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Fourth 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*

***k*SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves

Saturday, July 9

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 10

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John

Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six

Ecumenical Councils

Saturday, July 16

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 17

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John

Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 Hebrews 13:7-16

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1 John 17:1-13

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“God does not create a cross for man.

No matter how heavy a cross a man may carry in life,

it is still just wood, from which man himself made,

and it always grows from the soil of his heart.

Saint Ambrose of Milan

**Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Far Caves,
Founder of Monasticism in Rus
Celebrated today, July 10**



Saint Anthony of the Kiev Caves was born in the year 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernigov, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on

the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life. The igumen saw in Saint Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, "Anthony, it is time for you to guide others in holiness. Return to your own Russian land, and be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you."

Returning to the land of Rus, Anthony began to make the rounds of the monasteries about Kiev, but nowhere did he find that strict life which had drawn him to Mt. Athos.

Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kiev by the banks of the River Dnieper. The forested area near the village of Berestovo reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kiev (October 21). Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, "Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here." He began to struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some decided to remain

with the saint. Among Anthony's first disciples was Saint Nikon (March 23), who tonsured Saint Theodosius of the Caves (May 3) at the monastery in the year 1032.

The virtuous life of Saint Anthony illumined the Russian land with the beauty of monasticism. Saint Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked Saint Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about Saint Anthony, the brethren dug a large cave and built a church and cells for the monks within it. After he appointed Abbot Barlaam to guide the brethren, Saint Anthony withdrew from the monastery. He dug a new cave for himself, then hid himself within it. There too, monks began to settle around him. Afterwards, the saint built a small wooden church in honor of the Dormition of the Mother of God over the Far Caves.

At the insistence of Prince Izyaslav, the igumen Barlaam withdrew to the Dimitriev monastery. With the blessing of Saint Anthony and with the general agreement of the brethren, the meek and humble Theodosius was chosen as igumen. By this time, the number of brethren had already reached a hundred men. The Kiev Great Prince Izyaslav (+ 1078) gave the monks the hill on which the large

church and cells were built, with a palisade all around. Thus, the renowned monastery over the caves was established. Describing this, the chronicler remarks that while many monasteries were built by emperors and nobles, they could not compare with those which are built with holy prayers and tears, and by fasting and vigil. Although Saint Anthony had no gold, he built a monastery which became the first spiritual center of Rus. For his holiness of life, God glorified Saint Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example of this occurred during the construction of the Great Caves church. The Most Holy Theotokos Herself stood before him and Saint Theodosius in the Blachernae church in Constantinople, where they had been miraculously transported without leaving their own monastery. Actually, two angels appeared in Constantinople in their forms (See May 3, the account of the Kiev Caves Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos). Having received gold from the Mother of God, the saints commissioned master architects, who came from Constantinople to the Russian land on the command of the Queen of Heaven to build the church at the Monastery of the Caves. During this appearance, the Mother of God foretold the impending death of Saint Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073. Through Divine Providence, the relics of Saint Anthony remain hidden.

Today's Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The

centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

“The measure of a man’s spiritual growth is his humility. The more advanced he is spiritually, the humbler he is. And vice versa: the humbler, the higher spiritually. Neither prayer rules, nor prostrations, nor fasts, nor reading God’s Word – only humility brings a man closer to God. Without humility, even the greatest spiritual feats aren’t only useless but can destroy a person.”

Abbot Nikon Voroblev (1894-1963)

The 20th All-American Council
Theme: *Becoming Vessels of Grace*

The 20th All-American Council is scheduled to take place Monday, July 18th - Friday, July 22nd, 2022, in Baltimore, Maryland at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel. Saint Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church will be represented by Mitred Archpriest Don Anthony Freude and the lay delegate, Popadia Donna Marie Freude, was elected at the Parish Meeting held on Sunday, May 15

The first plenary session of the 20th All-American Council is slated to convene at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 18.

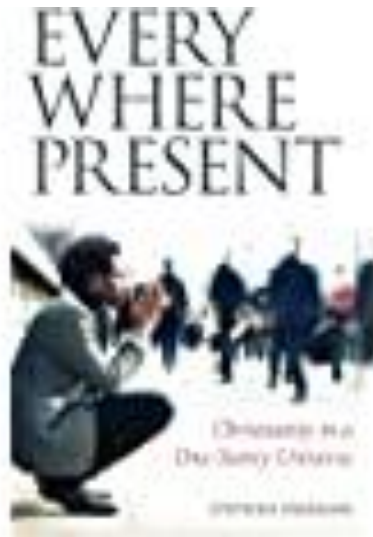
Hierarchical Divine Liturgies will be served every day from Tuesday to Friday with the Synodal Liturgy being served, as in the past, on Thursday morning.

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Wednesday morning will be concelebrated by His Grace Bishop Andrei, Auxiliary Bishop of the Romanian Episcopate, and clergy of the non-territorial Dioceses: Albanian, Bulgarian and Romanian.

A Panikhida for all the departed clergy and laymen of the Orthodox Church in America since the last AAC will be served on Wednesday at 5:30 PM.

On Thursday evening, the Grand Banquet is scheduled to begin at 7 PM. The final plenary session will convene on Friday, July 22 slated to conclude by 1pm.

SAINT ELIA FALL BOOK STUDY



Have you ever referred to God as the Man upstairs?

Most Christians living in a secular society have unwittingly relegated God and all things spiritual to the second storey of the universe: a realm we cannot reach except through death. The effect of this is to banish God, along with the saints and angels, from our everyday lives.

In ***Everywhere Present***, popular blogger and podcaster Fr. Stephen Freeman makes a compelling case for becoming aware of God's living and active presence in every moment of our lives here and now. Learning to practice your Christian faith in a one-storey universe will change your life and make possible the living, intimate relationship with God you always dreamed of.

Interested? Target date: September 2022.

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**REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING
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
Matushka Patricia Bohush-aunt of John Bohush
Sarah Niglio
Eve Tavenier

*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

OUR STEWARDHIP – July 3, 2022

Candles:	\$ 28.00
Improvement Fund:	55.00
Memorial Offering:	700.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>650.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,433.00
Tithely Donations:	116.87



Visit the St. Elia Bookstore etc.

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.

2022 DIOCESAN CONFERENCE
Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9
St. George Cathedral, Rossford (Toledo)