WEEKLY BULLETIN

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHURCH NEW YEAR

THE VOICE

SAINT ELIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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

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Popadia Donna Freude

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Secretary: Katherine Hodge
Treasurer: Mary Magensky

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr:
Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers

Sunday, September 1 – Reader Nicholas Morelli
Sunday, September 8 - Reader Michael Luc
Sunday, September 15 –Reader Joshua Wherley
Sunday, September 22 Subdeacon Aaron Gray
Sunday, September 29 –Mary Beth Gray

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1
CHURCH NEW YEAR

Saturday, August 31

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14

Sunday, September 1

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Nicholas Morelli
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Nicholas Morelli
Epistles: 1 Cor. 4:9-16, 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospels: Matthew 17:14-23, Luke 4:16-22

Panakhida for the repose of the souls of His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman, Fr. John Bohush, Matushka Patricia Bohush, Olga Bilas and Sasha Macura - as requested by the Bohush family.

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2
THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY.
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.

Saturday, September 7

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56

Sunday, September 8

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc
Epistles: Galatians 6:11-18, Philippians 2:5-11
Gospels: John 3:13-17, Luke 10:32-42; 11:27-28

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 *(NewYear)*

Pray for All Men

2 Therefore I [a]exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, **2** for kings and all who are in [b]authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and [c]reverence. **3** For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5** For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, **7** for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth [d]in Christ *and* not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Epistle: 1Corinthians 4:9-16

9 For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle [a]to the world, both to angels and to men. **10** We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but you *are* wise in Christ! We *are* weak, but you *are* strong!
You *are* distinguished, but we *are* dishonored! **11** To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. **12** And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; **13** being defamed, we [b]entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

Paul's Paternal Care

14 I do not write these things to shame you, but as my
beloved children I warn *you*. **15** For though you might have
ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you*
do not *have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus, I have
begotten you through the gospel. **16** Therefore I urge
you, imitate me.

Gospel: Luke 4:16-22

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth (*New Year)*

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought
up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue
on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. **17** And He was
handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had
opened the book, He found the place where it was
written:

18 "The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to *the* poor;
He has sent Me [a]to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to *the* captives
And recovery of sight to *the* blind,
To set at liberty those who are [b]oppressed;
19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

20 Then He closed the book and gave *it* back to the
attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in
the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say
to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your
hearing." **22** So all bore witness to Him and marveled at the

gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

A Boy Is Healed

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, **15** “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is [a]an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. **16** So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”
17 Then Jesus answered and said, “O [b]faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” **18** And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” **20** So Jesus said to them, “Because of your [c]unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. **21** [d]However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

Jesus Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection

22 Now while they were [e]staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, **23** and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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DIRECTION IN NEW YEAR

By Fr. Basil Stroyen

On September 1, the date when the Church New Year starts, Luke 4:16-22 is read. It tells about Jesus going to the synagogue as was His custom and He was given a passage to read. It was from Isaiah 61:1-2. We are told when He finished the reading, they were watching, waiting, listening closely. All in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

As we continue in this first month of a NewYear, this sense of intently focusing on Jesus and His message invites us to watch closely, to look intently for the message of God in our lives throughout the coming year. To do this we need to be deliberate about listening to what happens in our life each day, to keep our inner eyes open so that we can see how it is that God moves through our days, to open the ears of our mind and our hearts so that we can hear the Voice of God beckoning to us in each and every person and event. Looking intently for God amid our everyday life presumes that we believe God is there. It also requires a reverence for every part of our lives, whether or not we enjoy that aspect of life because each part is an opportunity to encounter the Divine Presence. Those daily glimpses of God that we receive when we are ready and willing to listen closely provide the directions we need for our life.

RECEPTION INTO THE CATECHUMENATE

By the Providence of God, our Parish Family of St. Elia has been entrusted with those who have been sent to us to love them and nourish them in the faith.

Next Sunday, **September 8**, we will receive Randy Warner, Amber Larabee, and the children Marceline and Bonnibel into the Catechumenate.

On Sunday, **September 15**, we will receive Daniel Williamson into the Catechumenate.

DEACONATE ORDINATION

The Annual Conference of the Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo will be held on the weekend of October 4 - 6, 2024, here at Saint Elia. You will be receiving shortly all the details involving all our parish members in the social events of the Conference.

On **Sunday, October 6**, **2024**, the Feast of Saint Innocent, at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy **Subdeacon Aaron Innocent Gray**, of our Parish Family, will be ordained a Deacon of the Orthodox Church in America by His Eminence our Father and Archbishop Alexander.

Subdeacon Aaron Innocent was tonsured a Reader by Metropolitan Herman on October 8, 2006, and ordained a Subdeacon by Archbishop Alexander on December 11, 2022.
Let us remember Subdeacon Aaron as he prepares for his Diaconal ordination.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Twenty-five classes are planned for our Church School Program for 2024-2025, beginning on Sunday, October 13 and ending on St. Thomas Sunday, April 27, with Popadia Donna as Coordinator.

Our children will be separated into three groups:

Mrs. Natalie Slife – Preschool; Mrs. Martha Morelli – School Age; Subdeacon David Trace – High School

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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN (OCW)

ANNUAL WELCOME and FELLOWSHIP TEA

Sunday, October 13, 2024 – 2 pm
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA:
An Orthodox Christian Perspective

Presented by Protodeacon James Gresh of Saint Elia Orthodox Church

Fr. Deacon James will discuss his experience with mission work in China

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KRISTOPHER BARNHART

Our Parish Family member, Kristopher Barnhart is stationed at the Navy Recruit Training Command. We have received a letter from him to Saint Elia. Fr. Don will read his letter to us this Sunday – 9/1/2024

We can send him a letter or card by using the following address:

SR. Barnhart Kristopher
Ship #07 Div #296
3905 Sailor Drive
Great Lakes, Illinois 6008

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"When you lose all hope, God sends you something you didn't expect…You just have to believe and love the Lord - just as He loves and cares for us."

St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia

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OUR STEWARDSHIP, August 25, 2024

Candles:	**$93.00**
Special Donation:	**10.00**
Tray Offerings:	**180.00**
TOTAL:	**$283.00**
PayPal Donations:	**$ 70.00**
Tithely Donations:	**352.70**
TOTAL:	**$422.00**
TOTAL OFFERNGS	**$705.00**

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
Kristopher Barnhart: son of Diego and Chanelle - Naval Station Great Lakes in Chicago

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Archbishop Alexander
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Archpriest Andrew Moulton
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Carl Nickoloff (Hospitalized)
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)
Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

A SONG OF VICTORY

A CONCERT PROUDLY PRESENTED BY A PANORTHODOX CHOIR OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND AREA

Please join us for a one-hour choral concert that will benefit Saint Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral, which was recently damaged by fire. The concert is open to the public, & free will donations will go directly toward the Restoration Fund.

The event will be held at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, located at 6822 Broadview Road in Parma, Ohio, on September 15th, at 3 PM.

Light refreshments will follow, & CDs with 15 tracks of familiar Orthodox hymns will be available ($20 each). Also included on each CD is a special Interview with Father Ján Čižmár, Cathedral Dean. Professional recording time was donated by Spider Studios.