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9:00 AM-3:00 PM

## 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

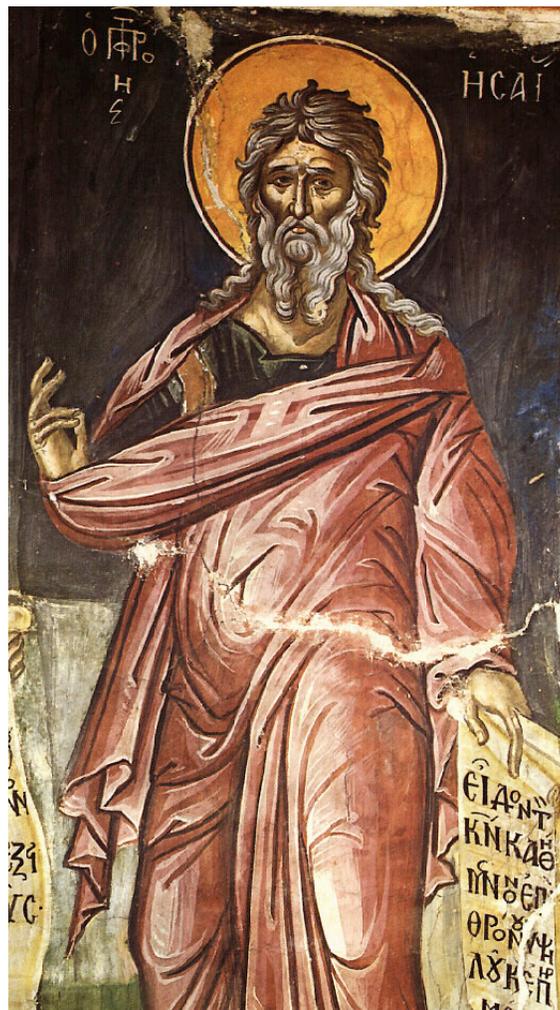
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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\* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.

**MAY 3, 2015**  
**SUNDAY OF THE**  
**PARALYTIC**

PROPHET ISAIAH



MAY 9

The Holy Prophet Isaiah 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).

St 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 St Laurence at Blachernae. At the present time part of the head of the Prophet Isaiah is preserved at Athos in the Hilandar monastery.

For the times and the events which occurred during the life of the Prophet Isaiah, see the 4th Book of Kings [alt. 2 Kings] (Ch 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, etc.), and likewise 2 Chr:26-32).

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3

May 3 Acts 9:32-42  
John 5:1-5

May 5 Acts 10:21-33  
John 7:1-13

May 8 Acts 10:44-11:10  
John 8:21-30

May 4 Acts 10:1-16  
John 6:56-69

May 6 Acts 14:6-18  
John 7:14-30

May 9 Acts 12:1-11  
John 8:31-42

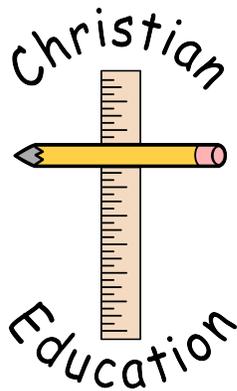
May 7 Acts 10:34-43  
John 8:12-20

**Ladies' Night Out**  
**Tuesday, May 12th, 2015**  
**6:30pm - Bar Cento**  
**RSVP to Jenn Boerio**

**Students graduating from high school and college will be honored in June. Please contact Karen Felon to 440-238-3837 to submit a name and photograph to the list.**

**Ernest & Marie Maty Educational Scholarship**  
Applications are now available! Deadline for receipt of all application materials is **Sunday, June 7th**. Please contact the parish office at 216-741-1310 for more information.





## Upcoming Church School Dates

Evening of Wednesday May 20th  
after Vespers of Ascension (which begins at 6:00 PM)  
Fr. John will teach on the Feasts of  
Ascension & Pentecost -  
This will be the LAST session of this Church School year.

