

Bulletin sponsor this week is for the:**Health of:**

Elizabeth Zimmerman on her 25th birthday offered with love by her family.
David and **Kate** Searfoorce on their 10th wedding anniversary requested with love from Fr Matthew and M. Barbara
Rich and **Lisa** on their anniversary, offered by their family, with love.

Eternal memory of:

Richard Dantine, on his 40th day, offered with love by his family.
 Our mother, **Olga** Koss, requested with love by daughters Andrea, Julie and M. Barbara.

Readings: **Romans 12:6-14** (6th Sunday after Pentecost)
[James 5:10-20](#) (Prophet Elijah)
Matthew 9:1-8 (6th Sunday after Pentecost)
[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.

Sunday Services:

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| Hours - 9:40 AM | Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM |
| General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month | |
| Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew | |
| Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3 rd Sunday of each month | |

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

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

Sunday school is on hiatus for the summer.**Announcements:**

- **Archbishop Michael** will be visiting our parish next Sunday, **July 27th**. The Sisterhood will be providing a **luncheon** for the Archbishop after Divine Liturgy. **Tickets** for the luncheon will cost **\$10 for adults** 13 and up. Because of space limitations in our community room, **tickets** to the luncheon will **need to be purchased by today, July 20th**. Please see Tammy Zimmerman for tickets. Checks for the luncheon should be made out to the Sisterhood.
- A **sign-up sheet for food items** for the Archbishop's visit is posted downstairs. The luncheon will be a **set menu**, so **specific food items** are being requested. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky if you have questions about the menu.

Reminders:

- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** With students at home for the summer months, some families struggle to provide three meals a day. Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: andyromanofsky@gmail.com.**
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah:

*Prophet Elijah of great renown,
seer of the mighty mighty works of God,
by your command you held back the rain!
Pray for us to the only Lover of mankind!*

Kontakion — Tone 2

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/07/20>

Those who wish to support Flood Relief for the flood-stricken communities of Texas should send their contributions, made out to and sent directly to **International Orthodox Christian Charities**. Earmark your checks "Flood Relief for Texas" and mail them to:

IOCC
110 West Road, Suite 360
Baltimore, Maryland 21204-2365

Online donations may be made via the IOCC "Donate" website:

<https://iocc.org/ways-to-give>.

For more information and updates on efforts and opportunities to pray for, and provide other relief for, the victims of the Texas floods, please visit:

<https://iocc.org/blog/iocc-monitors-flooding-in-central-texas>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: www.oca.org/

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*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
Forever*

Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah

*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.*

Tone 4—Troparion

July 20, 2025

Today the Church remembers:

Prophet Elijah (9th c. B.C.) • Repose of Ven. Abramius of Galich (Chukhloma),
disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh (1375) • Uncovering of the Relics of Ven.
Afanásy (Athanasius), Abbot, of Brest-Litovsk (1350).

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 5 of the [Octoechos](#)