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SAINT E PREMTE



## St. E Premte Albanian Orthodox Church

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Sunday Liturgy 10:00 Am

## JUNE & JULY

### Schedule of Services

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>

### Feast of Our St E Premte & Visit of Bishop Nikodhim on July 28<sup>th</sup>

It is with great joy to announce that our Bishop Nikodhim will visit our church to celebrate with us our Parish Feast Day on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Here is the schedule for that weekend:

- July the 27 on Saturday in the evening, there will be a vespers service at our church for the Bishop. ***Look out for the exact time*** once we know the arrival of our Bishop in Cleveland.
- July 28<sup>th</sup>, on Sunday at 10:00am we will have Divine Liturgy starting at followed by potluck luncheon. Save the date, come and celebrate our church Feast day with your family and friends.

### Cake for Celebrating 40 Years in Priesthood on July 21st

This July 15th, Father Yves is celebrating 40 years of being a priest. *Cake will be served on July 21st* and please join us and thanking him for continuing serving our church. May God Grant him many more years.

### Feast of the Ascension of our Lord June 13, 2024

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). It is one of one of the 12 Great feasts in the Eastern Orthodox Church. Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension also changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

### Pentecost

June 23, 2024

Pentecost comes from Greek (pentecostē, “50th day”) and is one of the 12 Great feasts in the Eastern Orthodox Church. It is celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2), and it marks the beginning of the Christian church’s mission to the world.

### Altar Wine



If anyone would like to donate to Altar Wine; \$10 for bottle in the name of a departed or the health of their family. Months available are: March, August, October and December. Please, contact Victor by a voicemail at 216-941-1508 or email at [office@steprete.org](mailto:office@steprete.org) .



### Church Bread

If anyone, would like to donate \$20 for the Altar Bread in the name of a departed or the health of their family. Months available are: March, August and December. Please, contact Victor by a voicemail at 216-941-1508 or email at [office@steprete.org](mailto:office@steprete.org)

## For the Health & Well-being of

**Please remember them in your prayers. May God give them strength to endure and get well.**

*Paula Thomas and Christopher Thomas*

NAME - To add the name to the prayer list, leave a voicemail 216-941-1508 or email Victor at office@stepremte.org

### Departed

**May their memory be eternal!**

To add the name leave a voicemail 216-941-1508 or email Victor at office@stepremte.org

### Resources in Albania Language

The link contains links to Bibles, stories and websites written in Albanian which tell about Jesus and His love for the Albanian people.

<http://www.ethnicarvest.org/peoples/countries/albanian.htm>

## **St. Vladimir's Summer Camp**

An Orthodox Christian Church Camp for kids of different ages in Farmdale, Oh. Summer Camps are in June and July.

For more information visit:

<https://stvladimirscamp.com/2017-camp-dates/>

### THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH

Saint Elijah, one who saw God, a miracle-worker and a zealot for faith in God, was born of the tribe of Aaron from the town Tishba for which he was called the Tishbite.

When St. Elijah was born, his father Savah saw an angel of God hovering around the child, wrapping the child in fire and giving him a flame to eat. That was a foreshadowing of Elijah's fiery character and his God-given fiery power.

He spent his entire youth in godly thoughts and prayers withdrawing frequently into the wilderness to contemplate and to pray in solitude.

At that time the Jewish kingdom was divided into two unequal parts: the kingdom of Judah consisting of only two tribes, the tribes of Judah and Benjamin with their capital in Jerusalem and the kingdom of Israel

consisting of the remaining ten tribes with their capital in Samaria. The first kingdom was governed by the descendants of Solomon and the second kingdom was governed by the descendants of Jeroboam, the servants of Solomon.

The greatest confrontation that the prophet Elijah had was with the Israelite King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel. For they, Ahab and Jezebel, worshipped idols and were turning the people away from serving the One and Living God.

Before this, however, Jezebel, a Syrian, persuaded her husband to erect a temple to the Syrian god Baal and ordered many priests to the service of this false god.

Through great miracles Elijah displayed the power and authority of God: he closed up the heavens, so that there was not any rain for three years and six months; he lowered a fire from heaven and burned the sacrifice to his God which the pagan priests of Baal were unable to do; he brought down rain from heaven by his prayer; miraculously multiplied flour and oil in the home of the widow in Zerepath, and resurrected her son; he prophesied to Ahab that the dogs will lick up his blood and to Jezebel that the dogs will consume her flesh, all of which happened as well as many other miracles did he perform and prophesy.

On Mount Horeb, he spoke with God and heard the voice of God in the calm of a gentle breeze. Before his death he took Elisha and designated him as his successor in the prophetic calling; by his mantle he divided the waters of the Jordan River; finally he was taken up into the heavens in a fiery chariot by flaming horses.

He appeared on Mount Tabor to our Lord Jesus Christ together with Moses. Before the end of the world St. Elijah will appear again to put an end to the power of the anti-Christ (Rev 11).

### **From the Prologue of Ohrid**

### **GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

The Orthodox Church offers certain guidelines for the faithful to prepare themselves for the joyous partaking of Holy Communion. These are:

1) Attendance at Church services the night before Liturgy. If not possible, then one should keep the evening with prayer, study and/or charity.

- 2) Observance of the fasting days and seasons of the Church.
- 3) A recent confession of sins and absolution from a priest.
- 4) Fasting from food and drink (including water), and smoking from midnight on the day which Holy Communion is to be received. **NOTE:** *Do not fast from medications or food or drink recommended by a doctor.*
- 5) Abstinence from sexual relations the night before Liturgy and on the day of receiving Holy Communion.
- 6) Reading of the appointed prayers before and after receiving Holy Communion. These are found in one's prayer book or Liturgy book.
- 7) Being at peace, or at least seeking peace, with one's neighbor.

**Other Items**

Our church would like to have greeters and singers.  
Please see John Thomas.