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36th Sunday After Pentecost

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

2024 Parish Council

President: Veronica Bilas

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Secretary: Subdeacon Aaron Gray

Treasurer: Reader Joshua Wherley

Members: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas, Bud Graham,
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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, February 11 - Reader Joshua Wherley

Sunday, February 18 - Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Sunday, February 25 - Mary Beth Gray

Sunday, March 3 - Subdeacon Aaron Gray

Sunday, March 10 - Hours: Subdeacon Terence Bilas

Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3

Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste

Saturday, February 10

4:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Sunday, February 11

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Joshua Wherley

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Gospel: Matt. 15:21-28

Monday, February 12 – St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch

Tuesday, February 13 – Ven. Martinian of Caesarea

Wed. February 14 – Ven Auxentius of Bithynia *Fast Day*

Thursday, February 15 – Apostle of the Seventy Onesimus

Friday, Feb. 16 – Martyr Pamphilius - *Fast Day*

37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS. St. Leo the Great

Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confession

Reception into the Church and Chrismation of

Christopher Barnhart

Sunday, February 18

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

AKATHIST- TIKHVIN MOTHER OF GOD ICON

Thursday, February 22 – 6:30 pm

At St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Mogadore, Ohio

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: I Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: 15:21-28

A Gentile Shows Her Faith

²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."²⁴ But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"²⁶ But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs."²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS

Due to the **Bingo Salad Supper** being held this **Saturday, February 10, Great Vespers** will be served at **4:00pm**, followed by Confessions.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This week: Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm

DONATION ENVELOPES

Donations can be made by Tithely, PayPal, Bill Pay or by mail. **Offering Envelopes that are packaged are available on the front pew.**

OUR STEWARDSHIP, February 4, 2024

Candles:	\$ 68.00
Tray Offering:	695.00
<u>Improvement Fund::</u>	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 768.00
Tithely Donations:	\$ 355.78
<u>TOTAL OFFERINGS:</u>	<u>\$1,123.78</u>

WISH LIST

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

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

Mary Elizabeth Marcin

THE THEOTOKOS ICON OF TIKHVIN

The **Theotokos of Tikhvin** is one of the most celebrated Orthodox Christian icons. It is said to be one of the icons written by Saint Luke.

According to tradition, in the 5th century, the icon was transferred from Jerusalem to Constantinople, where a church was built specially for it. A further tradition has it that the icon miraculously appeared, hovering over a lake, in Russia, near Tikhvin in 1383. Since the 14th century, the icon was held in Tikhvin, where eventually Tikhvin Assumption Monastery was founded to host the icon. In 1941, during World War II, for a month Tikhvin was occupied by German troops, who looted the monastery and, in particular, took the icon to Pskov, and in 1944 transferred it to Riga.

The icon eventually was taken to the United States for safety by the former Bishop of Riga – Bishop John (Garklāvs). Between 1949 and 2004, the icon remained at Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois. It was returned to Tikhvin, Russia, in 2004 by his adopted son, Fr. Sergei Garklavs of Chicago. A reproduction of the Wonderworking Tikhvin Icon was brought from Russia by His Grace, Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin and enshrined in Holy Trinity Cathedral in Chicago



***VISIT OF THE TIKHVIN
MOTHER OF GOD ICON***

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - 6:30 PM

AKATHIST

**SAINT NICHOLAS ORTHODOX
CHURCH, MOGADORE, OHIO**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – 9:00 AM
DIVINE LITURGY AND MOLIEBEN
ST. THEODOSIUS CATHEDRAL
CLEVELAND, OHIO**