

Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah

The Holy Prophet Elijah 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.

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; Sirach/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.

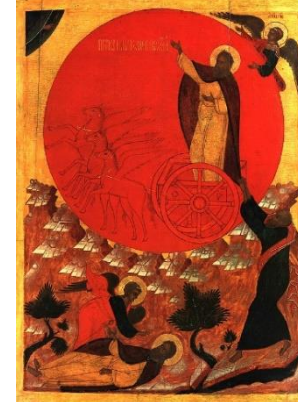
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Friend of the Bridegroom: “He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30)



Sunday, July 21st, 2024

Holy Prophet Ezekiel

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Sunday, July 21st 4th Sun AFTR PNTCST / Tone 3 / Prophet Ezekiel
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour
6:00 pm Great Vespers

Monday, July 22nd Holy Myrrhbearer & Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
12:00 pm Josephine Grabko Viewing
1:00 pm Josephine Grabko Funeral

Wednesday, July 24th Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb
5:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, July 26th Repose of St. Jacob, Enlightener of Alaska
6:00 pm Akathist to St. Jacob

Saturday, July 27th Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon
4:15pm Panakhida

Sunday, July 28th 5th Sun AFTR PNTCST / Tone 4 / Holy Apostles of the Seventy
5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Attendance/Stewardship July 14th

Attendance: 62 Adults and 12 children	74
Weekly offering:	\$XXXX.XX
Candle Offering:	\$XXXX.XX
Charity of the Month: Saint Theodosius Cathedral	\$XXXX.XX
YTD Budgeted Offering Amount	\$XXXX.XX
YTD Actual Amount Given:	\$XXXX.XX
YTD Budget Surplus/Deficit	\$XXXX.XX

Prayer Corner

Fr. Emil (Fr. Brian’s friend)	Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)
Sarah Crivella	Anna Mae Stehnach
James & Eugene	Renee, Anna & Michael
Tracey Fedak (Daria’s Cousin)	Shawn Ferry (Fr. Bri & Cheryl’s Friend)
Patty DiGiacobbe	Barb Datish
James Livermore	Rinehart Family
William Angle	David Campbell
Azouria	Donna (Cheryl’s Friend)
Greg & John Kornmaker (Sbdcn John’s Friend)	Jeffrey Tsipis (Miklos Friend)
Claudine & Joe (Laura Miklos’ Sis & Husband)	Eleanor (Sbdcn John’s In-Law)
Daniel (Mat. Deb’s son)	George (Cheryl’s Frined)
Patty, Gayland, Casandra, Patrick, & Elizabeth (Sonya Lee’s Friends)	
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	

Newly Illumined: Tom & Abigail Kirk

Traveling: The Malacky Family

Newborns: Madeline & her parents Elana & Nicholas Giannakos, Luke & his parents Kati & Andrew Sawyer

Catechumens: Lucian & Lilliana Vasil, Thomas Sacca, & Kelly, Carter, Emma, & Bennett Worley, Kayla, Alexander, & Cesar Ventura, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christohpher, & William Cunningham, & Matthew Rose

Newly Departed: Josephine Grabko (7/13) Mat. Annice Oleynik (7/6)

Birthdays: Donald Bishop, Kathy Quick, & Patty Tutoki (21st), Lauren Hollabaugh

(22nd), Randy Stan & Stephanie Yugovich (24th), Paul DiGiacobbe (25th), Ron Harvey (27th)

Anniversaries: David & Karen Campbell (26th), James & Angela Stan (27th)

Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	In Memory of Frank & Margaret Poulos
Altar	In Memory of Frank & Margaret Poulos
Christ	In Memory of Jonathan Stehnach

Announcements

Prayer Corner Cleanup

The prayer corner has been pruned of the names that have been on for over 40 days. If you’d like a name placed on the prayer list for 40 days, please e-mail Fr. Brian.

Parish Council Opening

Due to the moving of a council member, there is an open spot on council. If you are interested in filling the position for the remainder of the year, please contact Fr Brian or any member of Council.

St. Mary & St. John Coptic Monestary Egyptian Fesitval

Will be at the monastery located at 8640 Squires Ln. NE., Warren, OH. It will be Friday, July 26; Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28 from 12 PM to 7 PM each day. Flyers are at the candlestand if you’re interested.

Left Over Fish & Shrimp for Sale

There is leftover frozen fish and Shrimp from the fish fry for sale. If you’re interested please see Nina or Fr. Dcn John.

CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION

In preparation for Abp. Daniel’s visit, we will have an Iconostasis touch up/cleaning day on Friday September 27 @ 6:00 PM, and finishing up any remaining work on Saturday September 28 at 8:00 AM. The focus is reapplying liquid gold paint across the entire iconostasis and side shrines where the relics and candle boxes are, which calls for roughly 8-10 volunteers. A sign up sheet will be placed at the candle stand closer to the iconostasis touch up date.