## Upcoming EOWG Events

Saturday, June 6th, 11:00 AM  
Book Review & Luncheon  
at Annunciation Greek  
Orthodox Church



The Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon will take place on Sunday, May 17th, 2015 and passes through Duck Island and Tremont between the hours of 7:15 and 9:30 AM. Sunday Worship Service Access passes will be available SOON. This pass will alert police and allow you to pass the race course as quickly as possible.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### **Departed:**

**Mary Semanko**  
**04-03-15**

**Dorothy Shumkaroff** (*friend of Fr. John*)  
**04-07-15**

**Mary Chrewan**  
**04-21-15**

### **Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:**

**Protopresbyter Vasilije Sokolovic**

**Mat. May Ozone**

**Mat. Catherine Jula**

**Mother Anna**

**Sr. Anastasia**

**Mary**

**Michael**

**Betty Balasz**

**Judy Baughman**

**Carol Bohurjak**

**Thomas Bohurjak, Jr.**

**Marie Borland**

**Frank Byndas**

**Navada Coneley**

**Elsie Conrad**

**John Conrad**

**Anne Crichton** (*Joseph Crichton's sister-in-law*)

**Christine Crichton**

**Thomas Crichton** (*Joseph Crichton's brother*)

**Arlene Czajkowski** (Neale)

**Laina** Dachtyl

**Metodije** Damljanovic (*Child*)

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

**Cindy** Durkalski

**Debra** Ellis (*Katie & Nadine Ellis's mother*)

**Peter** Fickinger (*friend of Joseph Crichton*)

**Vladimir** Fowler

**Frank** Fox (*Carol Machaskee's son*)

**Julia** Grabowski

**Roger** Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's cousin*)

**Sandee** Holod

**Matthew** Hungley (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

**Donna** Jacak

**Victor** Jacak

**Joy** Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

**Stephen** Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

**Maher** Khalil

**Nashwa Fam** Khalil

**Thomas** Khalil

**Diane** Kearsey

(*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

**John** Kovalski (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

**Dorothy** Laskovich

**Paul** Laskovich

**Elise** Manella

**Anna** Mysiw (*friend and neighbor of Helen Antonik*)

**Maude** Palumbo (*Michelle Rajisch's mother*)

**Debra** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

**Grace** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

**Donna** Pelton

**Liz** Peterson (*Joseph Crichton's friend*)

**John A.** Petkac (Gartman)

**Peter** and **Gina** Petkac (*Judy Gartman's brother & sister-in-law*)

**Anastasia** Pogorily

**Cindy** Powkowski

**Marshall** Prock

**Valerie** Rolls (*Fr. John's cousin*)

**Joseph** Rusynyk

**Julia** Sankovic (*Child*)

**Emily** Scott (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

**Elaine** Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

**Katrina** Toone

**Frank** Tkacz

**Janice** Tkacz

**Donald** Tipka

**Elisabeth** Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

**John** Yavornitzki

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Elizabeth** Zdinak

**Fr. Andrew & Presbytera Lori Lentz & Unborn Child**

**Alex & Jerilyn Oppenheim & Unborn Child**

**Steve & Laura Zvara & Unborn Child**

**Jason & Rachel Wojnicz & Unborn Child**

**Please contact the Parish Office at 216-741-1310 when names need to be removed from the prayer list. Thank you.**

## Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

### COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

#### Coffee Hour:

5/3/15	Dan & Lavinia Morris
5/10/15	Nick & Kate Zolikoff
5/17/15	Lauren Miklos Chandra Czaruk
5/24/15	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio
5/31/15	Mary Swit & Tammy Ponomarenko
6/7/15	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind
6/14/15	Joseph Crichton & Steve Rusnak

#### Greeters:

Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
Michael Tabeling
Karen Felon & Virginia Medvec
Mat. Jenn Boerio & Tammy Ponomarenko
Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
Karen Felon & Paul Pangrace
Tammy Ponomarenko & Michael Tabeling



### GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	<u>\$ 3,481.00</u>
Over/Under	< \$ 3,057.00 >

### FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris



## Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

#### For the entire 2015 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey  
from John & Ruth Fritskey



May 6th is the midpoint of the fifty days between the Feasts of Pascha and Pentecost. St John tells us (John 7:14) that “in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, and taught.” The Feast in question is the Feast of Tabernacles (celebrated in September), not Pentecost.

The Church has appointed John 7:14-30 to be read for the Midfeast, thereby linking Pascha and Pentecost. In Chapter 8 of St John’s Gospel, the Lord came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him. After leaving the Temple, he encounters the man born blind. We will hear about him on the Sunday of the Blind Man.

The Troparion of the Midfeast (“In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink [John 7:37]. O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!”) hints at the encounter of Christ and the Samaritan Woman in just a few days.

Today we perform the Lesser Blessing of Water, and the Blessing of Fields.

