

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



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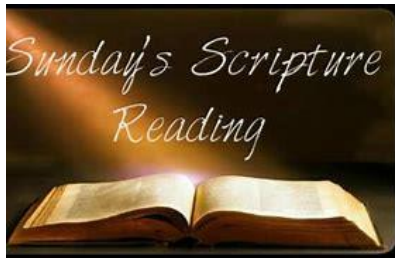
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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA  
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector  
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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 20 – 7:00 pm**



**Sunday, August 21:** Sue Ellen Turscak  
**Sunday, August 28:** Bud Graham  
**Sunday, September 4 –** Sandy Graham  
**Sunday, September 11 –** Reader Michael Luc  
**Sunday, September 18 –** Reader Joshua Wherley  
**Sunday, September 25 -** Reader Aaron Gray

# SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

**10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1 – Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**  
**Saturday, August 20**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession**

**Sunday, August 21**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak**

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

**Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16**

**Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23**

## ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

**Bud and Sand Graham are celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (August 20) and our Parish Family is happy to celebrate with them in our prayers. *Many Years***

**Tuesday, August 23 – Leavetaking of the Dormition of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2 – Venerable Moses the Black. Uncovering of the Relics of Venerable Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev**  
**Saturday, August 27**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession**

**Sunday, August 28**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Bud Graham**

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

**Epistle Reader: Bud Graham**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12**

**Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35**

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

**Monday, August 29 *Strict Fast Day***

**8:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

# SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

## The Epistle of the holy Apostle Paul: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

### Wisdom in Spiritual Fatherhood

<sup>9</sup> For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a <sub>i</sub> spectacle <sub>j</sub> to the world, both to angels and to men.

<sup>10</sup> We are <sub>j</sub> fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! <sub>k</sub> We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! <sup>11</sup> To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. <sup>12</sup> <sub>l</sub> And we labor, working with our own hands. <sub>m</sub>

Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup> being defamed, we <sub>2</sub> entreat. <sub>n</sub> We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

<sup>14</sup> I do not write these things to shame you, but <sub>o</sub> as my beloved children I warn you. <sup>15</sup> For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for <sub>p</sub> in Christ Jesus, I have begotten you through the gospel. <sup>16</sup> Therefore I urge you; <sub>q</sub> imitate me.

## **Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23**

### **A Boy Is Healed**

<sup>14</sup> And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, <sup>15</sup> “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is <sup>[a]</sup>an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. <sup>16</sup> So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered and said, “O <sup>[b]</sup>faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” <sup>18</sup> And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

<sup>20</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Because of your <sup>[c]</sup>unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. <sup>21</sup> <sup>[d]</sup>However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

### **Jesus Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection**

<sup>22</sup> Now while they were <sup>[e]</sup>staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, <sup>23</sup> and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful

## THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

On August 15 the Feast of the DORMITION or the death, resurrection and ascension of the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated and is preceded by a two week fast from August 1-14. For Eight Days, until the Leavetaking on August 23, the Church continues to honor the passage of the Most Holy Theotokos from death to life. Just as Christ once dwelt in the virginal womb of His Mother, now He takes Her “to dwell in His courts.”



The Feast is also called the Assumption. While the name DORMITION refers to death, her falling asleep in the Lord, the term ASSUMPTION refers to her resurrection as she is assumed by God into the heavenly Kingdom by her Son, our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. The Tradition of the Church is that Mary died as all people die, since she bore the same mortal body that every person does who come into the world. The Orthodox Church teaches that having truly died she was raised by her Son as the Mother of Life she now participates in the ETERNAL LIFE OF PARADISE.

## VESPERS - THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION

Oh, the marvelous wonder!

The source of Life is laid in a grave  
and the tomb becomes a ladder to heaven.

Rejoice, Gethsemane, holy shrine of the Theotokos!

Let us, the faithful, cry out with Gabriel as our  
captain:

“Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you,  
He that grants the world great mercy through you!”

