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Sunday of All Saints



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

A Blessed Father's Day to all our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, spiritual Fathers and to all the father figures in our life. *Many Years!*

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. For unto You is due all glory, honor and worship, together with Your Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and You all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS!

Prayerful congratulations to Eric and Alexandra (Bilas) Souder on the birth of their new son, **Luka Makary**, 8 lbs 1 oz and 19 inches, who came into this world on Friday, June 17, 2022.

Congratulations to the Subdeacon Terrence and Veronica Bilas and Kevin and Catherine Souder on the birth of their new grandson

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

**1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8 ALL SAINTS
Father's Day**

**Saturday, June 18 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, June 19**

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley

Epistle: Hebrews 1:11-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38

Monday, June 20

BEGINNING OF THE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FAST

**NATIVITY OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET,
FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN**

Thursday, June 23

**6:00 pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy of Saint John
Chrysostom**

**2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1
ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA**

Saturday, June 25 - 5:00 pm

**Profession of Faith and Chrismation of Jefferson
Hodge**

Great Vespers

Sunday, June 26

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader

**9:30 am Baptismal Divine Liturgy of Saint John
Chrysostom**

**Baptism of Katherine Hodge and
August Hodge**

Epistle Reader: Reader

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Synaxis of All Saints

Commemorated on June 19

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

The order of six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The **Apostles** are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The **Martyrs** come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death. Although they come first chronologically, the **Prophets** are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old

Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The **holy Hierarchs** comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The **Monastic Saints** are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, Saint John Climacus had a high regard for them: “Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men” (LADDER, Step 26:31).

The last category, the **Righteous**, are those who attained holiness of life while living “in the world.” Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Saints Joachim and Anna, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, Saint Juliana the Merciful, and others.

“Right is right even when no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even when everyone is doing it”.

St. Augustine of Hippo

Today's Scripture Readings

Sunday of All Saints

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

(Those), who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword.

They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy.

They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let

us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: 10:32-33, 37-38

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION

Jefferson Hodge will be received into the Church on Saturday, June 25, by making his Profession of Faith and being Chrismated. Bud Graham is his sponsor.

The Baptismal Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, June 26, for Katherine Hodge and August Hodge.

Katherine’s Sponsors are Bud and Sandy Graham. August’s Sponsors are Reader Aaron Kathryn Gray

ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

Dutch Dannemiller Electric

With the bequest from the Estate of Apostol Triffon and a personal gift from his wife Sharon, work has been done to repair and upgrade the electrical systems outside and inside the Church.

*Four new LED security lights outside.

*LED lights have been installed in the Church Hall, rest rooms, kitchen, storage/furnace rooms, Pastor's Office, Altar area, along with new dimmer switches and plugs.

TOTAL COST: \$5,304.00

As a Parish Family, St. Elia the Prophet Church is greatly appreciative of this generosity.

OUR STEWARDHIP – June 12, 2022

Candles:	\$ 29.00
Improvement Fund:	25.00
Special Intention	50.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>1,015.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,119.00
Tithely Donations:	\$ 195.77
<u>PayPal Donations:</u>	<u>21.10</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 216.87

SIGN UP SHEETS

ARE ON THE COFFEE HOUR TABLE

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR

Coffee Hour

AND

Grass Cutting

**REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE
ARMED FORCES**

Subdeacon Anthony Freude,
son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna Freude
Egor Cravenco,
son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravenco

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS

Metropolitan Herman
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo*
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Rose Marie Vronick
Nicoletta (Nikki) Bober
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Sarah Niglio
Eve Tavenier
John Cheese

*Angelo Lambo is presently in rehab at
Timberland Ridge, 3558 Ridgewood Rd.
Fairlawn, Ohio 44333

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking every PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-being of our people. 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

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.

LITIJA VERSES FOR ALL SAINTS

In oneness of belief,
let us spiritually celebrate the universal festival of
faith,
the memorial of all the Saints
who from all ages have been pleasing to God:
the venerable order of the Patriarchs, the assembly of
the Prophets,
the adornment of the Apostles, the company of the
Martyrs,
and our pride and joy, the Ascetics;
for they ceaselessly intercede that peace be granted to
the world
and to our souls great mercy!

Come, all believers,
with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
let us praise the all-glorious memory of all the Saints,
blessing reverently the Baptist of our Savior,
the Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs,
the Hierarchs, Teachers, and the Holy Ones,
the Ascetics, the Righteous, and the God-loving
assembly of holy Women!
With one voice let us cry aloud:
"O Christ our God, supremely good,
by their intercessions, bestow peace upon Your
Churches,
victory over enemies to those who love God,
and on our soul's great mercy!"