinated and unvaccinated and to maintain social distancing.**

- 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**