Oh, the wonder of your mysteries, pure Lady:  
you were made the throne of the Most High,  
and today you have passed from earth to heaven.  
Your glory is full of splendor, shining with grace in  
divine brightness.

Virgins, be raised to the heights with the Mother of  
the King!

Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you,  
He that grants the world great mercy through you!

The Dominions and Thrones, the Rulers,  
Principalities and Powers,  
the Cherubim and fearsome Seraphim, glorify your  
falling asleep.

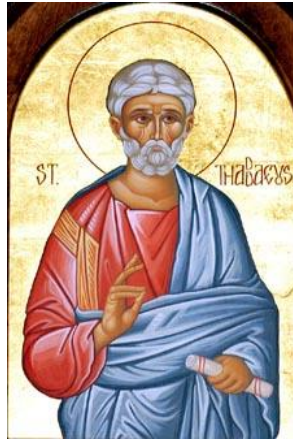
All those born of earth rejoice,  
adorned with honor by your divine glory.

Kings fall down and sing with the Archangels and  
Angels:

“Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you,  
He that grants the world great mercy through you!”

# Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy

Commemorated on August 21



Saint Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy, was by descent a Hebrew, and he was born in the Syrian city of Edessa. The holy Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy must be distinguished from Saint Jude, also called Thaddeus or Levi (June 19), who was one of the Twelve Apostles. When he came to Jerusalem for a feast day, he heard the preaching of John the Forerunner. After being baptized by him in the Jordan, he remained in Palestine. He saw the Savior and became His follower. He was chosen by the Lord to be one of the Seventy Disciples, whom He sent by twos to preach in the cities and places where He intended to visit (Luke. 10: 1).

After the Ascension of the Savior to Heaven, Saint Thaddeus preached the good news in Syria and Mesopotamia. He came preaching the Gospel to



Edessa and he converted King Abgar, the people and the pagan priests to Christ. He backed up his preaching with many miracles (about which Abgar wrote to the Assyrian emperor Nerses). He established priests there and built up the Edessa Church. Prince Abgar wanted to reward Saint Thaddeus with rich gifts, but he refused and went preaching to other cities, converting many pagans to the Christian Faith. He went to the city of Beirut to preach, and he founded a church there. It was in this city that he peacefully died in the year 44. (The place of his death is indicated as Beirut in the Slavonic MENAION, but according to other sources he died in Edessa. According to an ancient Armenian tradition, Saint Thaddeus, after various tortures, was beheaded by the sword on December 21 in the Artaz region in the year 50).

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## **WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

**Candles: \$ 14.00**

**Book Study books: 48.00**

**Sunday Offering: 295.00**

**TOTAL: \$357.00**

**Tithley Offerings \$90.81**

# PARISH CALENDAR

## BEGINNING OF CHURCH YEAR

The Church's Liturgical Year begins on **September 1**. According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..."

## BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

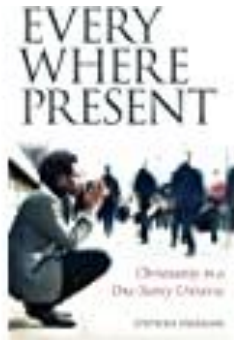
On **Sunday, September 4, 2022**, (Labor Day Weekend) we will have a Blessing for all of our students for this new school year.

"O Lord, fill us and our children with Your Spirit, producing fruit that never spoils. Help us to love others

unconditionally, be filled with joy overflowing, remain peaceful and patient, be kind to others, walk in goodness, faithfulness and gentleness and maintain self-control. Continue to develop these things in us as we journey through this new year.

For unto You is due all glory, honor and worship, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen."

# 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 12, 2022.**

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## BLESSING OF VEHICLES

This year **on September 18**, following the Divine Liturgy there will be a Cross Procession with the singing of a Molieben (Prayer Service) to Saint Elia and the blessing of all vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, skates, skateboards, etc.)

**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 Hutnyan  
Ted Theodore  
Sarah Costadinova  
Eve Tavenier  
Geoffrey Michael Lubic



### **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)**

**Delegates: Father Don Freude**

**Reader Joshua Wherley**