

# Ambo

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## Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Please check weekly schedule  
for specific days (last page).

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MAY 7, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

REPOSE OF  
ST. ALEXIS TOTH



The Holy Prophet Isaiah (May 9th) lived 700 years before the birth of Christ, and was of royal lineage. Isaiah's father Amos raised his son in the fear of God and in the law of the Lord. Having attained the age of maturity, the Prophet Isaiah entered into marriage with a pious prophetess (Is 8:3) and had a son Jashub (Is 8:18).

Saint Isaiah was called to prophetic service during the reign of Oziah [Uzziah], king of Judea, and he prophesied for 60 years during the reign of kings Joatham, Achaz [Ahaz], Hezekiah and Manasseh. The start of his service was marked by the following vision: he beheld the Lord God, sitting in a majestic heavenly temple upon a high throne. Six-winged Seraphim encircled Him. With two wings they covered their faces, and with two wings they covered their feet, and with two wings they flew about crying out one

to another, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Sabaoth, heaven and earth are filled with His glory!" The pillars of the heavenly temple shook from their shouts, and in the temple arose the smoke of incense.

The prophet cried out in terror, "Oh, an accursed man am I, granted to behold the Lord Sabaoth, and having impure lips and living amidst an impure people!" Then was sent him one of the Seraphim, having in hand a red-hot coal, which he

took with tongs from the altar of the Lord. He touched it to the mouth of the Prophet Isaiah and said, "Lo, this has touched thy lips, and will take away with thine iniquities, and will cleanse thy sins." After this Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord, directed towards him, "Whom shall I send, and who will go to this people?" Isaiah answered, "Here am I, send me" (Is 6:1 ff). And the Lord sent him to the Jews to exhort them to turn from the ways of impiety and idol worship, and to offer repentance.

To those that repent and turn to the true God, the Lord promised mercy and forgiveness, but punishment and the judgment of God are appointed for the unrepentant. Then Isaiah asked the Lord, how long would the falling away of the Jewish nation from God continue. The Lord answered, "Until the cities be deserted, by reason of there being no people, and the land shall be made desolate. Just as when a tree be felled and from the stump come forth new shoots, so also from the destruction of the nation a holy remnant will remain, from which will emerge a new tribe."

Isaiah left behind him a book of prophecy in which he denounces the Jews for their unfaithfulness to the God of their Fathers. He predicted the captivity of the Jews and their return from captivity during the time of the emperor Cyrus, the destruction and renewal of Jerusalem and of the Temple. Together with this he predicts the historical fate also of the other nations bordering the Jews. But what is most important of all for us, the Prophet Isaiah with particular clarity and detail prophesies about the coming of the Messiah, Christ the Savior. The prophet names the Messiah as God and Man, teacher of all the nations, founder of the Kingdom of

peace and love.

The prophet foretells the birth of the Messiah from a Virgin, and with particular clarity he describes the Suffering of the Messiah for the sins of the world. He foresees His Resurrection and the universal spreading of His Church. By his clear foretelling of Christ the Savior, the Prophet Isaiah deserves to be called an Old Testament Evangelist. To him belong the words, "He beareth our sins and is smitten for us.... He was wounded for our sins and tortured for our transgressions. The chastisement of our world was upon Him, and by His wounds we were healed...." (Is 53:4-5. Vide Isaiah: 7:14, 11:1, 9:6, 53:4, 60:13, etc.).

The holy Prophet Isaiah had also a gift of wonderworking. And so, when during the time of a siege of Jerusalem by enemies the besieged had become exhausted with thirst, he by his prayer drew out from beneath Mount Sion a spring of water, which was called Siloam, i.e. "sent from God." It was to this spring afterwards that the Savior sent the man blind from birth to wash, and He restored his sight. By the prayer of the Prophet Isaiah, the Lord prolonged the life of Hezekiah for 15 years.

The Prophet Isaiah died a martyr's death. By order of the Jewish king Manasseh he was sawn through by a wood-saw. The prophet was buried not far from the Pool of Siloam. The relics of the holy Prophet Isaiah were afterwards transferred by the emperor Theodosius the Younger to Constantinople and installed in the church of Saint Laurence at Blachernae. At the present time part of the head of the Prophet Isaiah is preserved at Athos in the Hilandar monastery.

## VISITATIONS

**Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:**

**Father Jan Cizmar - 1(440) 732-8182 - [st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com)**

Note: The Parish Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 21st, after Divine Liturgy

## Do you have about an hour that you can spare for St. Herman's?

We help serve lunch every 2nd Saturday of the month, and would like to have a few more volunteers to call upon.

From ~11:10AM - 12:15PM, and it would only be once every few months.

Please see Dan Morris if you'd like to help out.

Thank you and God bless you.



## Landscaping Ministry

Spring is around the corner!

Consider helping us to cut and edge the grounds around our cathedral, it's a great way of getting some sun and exercise while beautifying the church.

Please speak with **Joyce Tabeling** in person or call her at **216 408-7187**

## COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need more people to help with our weekly coffee hours after Divine Liturgies on Sundays. Please contact **Cathy Weber** ([weberc528@gmail.com](mailto:weberc528@gmail.com)) if you would like to participate. This is a wonderful way to facilitate fellowship and serve your church family. Perhaps you've already thought about helping out in this way? Then now is the time! Email Cathy, she will answer any questions you might have.



## Boys' Night Lunch Out

Announcing a different men's outing! Join us at the **Tremont Treehouse** (just a short walk from the Cathedral's parking lot), **Saturday May 20 at 12:00 noon!** Primarily a brunch menu, you won't leave hungry. Please let **Dan Morris** know if you can make it. <https://treehousecleveland.com>



## ST. GREGORY PALAMAS MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, May 13th. Fr. Joseph and the brotherhood will be welcoming young adult Cleveland area orthodox for a group visit. If you've never been there before: "The Monastery (934 Cr. #2256 Perysville, 44864) is located in northeast Ohio, about 15 miles east of Mansfield. The regular cycle of monastic worship services (conducted primarily in English) provides a traditional prayer experience which is only possible in a monastery." Details to follow.



*Theotokos of Vladimir*

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
**SENDS AN OPEN INVITATION**

**TO MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Annual**  
**Pan-Orthodox**  
**Luncheon**



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Hall  
6822 Broadview Road  
Parma, OH 44134

**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023  
**Time:** Doors open @ 12:00 AM  
Luncheon @ 12:30 PM

**Reservations required**  
**No tickets sold at the door**  
**Tickets:** Adults - \$15.00  
Children 6 to 12 - 7.50  
Children under 6 – FREE  
See Parish Representatives for tickets

**Program to include:**

- **A delicious luncheon** with good homemade appetizers / desserts
- **Auction Gift Baskets / Door Prizes**
- Socialize and relax with family and friends!



- See Parish Representatives Karen Felon for tickets or
- Helen Beverly (440-212-5545)
- Reservations must be made by Monday, May 8, 2023

All proceeds go to Orthodox organizations  
see list compiled by EOWG -- <https://www.eowgcle.org/charities>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 5/7/2023

### **Deceased**

**Melvin** Timm

**Joseph** Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

**William** Sudnick

### **Special Intentions:**

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Subdeacon Igor** Gajewsky

**Subdeacon Roger** Pinta

**Reader Paul** Pangrace

**Reader Frank** Tkacz

**Stephan** Chwalyk

**Horia** Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

**Diane** Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Rachel** Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Carol** Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

**Virginia** Medvec

**Jeffrey** Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

**Margaret** Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

**Margaret** Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

**Jean** Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

**Anna Marie** Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

**Debra** Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

**Grace Mary** Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

**Gayle** Vidovich

**Elizabeth** Balasz

**Christina** Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

**Lonnie** Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

**Robert** Martin Prock

**Valentina** Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

**Michael** and **Nichole** Zolikoff and **unborn child Mark**

**Yvonne** (Evie) D'Amico

**Susan** Banks Yurik (*former parish secretary*)

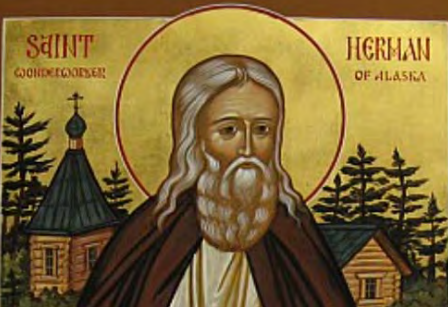
**Michael** Kapeluck (*friend of Cathy*)

**Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar**  
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Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

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## ST. HERMAN HOUSE COLLECTION

On the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt we collected \$774.00 for St. Herman House.

At Paul Finley's banquet an additional \$1000.000 was also donated!

Some Excerpts from *Cyril of Jerusalem: On The Mysteries IV*

<https://patristics.info/cyril-of-jerusalem-on-the-mysteries-iv-on-the-body.html>

Wherefore with full assurance let us partake as of the Body and Blood of Christ: for in the figure of Bread is given to thee His Body, and in the figure of Wine His Blood; that thou by partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, mayest be made of the same body and the same blood with Him. For thus we come to bear Christ in us, because His Body and Blood are distributed through our members; thus it is that, according to the blessed Peter, we become partakers of the divine nature.

Christ on a certain occasion discoursing with the Jews said, Except ye eat My flesh and drink My blood, ye have no life in you. They not having heard His saying in a spiritual sense were offended, and went back, supposing that He was inviting them to eat flesh.

Consider therefore the Bread and the Wine not as bare elements, for they are, according to the Lord's declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ; for even though sense suggests this to thee, yet let faith establish thee.

## ST. THEODOSIUS IS A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online. Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate>



### Sunday, May 7

#### 4th Sunday of Pascha

Repose of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America (1909)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

### Monday, May 8

Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

### Tuesday, May 9

Prophet Isaiah (8th c. B.C.)

### Wednesday, May 10

Apostle Simeon the Zealot (1st c.)

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



### Thursday, May 11

Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Cyril (869) and Methodius (885), First Teachers of the Slavs

### Friday, May 12

St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403)

### Saturday, May 13

Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison (ca. 177)  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, May 14

#### 5th Sunday of Pascha

Samaritan Woman

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour