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St. ELIA
ORTHODOX  CHURCH

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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*

SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2022 Parish Council

President: John Bohush

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Church School: Anastasia Bohush

Sisterhood of St. Juliana:

President: Veronica Bilas, Vice President, Sandy
Graham, Secretary: Sarah Niglio; Treasurer: Mary
Magensky

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:

Coordinators: Reader Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers

Sunday, November 27 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle Anastasia Bohush

Sunday, December 4 – Sue Ellen Turscak

Sunday, December 11 - Bud Graham

Sunday, December 18 - Sandy Graham

Sunday, December 25 - Reader Michael Luc

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7

Greatmartyr Jacob the Persian

Saturday, November 26

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, November 27

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Lighting of the 3rd Candle on the Advent Wreath

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8

Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria; Venerable John of Damascus; Glorification of the New Hieromartyr Alexander Hotovitzky, missionary in America

Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, December 4

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Lighting of the 4th Candle on the Advent Wreath

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER,
ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA**

Monday, December 5

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

Holy Father Nicholas, pray unto God for us!

TRUTH AND LIGHT

Christ coming into the world was not like that of a sightseer to a strange city, but rather that of an artist visiting His own studio, or an author paging the books he himself had written, for in becoming incarnate the Divine Word was tabernacling Himself in His own creation. His human nature in no way limited His Divine Wisdom, but it did give Him a new way of communicating it to humans, and one quite comfortable to their own nature. Through a human tongue like their own, speaking their own dialect, people hear Him say,

“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.”

John 8:12

As we are claimed by the outer signs of this season – the gifts, the family gatherings, the tree, the lights, and the decorations – let us discover in them the hope and faith of Christ’s Coming – which is the “true magic of Christmas.”

Vesper Stichera – November 25

O faithful, let us exchange glad tidings today, singing psalms to the Lord and hymns of praise in honor of Mary, His Mother, His holy Tabernacle, the Ark that contained the Word whom nothing can contain. She is offered to God as a child in a marvelous way and Zechariah, the high priest, receives her with great joy, for she is the dwelling-place of the Most High

THE ADVENT WREATH

Six weeks prior to the celebration of Christmas we observe a Fast, often called *Advent* which means *The Coming*, and refers to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh.

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord together with Feast of His Baptism in the Jordan are Feasts of Light celebrating the coming and manifestation of Christ the Light of the world. Nature itself helps us to experience these Feasts of Light. With the coming of winter, the days get shorter and the nights longer, but once we reach Christmas itself the reverse begins to happen. Nature prepares for the Coming of Christ, the Light in the darkness and so do we during the Holy Season of Advent.

To help in our preparation during this Christmas Fast, we have an Advent Wreath in Church. The Wreath, made of evergreens, will have six candles on it. **This Sunday, November 27, we will light the third candle on the wreath along with our Advent Prayers.**

Prepare O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn yourself O Ephrathah, for the tree of life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit: For if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Christ Our Peace

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Christ Our Cornerstone

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

A Woman Healed on the Sabbath

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.”

And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.”

The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”

And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

SAINT NICHOLAS DAY CELEBATION

DECEMBER 11, 2022

Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us for our St. Nicholas Celebration. On this festive occasion, Reader Aaron Gray will be vested with the Sticharion and the girded with Orar of the Subdeacon. Then Archbishop Alexander, with the Laying of Hands, will ordain Reader Aaron a Subdeacon of the Church of Saint Elia.

Please sign up to bring a simple fast brunch food to celebrate St. Nicholas Day and the ordination of Reader Aaron Gray to the Subdiaconate

Mark your calendars and keep this date!

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA MEETING

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 4, the Sisterhood of St. Juliana will hold their monthly meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a combined Parish Council Meeting of the 2022 and 2023 members on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS

Please make your donations for the flowers and decorations for our Christmas celebration. We will need to shop and purchase them in time. Thank You!

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

Archbishop Benjamin

Archbishop Nathaniel

Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)

Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)

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

Kalie Obeng-Fiorg

Rose Marie Vronick – Village of St. Edward
at Green, 3813 Fortuna Drive 44312

2023 CHURCH CALENDARS

Through the generosity of ANTHONY FUNERAL HOME, 2023 Church Calendars have arrived. Please pick your calendar up from the front pew in the Church



Visit the St. Elia Bookstore

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 (check-out our new 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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Candles: \$ 47.00

Memorial Donation: 50.00

Special Donation: 300.00

Sunday Offering: 1,614.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,011.00

Tithley Offerings: \$ 132.31

PayPal Offering: 30.00

TOTAL: \$ 162.00

Help those in need during the Nativity season!



During the fasting seasons of the Orthodox Church, we are called upon to fast not only for reasons of self-control and prayer, but also for reasons of love: to deny ourselves something so that we may share what we have saved with someone else who is in need.

During this year's Nativity Fast our parish charitable group, the *Workers of St. Elizabeth*, will be collecting items for the **Peter Maurin Center**. Located just 5 minutes north of St. Elia at 1096 Old South Main St., the Center serves unsheltered and marginalized individuals and families in the greater Akron area by offering meals, warm clothing and other necessities, and friendship.

Look for the bin located near the entrance of church and drop off your items as you come in each week. Below is a list of ideas of items that are currently in need at the Center:

- Hand warmers (many needed!)
- Socks, large athletic type (many needed!)
- Gloves and hats
- Underwear, men and women, all sizes
- Hygiene items, either full or travel size, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, razors (ALL hygiene items very much needed!)
- Boots, waterproof, especially men size 12-14, women all sizes
- Hoodies, especially men size L and XL with zipper
- Akron Metro one-day bus passes
- Meal cards, such as for McDonald's, Burger King, or Subway
- Backpacks, adult
- Flashlights, including batteries

For use in prepared meals at the center, meat donations would also be welcome (these can be stored temporarily in the St. Elia fridge/freezer), such as ground beef, sausage links, pork, chicken breasts, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Gray at 330-413-8324 or grayaaron@outlook.com. Thank you for doing your part to help those in NEED.

Sisterhood of St. Juliana Fundraiser: Get a Jump Start on Your Holiday Shopping!



Support the projects of the Sisterhood of St. Juliana and get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the same time! **[Shop at St. Elia's special fundraising website](#)** for St. Elia Christmas Ornaments, gifts, teas, candies, snacks, cookie dough, candles, magazines, home decor, holiday items, kitchen items, and more!

Items can be shipped directly to your home or choose to have your items shipped to the church at no additional charge. Items delivered to the church will be available for pick up starting Sunday, December 4.

St. Elia will receive a large percentage of your purchase as a donation. The fundraising website will remain open through November 28.

We appreciate your support! Shop online at: **<https://bit.ly/stelia-fundraiser>**

Orthodox Christian Women

Winter Mini-Retreat
Saturday January 21, 2023
9:30 am to noon

St. George Antiochian
Orthodox Church

3204 Ridgewood Road, Fairlawn 44333
Free Event - Everyone Welcome!
Continental Breakfast provided

“Breaking Christian
Education Paradigms”
Speaker: Robert Snyder

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