

# WELEKLY BULLETIN

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## THE VOICE



## SAINT ELIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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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 Niglio

**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, October 29 - Hours - Subdeacon Terence Bilas  
Epistle – Anastasia Bilas  
Sunday, November 5 - Sue Ellen Turscak  
Sunday, November 12 - Hours – Mary Beth Gray  
Epistle – Subdeacon Aaron Gray

**Sunday, November 19 – Bud Graham**

**Sunday, November 26 – Sandy Graham**

## **SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4**

**Martyr Anastasia the Roman. Ven. Abramius the Recluse**

**Saturday, October 28**

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

**Sunday, October 29**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas**

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

**Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush**

**Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20      Gospel: Luke 8:26-39**

**Monday, October 30**

**Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia**

**Tuesday, October 31**

**Apostles of 70 Stachys, Amplias, Urban, Narcissus,**

**Apelles, Aristobuluos. Hieromartyr John Kochurov**

**Wednesday November 1 -**

**Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian**

**Thursday, November 2**

**Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius,**

**Elpidophorus, Anempodistus of Persia**

**Friday, November 3**

**Martyrs Aceptimas, Joseph, Aithalas of Persia**

**Saturday, November 4**

**Venerable Joannicius the Great**

**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5**

**Martyr Galecteon and his wife, Epistemis**

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

**Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak**

**Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18      Gospel: Luke 8:41-56**

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20**

We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ rather than fidelity to the Law is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the law. Now if we were to admit that the result of looking to Christ to justify us is to make us sinners like the rest, it would follow that Christ had induced us to sin, which would be absurd. If I were to return to a position I had already abandoned, I should be admitting I had done something wrong. In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that now I can live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake.

### **Gospel: Luke 8:26-39**

They came to land in the territory of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. He was stepping ashore when a man from the city who was possessed by devils

came towards him; for a long time the man had been living with no clothes on, not in a house, but in the tombs. Catching sight of Jesus he gave a shout, fell at his feet and cried out at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, son of the Most High God? I implore you, do not torture me.' For Jesus had been telling the unclean spirit to come out of the man. It had seized on him a great many times, and then they used to secure him with chains and fetters to restrain him, but he would always break the fastenings, and the devil would drive him out into the wilds. Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion' -- because many devils had gone into him. And these begged him not to order them to depart into the Abyss. Now there was a large herd of pigs feeding there on the mountain, and the devils begged him to let them go into these. So he gave them leave. The devils came out of the man and went into the pigs, and the herd charged down the cliff into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told their story in the city and in the country round about; and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the devils had gone out sitting at the feet of Jesus, wearing clothes and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had witnessed it told them how the man who had been possessed came to be saved. The entire population of the Gerasene territory was in great fear and asked Jesus to leave them. So he got into the boat and went back. The man from whom the devils had gone out asked to be allowed to stay with him, but he sent him away saying, 'Go back home

and report all that God has done for you.' So the man went off and proclaimed throughout the city all that Jesus had done for him

### **SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA**

Sisterhood MEETING next Sunday, November 5, following the Divine Liturgy.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, November 7, following the Vespersal Divine Liturgy

### **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.**

### **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.

### **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

***“Let us come into His Presence with thanksgiving” (Psalm 95:2a).*** A Service of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on the **Eve of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 22, at 6:00 pm at St. Elia.** Let us plan

now to come together in the joy of this holyday and offer our praise to God for all He has given us.

### **FOR THE ALASKAN DIOCESE - OCA**

***“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart...  
God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:6).***

During the month of November, we will make our charitable offerings for Saint Herman’s Seminary in Alaska and for the Alaskan Priests (annual salary \$7,800) serving the Parishes in the Diocese of Alaska.

### **ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE**

On **November 15**, forty days prior to the celebration of the Feast of Christmas, the Holy Orthodox Church begins the Christmas Fast.

This period of six weeks is often called *Advent* which means *The Coming* and refers to the Coming of our lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Mystery of His Holy Nativity.

Advent is a period of fasting, prayer and Scripture reading, a time of silence, more faithful attendance to the sacred Services and participation in the Holy Mystery of Confession to enable us to capture more fully Christ’s abiding Presence among us.

A beautiful and meaningful **ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE**, in preparation for the Great Feast of the Nativity-in-the-Flesh of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus

Christ, will be served on the first day of Advent,  
**Wednesday, November 15, at 6:00 pm.**

## THE ADVENT WREATH

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, we will have an Advent Wreath in Church. The Wreath, made of evergreens, will have six candles on it; one for each Sunday in Advent.

**Beginning on Sunday, November 19, we will light the first 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.*

**OUR STEWARDSHIP, October 22, 2023**

<b>Candles:</b>	<b>\$ 23.00</b>
<b>Special Offering:</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Improvement Fund:</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Bookstore:</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 980.31</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,028.31</b>

<b>Tithely Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 429.90</b>
<b>PayPal Donations:</b>	<b>41.09</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 470.99</b>

**TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$1,499.30**

**QUARTER AUCTION: \$1,224.00**

**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)

**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 Alexander

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

Sarah Nigilo

Melissa Trace

Gerald Gray (father of Subdeacon Aaron Gray)

Louis Hakim

Daniel Sugden

Deaconisa Heidi Gresh  
Gregory Yova (Project Mexico)



## **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**



**St. Elia Parish**  
**TURKEY**  
**BOWL**  
**FOR ALL AGES**



**FRIDAY, NOV. 24<sup>TH</sup> 3PM-?**



**NORTON CHARGER BOWLING LANES**  
**1213 NORTON AVE.**  
**NORTON, OH 44203**



**ADULT: \$4.00/ YOUTH / SENIOR \$2.00 PER GAME**  
**SHOE RENTAL: ADULT \$4.00/ YOUTH/SENIORS \$2.00**  
**RSVP: SIGNUP SHEET IN HALL FOR RESERVATIONS**

