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6:00 PM Great Vespers

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8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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JULY 16, 2023

6TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

FATHERS OF THE 1ST SIX
ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



The Holy Prophet Elijah (July 20) is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: "When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with

fire and fed him with flames." The name Elijah (the Lord's strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their Fathers, they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1). The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephta to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting death by starvation. At the request of the prophet, she prepared him a bread with the last measure of flour and the remainder of the oil. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and

the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in "a gentle breeze" (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He

would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah's mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.

The life of the holy Prophet Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (3 Kings; 4 Kings; Si-

rach/Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58). At the time of the Transfiguration, the Prophet Elijah conversed with the Savior upon Mount Tabor (Mt. 17: 3; Mark 9: 4; Luke. 9: 30).

Orthodox Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Russia, built at Kiev under Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism Saint Olga (July 11) built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in her native region, at the village of Vibuta.

In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.

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:

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Consider Sponsoring Coffee Hour!

For those who would like to HELP with Coffee Hour but don't cook, you can now *sponsor* a Coffee Hour! By donating \$65 you can sponsor a Coffee Hour, just put it in a white envelope marked "coffee hour" and place it in the collection basket or coffee hour basket in the Hall.

Visiting the Elderly

Jill Morinec is looking for someone who could stay with an 92 year old friend during the day when she is at work. He is still cognitively intact and loves to read and talk. She could pay a little bit. Jill works 12h shifts and doesn't want him to be alone for almost 14 hours. He is able bodied (with a walker) and can heat up his own meals, but needs human connection. You could just come for a visit or stay part of the day. He will be up here from North Carolina on the 27th of July. Contact Jill Morinec at 216-633-0751. Thank you.

ST. MATTHEW'S

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT

PANORTHODOX HOMESCHOOL GROUP

FRIDAYS 9:30-1:30

Classes run August-April

Ages 0-13

Mommy and Me

Preschool

Primary School

Catechism

Science

Language

Arts and more

St. Matthew's Orthodox Church - North Royalton
Contact Olivia Harmon @ oharmon15@gmail.com



Upcoming Social Events



July 30th- Church Picnic

August 15th- Altar Society Dinner

September 10th- Patron Saints Day Banquet

October 5th- Wine Tasting Event



November 5th- Chili Cook Off



December 17th- Christmas Choir
Concert

Don't forget to mark your calendars! More specific details for all events will be shared when they become available.

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 7/16/2023

Deceased

Stephan

John

Tibor

Annette Lapso (*nee Ressetar, family of Linda Kovach*)

Marianne Kormos

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

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

Michael Kapeluck (*friend of Cathy*)

Edward Aleerty

Jack Zimmerman – (*Uncle to Cindy Zdinak, Nisi Pozdarec and Father John Zdinak*)

Robert McKay (*friend of Andrew Myrtrohovic*)

Matej, Anrea, Julia, Jana and family

Gwyneth Seddon (*daughter of Eric and Elisa*)

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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Event Committee Meeting:

On Sunday, July 16th, the Event Committee is meeting during Coffee Hour to discuss the July 30th picnic

Daily Scripture Readings

Scripture readings are listed in the calendar. They are also available on the OCA website at <https://www.oca.org/readings> (clicking on a reading expands it for reading—very convenient)

Return of the Parish Picnic! (Note: Date Correction)

July 30th, 2023 following Divine Liturgy at St. Theodosius Parish Hall in Tremont. Meat and Beverages provided, Bring sides and deserts (and a change of clothes). Sing up sheet is in the Vestibule and Parish Hall.



Sunday, July 16

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Fathers of the 1st Six
Ecumenical Councils
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, July 17

Greatmartyr Marina (Margaret) of
Antioch in Pisidia (4th c.)

Tuesday, July 18

Martyr Emilian of Silistria in Bulgaria
(363)

Wednesday, July 19

Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Seraphim
of Sarov (1903)
6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy
Theotokos

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



Mary Magdalene

Thursday, July 20

Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah
(9th c. B.C.)

Friday, July 21

The Finding of the honored relics of
the Venerable right-believing Great
Princess and Nun Anna of Kashin,
Wonderworker (1649)

Saturday, July 22

Holy Myrrhbearer and Equal-to-the-
Apostles Mary Magdalene
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, July 23

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and
13 others in Lycia (4th c.)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour