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18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VOICE

SAINT ELIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2026 Parish Council

President: Veronica Bilas
V. President: Daniel Ralich
Secretary: Deacon Aaron Gray
Treasurer: Reader Daniel Slife
Members: Anastasia Bohush, Anthony Dodovich, Bud Graham, Jefferson Hodge,

Choir Director: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas
Assistant Directors: Anastasia Bohush Deaconisa Heidi Gresh, Reader Michael Luc

Church School: 2026-2027
Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude
Staff: Natalie Slife, Eve Tavenie, Mary Marcin, Denise Brito, Frances Hakim Subdeacon David Trace, Sue Ellen Turscak, Dr. Benjamin Czarnota

Sisterhood of St. Juliana:
President: Sandy Graham, V. President: Kathy Gray Secretary: Katherine Hodge, Treasurer: Mary Magensky Assistant Treasurer: Anastasia Bohush

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

Scheduled Readers 2026

Sunday, October 4 -Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush
Sunday, October 11: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

- ***SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES***

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1
Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens
Saturday, October 3
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10
Sunday, October 4
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush
Epistle: 2 Cor, 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

Tuesday, October 6 - Glorification of Saint Innocent, Enlightener of the Aleuts an Apostle to America

Friday, October 9 - Glorification of Saint Tikhon, Enlightener of North America

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
Saturday, October 10
5:00 pm Deaconal Vespers
Sunday, October 11
9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

The Cheerful Giver

But this *I say:* He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows [4]bountifully will also reap [4]bountifully. *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, [e]not grudgingly or of [5]necessity; for [f]God loves a cheerful giver. And God *can* make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things,* may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written:

He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever.

Now [6]may He who supplies seed to the Sower, and bread for food, [7]supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Gospel Luke 6:31-36

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. “But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend it to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return;

and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

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CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX COUNCIL OF AKRON

presents

A concert of Orthodox Liturgical Hymns
Today, Sunday, October 4, - 4:00 pm
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Mogadore

Choirs from Orthodox Christian Churches of the Greater Akron Area presenting Orthodox Hymnography from the Divine Services

A Free Will Offering will be taken to benefit COCA activities

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CHURCH SCHOOL

Our Parish Church School begins **today, Sunday, October 4**. After Communion and Father has taken the Chalice to the Table of Oblations, the children will go to the Hall where the classrooms are set up. Please refrain from gathering and talking in the hall when the classes are in session.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please present your Nominees to **Nominating Committee: Sandy Graham, Mary Marcin, Reader Joshua Wherley.** All Nominations must be made to the Nominating Committee before the Parish Meeting. **Nominations cannot be made at the November Meeting.**

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The 63rd Diocesan Conference will be held at Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr Church, Perrysburg, Ohio, **October 9-10**. Fr. Don, Deacon Aaron, and Jefferson Hodge, our Delegate, will be representing St. Elia Parish. **Saturday Vespers, October 10, will be served by Protodeacon James Gresh at 5:00 pm**

OUR STEWARSHIP, September 27, 2026

Candles:	**100.00**
Tray Offerings:	**1,751.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**398.25**
TOTAL:	**$2,249.25**

"Virtues are formed by prayer.
Prayer preserves temperance.
Prayer suppresses anger.
Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy.
Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to heaven."
St. Ephraim the Syrian

REMEMBERING THOSE IN ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila
Christopher Barnhart, son of Diego and Chanelle

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Onuphry of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Theodosy of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Arseny of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Hnntyan
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Priest Gabriel Bilas, Matushka Laura Bilas
Priest Wayne Paul Wright
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahirsky
Florence Lambo
Michele Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Sofia Wsevolodov
David Gable

Akron 5K Walk/Run Event To Benefit IOCC

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Check In 8:15 a.m. • Opening Prayer/Photo 8:45 a.m.
Walk/Run 9:00 a.m. • Fellowship, refreshments immediately to follow at St. Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church

HOSTED BY

St. Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church

64 W. Wilbeth Road, Akron OH 44301

5K will begin at the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail Wilbeth Road Trailhead (380 W. Wilbeth Road) and follow the towpath to the Manchester Road Trailhead and back.

— Any distance or level of participation is welcome —

Registration fee is $25 for individuals, $70 for a family of four.

Learn more and register:

iocc.org/akron

Questions? Contact Deacon Aaron
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