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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY



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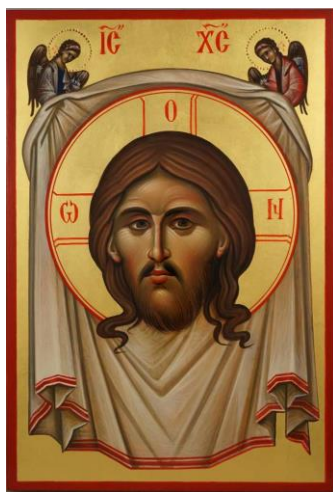
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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA
Very Rev. Mitred Archbishop Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish
Rector Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*

MARCH
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
THE LENTEN TRIODION



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 Gray

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

SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Wednesday, March 16

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 18

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

SECOND SUNDAY GREAT LENT - Tone 6 St. Gregory Palamas

Saturday, March 19

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, March 20

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

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

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Romans Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

6:00 pm LENTEN MISSION VESPERS

**St. Archangel Michael Serbian
Orthodox Church**

Wednesday, March 23

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN-MARY

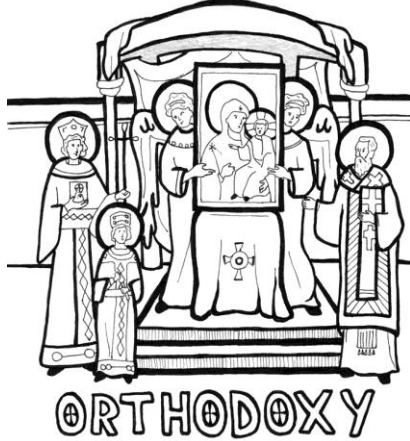
Thursday, March 24

7:00 pm Vespers at Annunciation Church

Friday, March 25

**6:00 pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy at
St. Elia the Prophet Church**

The Triumph of



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***

ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 13 – Saint Elia Church – Vespers 5 pm

MARCH 20 – St. Archangel Michael Church–
Vespers 6 pm

MARCH 24 – Annunciation Church –
Vespers 7 pm

March 27 – St. George Church – Vespers – 5 pm

APRIL 3 – St. Thomas – Vespers 5 pm

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

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 – March 6, 2022

Candles:	\$ 23.00
Improvement Fund:	100.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>940.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,063.00

Tithely Donations:	363.48
<u>PayPal Donations:</u>	<u>31.40</u>
TOTAL:	394.88

1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy

Commemorated March 13



The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm.

The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilos, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the Icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes.

In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people. Since that time this event has been commemorated every year, because it was definitively determined that we do not worship the Icons, but we honor and glorify all the Saints who are depicted on them. We worship only the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and no one else, neither a Saint, nor an Angel.

Troparion — Tone 2

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world

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 if you are unvaccinated, sanitizing your hands 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