# 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL IOCC BENEFIT

Monday May 11, 2015 ~ 6PM



St. Sava Cathedral | 6306 Broadview Road | Parma, OH

Contact: Connie Zimmerman  
(216) 347-3123

Protinica Kathy Babich  
(216) 524-6832

Deadline for reservations  
is **May 4, 2015**



Cost: **\$30 per ticket**

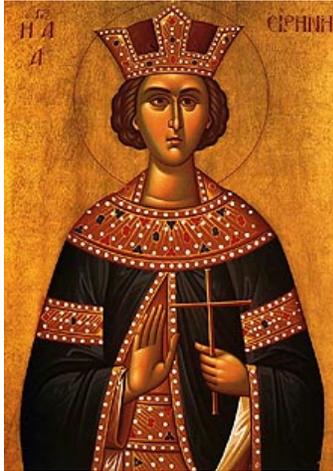
Guest Speaker:  
**Mark Gruin,**  
Director of Strategic Initiatives

**\*\*For more information, please contact Frank Tkacz at 216-351-1838 or 216-789-3267\*\***

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Event will NOT be at St. Sava. It is now being held at Ridge Manor.\*\*\***

# Destroyer of Royalty and Servant of the King

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



## The Church honors the Holy and Great Martyr Irene on May 5th.

She lived in the fourth century in the city of Magedon, Persia. Her royal parents named her Penelope, and her father Licinius decided to protect her from the evil world. When she was six, he installed her in a small castle with every comfort and a staff of servants. The wise tutor Apellianus instructed her, from behind a curtain. Licinius placed statues of pagan gods as guardians throughout the castle. Here she was to live till her parents betrothed her to a worthy young man.

Penelope begged her father not to shut her away from the sound of bird songs and the sight of the changing light of day. But the king was determined, so she stayed where she was. What Licinius apparently did not know was that the old tutor Apellianus was a Christian, and was instilling the teachings of Jesus Christ in his young daughter.

One day Penelope had a disturbing vision. She saw a window suddenly open in the castle wall. A dove flew in with an olive branch in its beak, and dropped it on a table. Then an eagle swooped in with a wreath of flowers, which it also placed on the table.

Finally a raven flew in carrying a wriggling snake, and dropped it on the table.

Penelope turned to her tutor to explain these things. Apellianus, in awed wonder, told her that they were signs of her becoming perfect in faith and serving God well, but also enduring sufferings sent by Satan. Apellianus said it was clear that she was meant to belong to Jesus Christ. Realizing this was also what she wanted, Penelope was baptized, taking the name Irene.

When Irene refused every suitor her father offered her, he couldn't understand such disobedience in his carefully-raised daughter. And why, he thundered, had she dared to change her name? But when he tried to punish her by having horses trample her, the animals charged him instead and killed him. Irene prayed fervently, and raised her father from the dead. Seeing the miracle, he and his wife, plus many onlookers, became followers of Christ. After that, Irene served the Lord by converting and healing great numbers of people.

But she would also have more encounters with pagan rulers. One of these, the Persian king Sapor, called her a "destroyer of royalty" because she had turned her father from the Persian gods and had defeated or converted other royal pagans, after enduring humiliating tortures.

God revealed to Irene the time when her life was about to end. She found a new tomb and asked followers to close it with a large stone after she had gone inside. When they came again several days later, they found it empty.

On this day we read Acts 10: 21-33, in which the apostle Peter "shakes up" the community by unlawfully meeting with a non-Jew, Cornelius. The great martyr Saint Irene also shook things up and was accused of "destroying royalty." Their "unlawful" actions were for the same reason: they were servants of the King.

### Troparion - Tone 4

Your lamb Irene calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice:  
"I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering.  
In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You,  
and I died so that I might live with You.  
Accept me as a pure sacrifice,  
for I have offered myself in love."  
Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2015

**Sunday, May 3**  
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**Monday, May 4**  
VIRGIN MARTYR PELAGIA  
OF TARSUS

**Tuesday, May 5**  
GREATMARTYR IRENE  
OF THESSALONICA

**Wednesday, May 6**  
RIGHTEOUS JOB  
THE LONGSUFFERING  
MID-PENTECOST

**REMINDER:**



Please be sure  
that cell phones  
are turned off  
before entering  
the temple.

**Thursday, May 7**  
ST. ALEXIS TOTH,  
CONFESSOR & DEFENDER  
OF ORTHODOXY  
IN NORTH AMERICA

**Friday, May 8**  
HOLY APOSTLE JOHN  
THE THEOLOGIAN

**Saturday, May 9**  
PROPHET ISAIAH  
MARTYR CHRISTOPHER  
VEN. SHIO OF GEORGIA  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

**Sunday, May 10**  
SUNDAY OF THE  
SAMARITAN WOMAN  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**MAY  
Special Collection  
ST. MARY OF EGYPT**



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