

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council  
**THE VOICE**



## SAINT 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**

## **2023 Parish Council**

President: Veronica Bilas

V. President: Sandy Graham

Secretary: Subdeacon Aaron Gray

Treasurer: Reader Joshua Wherley

Members: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas,  
Bud Graham, Sarah Kostadinova,  
COCA Representative: Mary Marcin

**Choir Director:** Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas

Assistant Directors: Anastasia Bohush

Deaconisa Heidi Gresh, Reader Michael Luc

**Church School:** Anastasia Bohush

## **Sisterhood of St. Juliana:**

President: Anastasia Bohush,

V. President: Sandy Graham

Secretary: Katherine Hodge

Treasurer: Mary Magensky

## **Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:**

Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

## **Scheduled Readers - 2023**

Sunday, September 17 - Bud Graham

Sunday, September 24 – Sandy Graham

Sunday, October 1 - Reader Michael Luc

Sunday, October 8 - Reader Nicholas Morelli

Sunday, October 15 - Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Sunday, October 22 - Reader Joshua Wherley

# **SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE**

**SAINT NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL,  
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA,**

**DIVINE SERVICES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST. ELIA  
BY PROTODEACON JAMES GRESH**

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh  
Ecumenical Council**

**Saturday, October 7**

**5:00 pm Vespers – Protodeacon James Gresh**

**Sunday, October 8**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Reader Nicholas Morelli**

**9:30 am Typika Service – Protodeacon James Gresh**

**Epistle Reader: Reader Nicholas Morelli**

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

**Gospel: John 17:1-13**

**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2**

**Venerable Euthymius the New of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt.  
Athos. Martyr Lucian the Presbyter of Antioch**

**Saturday, October 14**

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

**Sunday, October 15**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Deaconisa Heid Gresh**

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

**Epistle Reader: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

### **The Cheerful Giver**

<sup>6</sup> But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

<sup>8</sup> And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written:

“He has dispersed abroad,  
He has given to the poor;  
His righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup> Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness, <sup>11</sup> while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

## **Gospel: John 17:1-13**

### **Jesus Prays for Himself**

**17** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He <sup>[a]</sup>should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together <sup>[b]</sup>with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

### **Jesus Prays for His Disciples**

<sup>6</sup> “I have <sup>[c]</sup>manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. <sup>8</sup> For I have given

to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

<sup>9</sup> “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep<sup>[d]</sup> through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them<sup>[e]</sup> in the world, I kept them in<sup>[f]</sup> Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is<sup>[g]</sup> lost except the son of<sup>[h]</sup> perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

A Nominating Committee was elected at the Parish Meeting on Sunday, September 17, to prepare the slate of officers for the 2024 Parish Council. Please present your Nominees to the **Nominating Committee:**  
**Tony Dodovich. Mary Marcin, Tylert McKelvey.**

**Just a reminder: nominations will not be taken at the General Parish Meeting on November 12.**

## **Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

Commemorated on [October 8](#)

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted).

It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation.

The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

## **DIOCESAN CONFERENCE**

The Annual Diocesan Conference of the Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo, Orthodox Church in America will be held at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Fort Wayne Indiana this weekend, Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, will be giving the keynote address on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, following Luncheon.

The Conference Business Session will commence at 2:00 pm. St. Elia’s Delegates are Fr. Don and Veronica Bilas. Vespers will be served at 5:00 pm and the Banquet at 7:00 pm. On Sunday morning the Divine Liturgy will be concelebrated at 10:00 am by His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop Alexander, and Diocesan Clergy.

Protodeacon James Gresh will be serving Vespers on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and the Typica Service at St. Elia at 9:30 am on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **GENERAL PARISH MEETING**

A General Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, **November 12, 2023**, following the Divine Liturgy, to elect the 2024 Parish Council Members as presented by the Nominating Committee.



