

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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St. ELIA  
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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA*

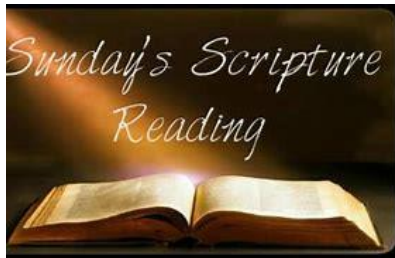
*Very Rev. Mitréd Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector*

*Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*



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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 20 – 7:00 pm**



**Sunday, September 18 - Reader Joshua Wherley**  
**Sunday, September 25 - Hours – Mary Beth Gray**  
**Epistle - Reader Aaron Gray**  
**Sunday, October 2 - Hours - Subdeacon Terence Bilas**  
**Epistle – Anastasia Bohush**  
**Sunday, October 9 - Sue Ellen Turscak**  
**Sunday, October 16 - Bud Graham**



On October 6<sup>th</sup> 2007, the Miracleworking and Myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Theotokos was found on a bookshelf in Hawaii exuding myrrh. In 2008, the Iveron Icon was officially recognized by the Russian Orthodox Church as miraculous and worthy of veneration. Since that time, this sacred image has visited over 500 Orthodox churches and monasteries in the United States and Canada. It has been a source of numerous miraculous occurrences, including many healings from both physical and spiritual infirmities.

**The Myrrh-steaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Theotokos will be our area on Sunday September 18, 2022:**

**3:00 pm Presentation of our Lord Orthodox Church**

**6:00 pm St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church**

Today, Sunday, **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.

# SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

## Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

[16](#) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

[17](#) But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

[18](#) For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

[19](#) For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

[20](#) I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

## Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

### Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

<sup>34</sup> When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and

follow Me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

**9** And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God <sup>9a</sup>present with power."

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*(for The Feast of the Cross)*

Moses prefigured the power of Your precious Cross,  
O Christ,

when he put to flight his adversary Amalek in the  
wilderness of Sinai;

for when he stretched out his arms in the form of a  
cross, the people prevailed.

Now the fulfillment of these images has come to pass  
for us.

Today the Cross is exalted, and the demons are put to  
flight.

Today all creation has been set free from corruption,  
for through the Cross all the gifts of grace have shone  
upon us.

Therefore, rejoicing, we all fall before You and cry:  
"How marvelous are Your works, O Lord! Glory to  
You!"

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## **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**

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  
Geoffrey Michael Lubic

## **2022 DIOCESAN CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9, at St.  
George Cathedral, Rossford (Toledo)**  
**Delegates: Father Don Freude Reader Joshua  
Wherley**

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# 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.

## **St. Elia Book Study dates:**

September 27, 2022 – 7:00 pm “Zoom”: Chapters 2 and 3

October 11, 2022 – 7:00 pm at St. Elia: Chapters 4 and 5

October 25, 2022 – 7:00 pm: “Zoom”: Chapters 6 and 7

November 8, 2022 – 7:00 pm at St. Elia: Chapters 8 - 11

Please contact Reader Joshua Wherley: (330) 714-8804  
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### **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.

### **WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

<b>Candles:</b>	<b>\$ 64.00</b>
<b>Improvement Fund:</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Bookstore:</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b><u>Sunday Offering:</u></b>	<b><u>455.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$569.00</b>

<b>Tithley Offerings:</b>	<b>\$ 111.72</b>
<b><u>PayPal:</u></b>	<b><u>63.37</u></b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$175.09</b>

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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Annual Welcome and  
Fellowship Tea

Sunday, October 9, 2022 2 pm  
St. Thomas Eastern Orthodox Church  
555 South Cleveland-Massillon Rd.  
Fairlawn

***Please join us for an afternoon of faith  
and friendship. All are welcome!***

MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Presented by  
Very Rev.Fr. Vladimir Bakurdzhiev

Fr. Vlado shares his experiences in the secular  
and spiritual worlds from his beginnings in  
Bulgaria to his life in America as a long -  
distance truck driver and a priest. He currently  
serves the Parish of St. Thomas Eastern  
Orthodox Church

***Orthodox Woman of the Year Award  
will be presented to Rose Marie  
Vronick of our St. Elia Parish!***

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# ORTHODOX MISSION WALK

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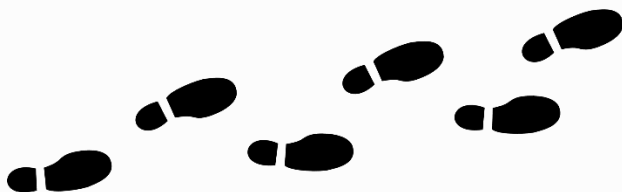
October 15 9am - 1 pm\_Where?  
Akron Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7  
2610 Ley Drive, Akron, OH 443319

*FREE WILL OFFERINGS ACCEPTED*  
*Proceeds go to*  
*OCMC, IOCC, & Shelter Care*

*LUNCH INCLUDED!*  
*FAMILY & PET FIRENDLY*

Register and Donate \$10 or more by  
Sept. 18  
And you will get the highly collectible  
T-shirt!

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## LESSONS FROM GEESE

As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird following it. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

*Lesson:* People who share common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lift" given by each bird in front.

*Lesson:* If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

*Lesson:* It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership.

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The geese in formation honk from behind to

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encourage those in front to keep up their speed.

*Lesson:* Make sure your honking from behind is encouraging, and not just mindless chatter.

When a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese drop out formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

*Lesson:* Stand by one another.

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*A Thought from C.S. Lewis*

Hope means a continual looking forward to the eternal world. It doesn't mean we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that have become so ineffective. Aim at heaven and you will get the earth "thrown in." But aim at earth and you will get neither.