

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



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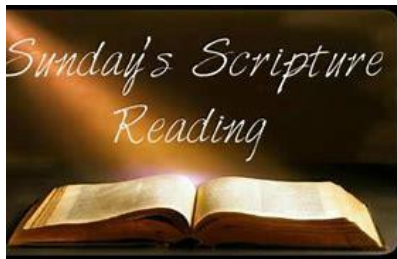
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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
August 16 – 7:00 pm



Sunday, July 31: Reader Joshua Wherley
Sunday, August 7: Reader Aaron Gray
Sunday, August 14: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Anastasia Bohush
Sunday, August 21: Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, August 28: Bud Graham

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6 FOREFEAST OF THE PROCESSION OF THE HONORABLE WOOD OF THE LIFEGIVING CROSS Righteous Joseph of Arimathea

**Saturday, July 30 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, July 31**

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: Romans 15:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Beginning of the Dormition Fast

Monday, August 1

**PROCESSION OF THE HONORABLE WOOD OF THE
LIFEGIVING CROSS**

**THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD,
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

Friday, August 5 - 6:00 pm Vigil Service **at St. Elia**

**Saturday, August 6 – **At Transfiguration Monastery,
Elwood City, Pennsylvania****

9:30am

Akathist and Procession

10:00am

Hierarchical Liturgy – His Grace, Bishop John

12:30pm

Catered Picnic Lunch

2:30pm

Holy Unction and anointing of pilgrims

**8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7
AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR
LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

Saturday, August 6

NO VESPERS SCHEDULED

Sunday, August 7

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

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John

Chrysostom

Blessing of grapes and other fruits

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY PIGRIMAGE

The Monastery in Elwood City, Pennsylvania Annual Pilgrimage will be held on **Saturday, August 6**. The Presiding Hierarch is His Grace Bishop John, Bishop of Worcester and New England, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

At the Hierarchical Liturgy special prayers of thanksgiving will be included for the **35th Anniversary of Mother Christophora's as Abbess of the Monastery**.

BLESSING OF GRAPES AND OTHER FRUITS

In celebration of our Lord's Transfiguration, grape and fruits will be blessed **next Sunday, August 7**, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please bring your grapes and other fruits and vegetables and place them on the side table under the Icon of St. Herman of Alaska for blessing.

This blessing of grapes, fruits and vegetables is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

[1](#) We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

[2](#) Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

[3](#) For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

[4](#) For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

[5](#) Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

[6](#) that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[7](#) Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Two Blind Men Healed

²⁷ When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See *that* no one knows *it*."³¹ But when they had departed, they ^{la}spread the news about Him in all that ^{lb}country.

A Mute Man Speaks

³² As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.³³ And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

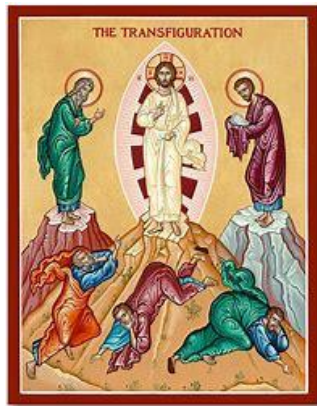
³⁴ But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

The Compassion of Jesus

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease ^{la}among the people.

"Indeed the mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful"

St. Clement of Alexandria

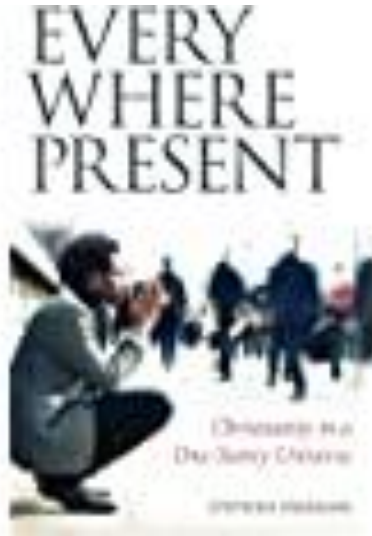


Jesus Transfigured on the Mount – Matt 17:1-9

17 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ⁴ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, ⁵ let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" ⁷ And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. ⁸ But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." ⁹ When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead

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 story 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-story 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 Cravcenco,
son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

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
Mitered 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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 17, 2022

Candles:	\$ 38.00
Bookstore:	36.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>931.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,005.00

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Candles:	\$ 13.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>780.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$793.00

Tithley Donations:	\$251.32
<u>PayPal:</u>	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$301.32



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 several 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)

Delegate: Reader Joshua Wherley