## **IN APPRECIATION**

A word of THANK YOU to John Cheese for his generosity once again this year of having the sawgrass behind the parking lot and church cut down in preparation for the winter season.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP, October 1, 2023**

<b>Candles:</b>	<b>\$ 67.00</b>
<b>Improvement Fnnd:</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Special Donation:</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>794.10</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$896.10</b>

<b>Tithley Donations:</b>	<b>\$415.04</b>
<b>PayPal Donations:</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$440.04</b>

**TOTAL OFFERINGS:   \$ 1,336.14**

## **WISH LIST**

With the rising costs in almost everything, our Parish of St. Elia, along with everybody else, is also facing financial difficulties in the present and more in the future to meet the daily bills on time. Thank you to all who faithfully donate. If you are able, please consider making special donations of the Parish needs of items listed on the

### **WISH LIST:**

Paper towels  
Bathroom Tissues  
Kleenex

Dishwasher Soap

Incense (\$20.00 for a half pound)

Censor Charcoal (\$30.00)

4-hour votive candles (\$36.50 a gross)

7 Day Votive Candles (\$52.00 for a case of 12)

Cleaning Supplies

## **REMEMBERING OUR CATECHUMENS**

Daniel Slife; Kristopher Barnhart

## **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

## **REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Archbishop Benjamin; Archbishop Nathaniel  
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)

Phyllis (sister of +Rose Marie Vronick)

Florence Lambo

Martin Vronick

Nicoletta (Nikki) Bober

Pani Dolores Zuder

Mitered Archpriest Daniel & Matushka Myra Kovalak

Matushka Christine Zebren

Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan

Subdeacon Martin Paluch

Barbara Harp (sister of Veronica Bilas)

Ted Theodore

Sarah Kostadinova

Melissa Trace

Gerald Gray (father of Subdeacon Aaron Gray)  
Louis Hakim  
Daniel Sugden  
Deaconisa Heidi Gresh  
Gregory Yova (Project Mexico)

**Sisterhood of St. Juliana News**  
**QUARTER AUCTION – OCTOBER 14**

We need BASKETS for our Quarter Auction. The more baskets we have, the greater our profit could potentially be.

Donations can be valued at any amount. Baskets and Gift Card donations should be turned in by **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to donate to a Basket, but do not want to shop, please see Ana Bohush (Venmo or Cash).

Basket ideas include:

- Wine Lovers
- Spa Day
- Night Out
- Cookbook Basket
- Coffee Lovers
- Book-a-Holic
- Holiday Theme
- Guardians/Browns
- Motivation
- Wellness
- Sweets Basket
- Candles\
- Lottery Tree (scratch offs)
- Beer Basket

Children's Basket etc.  
Please see Sarah or Anna with questions1

**Save the Date:** Keep Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> booked on your calendar. We are reviving our Salad Bingo Supper. More information is coming.

# **QUARTER AUCTION**

## **SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 2023**

***DOORS OPEN: 12:00 PM***  
***1ST AUCTION: 1:00 AM***

***\$10 Entry & First Paddle***  
***Extra Paddles - \$5***  
***50/50 Raffle***  
***Food & Drinks for Sale***  
***Door Prize Raffles***  
***Vendor Shopping***

Fundraiser For:

Saint Elia Orthodox Church  
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*Orthodox Christian Women (OCW)*

**Annual Welcome and  
Fellowship Tea  
Sunday, October 8 - 2 pm**

*Celebrating 50 years in Akron's  
Orthodox Community*

**Presentation of Our Lord  
Orthodox Church  
3365 Ridgewood Rd., Fairlawn**

*Women in Orthodoxy*  
**Presented by Rev. Fr. James  
Waltenberger**

For more information call:  
Sandy Menhorn 330-354-7792 or  
Nancy Studebaker 330-655-9638 or  
Sandy Graham 330-988-8107



**FALL FAMILY FUNFEST  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

***9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY***

***Followed by***  
**LUNCHEON**  
**and**  
**OUR ANNUAL TRUNK-A-TREAT**  
**FOR ALL AGES!**

***EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING***

**A TREAT TO SHARE WITH ALL THE  
KIDS - young and older**

**NON-SCARY COSTUMES ARE  
WELCOME**