

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For the health, of:**

**Erika** Freed on her birthday, niece of Lore Stefy

(Our parish is also praying for: Archpriest **Vincent**, Matushka **Patricia**, the child of God, **Kira**, and for the recovery of **Linda** Jankowski)

**Readings:**

- **Romans 12:6-14**
- **Matthew 9:1-8**
- James 5:10-20 (Prophet Elijah)
- Luke 4:22-30 (Prophet Elijah)

**BRETHREN**, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

**At that time**, he crossed over in a boat, and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" --he then said to the Paralytic--"rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM****Sunday service:**

**Hours – 9:40 AM**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

**Private Confession – Half hour before any service.**

See Fr Matthew for other times.

**General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month**

**Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

**Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room  
(Church School has ended for the school year.)**

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- **Today, after the Liturgy, there will be a Pannikhida for Anne Dantine, mother of Richard.**
- The next **meeting of the Parish Council** will be Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, after coffee hour.
- The next **meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will be Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, after coffee hour.

**Special Announcements:**

- **Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)**
- Volunteers are needed to clean the church. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.

**St. Maximus says: “God searches the intention of everything we do, whether we do it for Him, or for any other motive.” What are our motives for the things we do- for the Glory of God, or the glory of ourselves?**

**Prophet Elijah (Elias):**

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. He was of priestly lineage, a man of a solitary and ascetical character, clothed in a mantle of sheep skin, and girded about his loins with a leathern belt. His name is interpreted as "Yah is my God."

His zeal for the glory of God was compared to fire, and his speech for teaching and rebuke was likened unto a burning lamp. From this too he received the name Zealot. Therefore, set aflame with such zeal, he sternly reprov'd the impiety and lawlessness of Ahab and his wife Jezebel. He shut up heaven by means of prayer, and it did not rain for three years and six months. Ravens brought him food for his need when, at God's command, he was hiding by the torrent of Horath. He multiplied the little flour and oil of the poor widow of Sarephtha of Sidon, who had given him hospitality in her home, and when her son died, he raised him up.

He brought down fire from Heaven upon Mount Carmel, and it burned up the sacrifice offered to God before all the people of Israel, that they might know the truth. At the torrent of Kisson, he slew 450 false prophets and priests who worshipped idols and led the people astray. He received food wondrously at the hand of an Angel, and being strengthened by this food he walked for forty days and forty nights. He beheld God on Mount Horeb, as far as this is possible for human nature. He foretold the destruction of the house of Ahab, and the death of his son Ohozias; and as for the two captains of fifty that were sent by the king, he burned them for their punishment, bringing fire down from Heaven. He divided the flow of the Jordan, and he and his disciple Elisseus (Elisha) passed through as it were on dry land; and finally, while speaking with him, Elijah was suddenly snatched away by a fiery chariot in the year 895 B.C., and he ascended as though into heaven, whither God most certainly translated him alive, as He did Enoch <sup>(Gen. 5:24; IV Kings 2:11)</sup>.

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/Ecclesiastes 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).

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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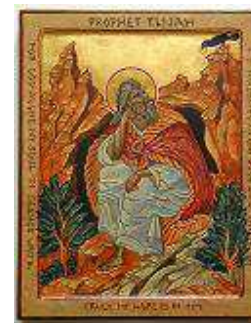
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Prophet Elijah

Glory to  
Jesus ChristGlory  
Forever

*An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the prophets,  
the second forerunner of the coming of Christ,  
Glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to Elisha,  
to dispel diseases and to cleanse lepers.  
Therefore, he pours forth healings on those who honor him.*

Troparion— Tone 4

**Today the Church remembers:****Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah** (9th c. B.C.)

- Repose of Ven. Abramius of Galich (Chukhlómsk), disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh (1375)
- Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Afanásy (Athanasius), Abbot, of Brest-Litovsk (1350).

**July 20, 2014****6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****Tone 5 of the Octoechos**