

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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32nd Sunday After Pentecost

Leavetaking of the Feast of Theophany

THE VOICE



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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,
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

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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 - 2024

Sunday, January 14 - Bud Graham

Sunday, January 21 - Sandy Graham

Sunday, January 28 - Reader Michael Luc

Sunday, February 4 - Reader Nicholas Morelli

Sunday, February 11 - Reader Joshua Wherley

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

The Whole Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ^[a]wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of ^[b]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

A Blind Man Receives His Sight

³⁵ Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. ³⁶ And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. ³⁷ So they

told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. ³⁸ And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, ⁴¹ saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."⁴² Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³ And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God

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BLESSING OF HOMES

Father Don is blessing homes. With the driving assistance of Popadia Donna, Blessings are available all day on Monday and Friday; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – evenings only (4:00 pm -8:00 pm).

If it is your wish that Father comes to your home for this blessing, please sign the list on Vestibule Counter or call Father at 330-724-7009 or 330-618-4878. Please pick up the brochure and list the names of the living and deceased that you wish to be remembered.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK **TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 AT 6:30 PM**

**This a combined meeting of the
2023 and 2024 Council Members**

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

CHRIST IS BAPTIZED IN THE JORDAN! GLORIFY HIM!

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7

Leavetaking of the feast of Theophany.

Saturday, January 13

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, January 14

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

**Panakhida for the repose of the soul of Larissa Anne
Freude as requested by the Freude Family**

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8

Venerable Maximus the Confessor

Saturday, January 20

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, January 21

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham

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

Baptism of William Jeffery Harrison

Godparents: William Paluch and Deborah Gynn

Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Gospels: Matthew 22:1-14 Matthew 28:16-20

**Orthodox Christian Women
Present**

Winter Mini-Retreat

Saturday January 20, 2024 – 9:30am to noon

**St. Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church
64 West Wilbeth Road, Akron 44301**

**Free Event - Everyone Welcome!
Continental Breakfast Provided**

“Question the Clergy”

**Featuring a Panel of our
Beloved Local Priests**

Advance Questions Encouraged!

Please send your queries to:

info@stteoc.com by January 17th.

**All questions remain anonymous. Questions
may also be submitted at the event**

**Contact: Nancy Studebaker 330-655-9638 or
nlstudebaker@gmail.com or Sandy Graham 330-988-8107
or sgraham@bright.net For questions or additional
information**

DONATION ENVELOPES

Everyone's donations for the support of Saint Elia Church is very important and greatly appreciated by all of our members. In the past we have ordered donation envelopes from the Church Budget Envelope Co. The Parish Council has decided not to order them this year. Donations can be made by Tithely, PayPal, Bill Pay or by mail. **Offering Envelopes that are packaged are available on the front pew. next page**

OUR STEWARDSHIP, January 7, 2024

Candles: \$149.00

Memorial Donation: 25.00

Improvement Fund: 5.00

Sunday Offering: 730.00

TOTAL: \$909.00

Tithely Donations: \$281.87

PayPal Donations: 30.00

TOTAL: \$311.87

TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$1,220.87

WISH LIST

If you are able, please consider making special donations of the Parish needs of items listed on the:

WISH LIST

Paper towels, Kleenex, Bathroom Tissues

Dishwasher Soap

Incense (\$20.00 for a half pound)

Censor Charcoal (\$35.50)

4-hour votive candles (\$38.50 a gross)

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

REMEMBERING OUR CATECHUMEN

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

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 Huntyan

Subdeacon Martin Paluch

Sarah Nigilo

Melissa Trace

Louis Hakim

Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Katya Gresh Reimund