

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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34<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



## SAINT ELIA

### ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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*

**FEBRUARY**  
**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**  
***BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION***

**34<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1**  
**Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

**Saturday, February 12**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, February 13**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Bud Graham**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Bud Graham**

**Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14**

**40<sup>th</sup> Day Panakhida for the repose of the soul of  
Sandra Lucia Dodovich, mother of Tony  
Dodovich**

***Fast Free Week: February 13-19***

**35<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 2**  
**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**Saturday, February 19**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, February 20**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Sandy Graham**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham**

**Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14**

**40<sup>th</sup> Day Panakhida for the repose of the soul of  
Larissa Anne Freude-Newman, wife of David  
Newman, daughter of Fr. Don and Popadia  
Donna, sister of Anthony (Any), Juliana, and  
Teta "L" of Luke, Anthony, Eve, Leo**

**MEMORIAL SATURDAY - MEATFARE SATURDAY**

**Friday, February 25**

**6:00 pm Vespers and Panakhida for all  
the Faithful Departed**

**MEATFARE SUNDAY - Tone 3 - Sunday of the Last  
Judgment**

**Saturday, February 26**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, February 27**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Reader Michael Luc**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc**

**Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew. 25:31-46**

**40<sup>th</sup> Day Panakhida for the repose of the soul of  
Archpriest John Bohush, grandfather of John  
Bohush (Ana), great-grand father of Natalia and  
John**

***Meat Fast Week - March 8-13***

**MARCH**

**CHEESEFARE SUNDAY - Tone 4 - Forgiveness Sunday**

**Saturday, March 5**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, March 6**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Reader Michael Luc**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc**

**Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew. 25:31-46**

**40<sup>th</sup> Day Panakhida for the repose of the soul of  
Samir E. Hakim, husband of Frances, father of  
Nicholas and Louis, and uncle of Penny**

**5:00 pm Vespers and Mutual  
Forgiveness Service**

## **Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**


### **Epistle Reading - 2 Timothy 3:10-15**

#### **The Man of God and the Word of God**

<sup>10</sup> But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup> persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

## **Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' <sup>13</sup> And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

# **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

## ***Beginning of the Lenten Triodion***

**Commemorated on February 13**

**The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the *Triodion* (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.**

**Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.**

**The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).**

**The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the**

**Publican’s repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ’s teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.**

**Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark's Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior's death and burial.**



**“ZOOM” PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**On Tuesday, February 15,2022, a ”Zoom” Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm. This is a combined Meeting of the 2021-2022 Council Members in preparation for the Parish’s Annual Meeting.**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**St. Elia’s Parish Annual Meeting has been re-scheduled and will be held following the Divine Services on Sunday, February 27. Reports and updates will be given, including the 2021 Treasurers Report and 2022 Budget. The newly elected 2022 Parish Council will be installed. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank You!**

**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 SHUTINS**

Metropolitan Herman  
Archbishop Paul  
Archbishop Benjamin  
Archbishop Nathaniel  
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)  
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)  
Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo  
Reader William Paluch  
Martin Vronick and Rose Marie Vronick  
Pani Dolores Zuder  
Matushka Myra and Archpriest Daniel Kovalak  
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak  
Matushka Christine Zebren  
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan  
Sarah Niglio

**OUR STEWARDHIP – February 6, 2022**

Candles:	\$ 28.00
Improvement Fund:	105.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>1906.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2.039.00</b>

Tithley Donations: (1/30-2/6)	\$478.30
PayPal Donations: (1/30-2/6)	<u>\$233.73</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$712.03</b>

# Monday, February 14 – St. Valentine’s Day

**One of the greatest meditations for Saint Valentine’s Day comes from the Holy Apostle Paul: 1 Corinthians: 13:1-13.**

**1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

**2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

**3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

**4** Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

**5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

**6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

**7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**8** Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

**9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

**10** But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

**11** When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

**12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

**13** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



## **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 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

*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.”*

*1John 4:7*