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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VOICE

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Scheduled Readers

Sunday, October 20 - Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, October 27 - Daniel Slife
Sunday, November 3 - Bud Graham
Sunday, November 10 - Sandy Graham
Sunday, November 17 - Reader Michael Luc
Sunday, November 24 – Reader Nicholas Morelli

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES.

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8
Greatmartry Artemius at Antioch

Saturday, October 19

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53

Sunday, October 20

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle:2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Gospel: Luke 16:19=31

"One does not help a person by discerning what is wrong,
what is ugly, what is distorted.
Christ looked at everyone He met,
at the prostitute, at the thief,
and saw the beauty hidden there.
Perhaps it was distorted, perhaps damaged,
but it was beauty nonetheless
and what He did was to call out this beauty."

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1
Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica

Saturday, October 26

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10

Sunday, October 27

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Daniel Slife

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Daniel Slife

Epistle:2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you[a] are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will dwell in them
And walk among *them.*
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people."

17 Therefore
"Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you."
18 "I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters,
Says the LORD Almighty."

The Corinthians' Repentance

7 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

"Thus the quality of holiness is shown not by what we say, but, by what we do in life."
Saint Gregory of Nyssa

Gospel :Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple
and fine linen and [a]fared sumptuously every day. **20** But
there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores,
who was laid at his gate, **21** desiring to be fed with [b]the
crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the
dogs came and licked his sores. **22** So it was that the
beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's
bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** And
being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw
Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy
on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his
finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in
this flame.' **25** But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in
your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise
Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are
tormented. **26** And besides all this, between us and you
there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass
from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to
us.' **27** "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you
would send him to my father's house, **28** for I have five
brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come
to this place of torment.' **29** Abraham said to him, 'They
have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' **30** And
he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them
from the dead, they will repent.' **31** But he said to him, 'If
they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will
they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.

Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch

Commemorated on October 20

Holy Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch was a prominent military leader during the reigns of the emperor Constantine the Great (May 21), and his son and successor Constantius (337-361). Artemius received many awards for distinguished service and courage. He was appointed viceroy of Egypt. In this official position he did much for the spreading and strengthening Christianity in Egypt.

Saint Artemius was sent by the emperor Constantius to bring the relics of the holy Apostle Andrew from Patras, and the relics of the holy Apostle Luke from Thebes of Boeotia, to Constantinople. The holy relics were placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beneath the table of oblation. The emperor rewarded him by making him ruler of Egypt. The emperor Constantius succeeded on the throne by Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian in his desire to restore paganism was extremely antagonistic towards Christians, sending hundreds to their death. At Antioch he ordered the torture of two bishops unwilling to forsake the Christian Faith.

During this time, Saint Artemius arrived in Antioch and publicly denounced Julian for his impiety. The

enraged Julian subjected the saint to terrible tortures and threw the Great Martyr Artemius into prison. While Artemius was praying, Christ, surrounded by angels, appeared to him and said, “Take courage, Artemius! I am with you and will preserve you from every hurt which is inflicted upon you, and I already have prepared your crown of glory. Since you have confessed Me before the people on earth, so shall I confess you before My Heavenly Father. Therefore, take courage and rejoice, you shall be with Me in My Kingdom.” Hearing this, Artemius rejoiced and offered up glory and thanksgiving to Him. On the following day, Julian demanded that Saint Artemius honor the pagan gods. Meeting with steadfast refusal, the emperor resorted to further tortures. The saint endured all without a single moan. The saint told Julian that he would be justly recompensed for his persecution of Christians. Julian became furious and resorted to even more savage tortures, but they did not break the will of the saint. Finally the Great Martyr Artemius was beheaded.His relics were buried by Christians. After the death of Saint Artemius, his prophecy about Julian the Apostate’s impending death came true.

Julian left Antioch for a war with the Persians. Near the Persian city of Ctesiphon, Julian came upon an elderly Persian, who agreed to betray his countrymen and guide Julian’s army. The old man deceived Julian and led his army into the Karmanite wilderness, where there was neither food nor water. Tired from hunger

and thirst, Julian's army battled against fresh Persian forces. Divine retribution caught up with Julian the Apostate. During the battle he was mortally wounded by an unseen hand and an unseen weapon. Julian groaned deeply said***, "You have conquered, Galilean!"*** After the death of the apostate emperor, the relics of the Great Martyr Artemius were transferred with honor from Antioch to Constantinople.

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The Twofold Coming of Christ

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fulness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes still in future.

At the first coming He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At His second coming He will be clothed in light as in a garment. In His first coming He endured the Cross, despising the shame; in His second coming He will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

We look then beyond the first coming and await the second coming. At the first coming we said: ***Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.*** At second coming we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: ***Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.***

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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FALL FAMILY FUNFEST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

. **OUR CATECHUMENS**

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.

Let us pray for our Catechumens:

Daniel Williamson, Randy Warner and his daughter Marceline, as they prepare to be received into the Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Church School Classes are held on Sunday morning following the Divine Liturg**y.** Our children are separated into three groups:
Preschool: Mrs. Natalie Slife, Mrs. Eve Tavenier;
School Age: Mrs. Martha Morelli, Mrs. Frances Hakim
High School: Subdeacon David Trace
Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude

COCA CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX COUNCIL OF AKRON

MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 6:30 PM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETTING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 6:30 PM

OUR STEWARDSHIP October 13, 2024

Candles:	**$ 100.00**
Tray Offerings:	**1.510.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,610.00**
Tithely Donations:	**$1,103.49**
TOTAL OFFERNGS	**$2,713.49**

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
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Matushka Valeria Zahersky
Pani Dolores Zuder
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)
Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew)
Hilda Ralich (Dan Ralich's mother