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MEATFARE SUNDAY

Sunday of the Last Judgment



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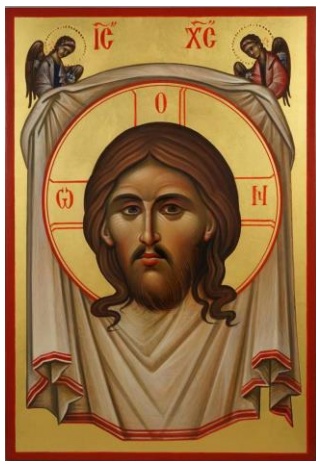
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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*

FEBRUARY
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
THE LENTEN TRIODION



MEATFARE SUNDAY - Tone 3 - Sunday of the Last Judgment. Repose of Saint Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

Saturday, February 26

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, February 27

9:10 am 3rd & 6th 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

40th 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 – February 28 - MARCH 5

MARCH

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY - Tone 4 - Forgiveness Sunday
The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise.

Saturday, March 5

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, March 6

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matt.6:14-21

40th Day Panakhida for the repose of the soul of Samir E. Hakim, husband of Frances, father of Nicholas (Ariel) and Louis (Ellie), and uncle of Penny, and “Bapou” to Noah, Lucas, Kaitlyn, Harriet, Raylin and Greyson

5:00 pm Vespers - Mutual Forgiveness Service - *Beginning of Great Lent*

GREATLENT

The Lenten Spring has come! The light of repentance! Let us cleanse ourselves from all evil, crying out to the Giver of Light: Glory to Thee, O Lover of mankind!

FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Monday, March 7 – 6:00 pm

Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete – *1st Section*

Tuesday, March 8 – 6:00 pm

Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete- *2nd Section*

Wednesday, March 9 – 6:00 pm

Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete– *3rd Section*

Thursday, March 10 – 6:00 pm

Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete –*4th Section*

Friday, March 11 – 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Blessing of the Boiled Wheat.

Lenten Covered Dish

SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

FIRST SUNDAY GREAT LENT – Tone 5

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Saturday, March 12

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, March 13

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Reader Aaron

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: Romans Hebrews 11:24-26, 32:12-22

Gospel: John 1:43-51

**5:00 pm Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at
St. Elia the Prophet Church
*Homilist: His Eminence, our
Father, Archbishop Alexander***

ORTHODOX COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 13 – Saint Elia Church – Vespers 5 pm

MARCH 20 – St. Archangel Michael Church–Vespers 5 pm

MARCH 24 – Annunciation Church – Vespers – 7 pm

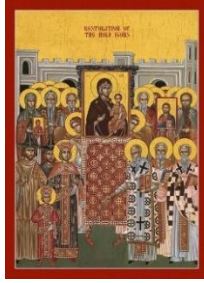
March 27 – St. George Church – Vespers – 7pm

APRIL 3 – St. Thomas – Vespers 5 pm

APRIL 10 - St Nicholas Church – Holy Unction – 5 pm

MEMORY ETERNAL

In Blessed Repose grant eternal rest, O Lord, to the soul of Thy departed handmaid **Irene Theodore**, the mother of Presbytera Helene Hall (Fr. Jerry Hall) and make her **Memory Eternal**. Visitation: Sunday, February 27, 3- 6 pm and Funeral, Monday, February 28, 9:30 am, at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.



SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

March 13, 2022

Vespers at 5:00 pm

**St. Ella the Prophet Orthodox Church
64 West Wilbeth Road, Akron, Ohio**

Guest Homilist

**His Eminence Archbishop Alexander
Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo, OCA**

Sponsored by:

***The Orthodox Clergy Association
Christian Orthodox Council of Akron
Orthodox Christian Women***

Program Booklet

**Please make your donations in support of the
Sunday of Orthodoxy to Mary Marcin**

Benefactors: \$50 Supporters: \$25

Patrons: \$10 Sponsors: \$5

Today - Sunday of Meatfare

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a ^[a]stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A Pattern of Self-Denial

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the ^[b]seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the ^[a]holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the

goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ “Then they also will answer ^[b]Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment



Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, “Who will render to every man according to his deeds” (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God’s mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ’s brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent

Prepare for Pascha by Praying the Psalms!



The Goal

To draw nearer to Christ and one another during this Lenten Fast by praying the Psalms together as a community, as we journey together toward holy Pascha.

How It Works

The Orthodox Church has divided the book of Psalms into 20 sections. In our St. Elia prayer group, we will all be praying a new section each day throughout the 40 days of the fast, beginning on March 7, so that we all will pray through the entire book of Psalms *twice* during the course of the fast.

Added Bonus

As we all join together in prayer, we can use this opportunity to pray for one another, for our parish, and for any special intentions that any of us may have by sharing prayer requests with one another via email.

What You Need

Nothing more than a Bible and a little bit of time to set aside each day.

How Do I Join?

Go to <http://saintelia.com/news/lenten-prayer-group/> and fill in the online form. Shortly before Great Lent begins, an email will be sent out with a schedule of which Psalms to pray each day, and the names of everyone else who is participating in the prayer group, so that we can remember one another in our daily prayers.

Spread the Word!

This does not need to be limited only to members of St. Elia. Pass along this information to friends and relatives elsewhere and invite them to join.

One Last Thing

May God bless us as we pray the Psalms together, and may He draw us nearer to Himself and to one another during this Lent. Have a blessed 40 days!

Psalm 103 begins: "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits³ Who forgives all thine iniquities; who heals all thy diseases;⁴ Who redeems thy life from destruction; who crowns thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;....."

St. Elia Prayer Group

A ministry of [St. Elia Orthodox Church](#)

Prayer group moderator: Aaron Gray

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 along with the Sisterhood of St. Juliana Officers.. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank You!

Visit the St. Elia shop

If you haven’t visited the little St. Elia “shop” downstairs in the parish hall lately, we are carrying a number of new items including coffee mugs with quotes from the saints, and St. Elia T-shirts and baseball caps. If you are interested in a piece of St. Elia “spirit wear” in a certain size or style that’s not currently available, please see Aaron Gray about a special order. All proceeds go toward the life and ministry of our parish. Thank you for your support!

OUR STEWARDHIP – February 20, 2022

Candles:	\$ 44.00
Memorial Donations:	375.00
Improvement Fund:	25.00
Bookstore:	67.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>1,183.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,694.00
Tithely Donations: (2/18-20)	\$ 195,00
PayPal Donations: (2/20)	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 225.00

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
Florence Lambo
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
Gregory Sugden

***“Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
in everything give thanks; for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus for you.”***
1Thessalonians 5:16-18

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