

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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The Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah

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BLESSED FEAST!

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR BELOVED!!!

Liturgical Readings:

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE VII: *The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.*

Verse: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE IV: *You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.*

CORINTHIANS 1:10-17

I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

ST. JAMES' UNIVERSAL LETTER 5:10-20

Take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your yes be yes and your no be no, that you may not fall under condemnation. Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins..

MATTHEW 14, 14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds

LUKE 4:22-30

At that time, the crowd wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of the mouth of Jesus; and they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself; what we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here also in your own country.'" And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha; and none of them was cleansed but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and put him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. But passing through the midst of them he went away.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - TONE VII:

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION TO THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH - TONE IV:

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!

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION - TONE VII:

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Glory... KONTAKION TO THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH - TONE II:

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

Now and ever... HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD - TONE SIX:

Steadfast Protectress of Christians and constant advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners; but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you!

Homily by Fr Rodney Torbic

We turn our hearts, minds and souls to the Lord God today. We seek the Kingdom of God. The Divine Liturgy offers the opportunity to learn and to experience the Lord Jesus Christ.

We hear from the Holy Gospel. We bring our sinfulness before the Lord. We seek God's mercy and give thanks. Our minds and hearts include prayers our loved ones and those in need of care and healing.

Today God's Holy Church celebrates the Holy Prophet Elijah. The Holy Gospel has these words to heed: "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (Luke 16:31)

The Divine Liturgy celebrates the Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection. Believers have the opportunity to be united with Jesus Christ, to partake of His Precious Body and Blood.

The Holy Gospel states the Holy Prophet Elijah appeared with Moses and the transfigured Christ on the high mountain. (Mt. 17:1-3) Holy Prophet Elijah's importance remains through the centuries.

The Holy Prophet Elijah is known for his firm commitment and belief in the Lord God. Elijah's confidence in the Lord God was proven when he engaged in a contest with 450 prophets of Baal to prove the Lord was God. (I Kings 18:21-39)

When turning to the Lord God in faith in seeking the Heavenly Kingdom, believers advisedly exercise caution and vigilance not to choose the wrong paths, not to make erroneous decisions.

The world offers many different possible solutions and answers to current and future problems. Different points of view exist and are put forth claiming to be authoritative. Decisions perilous to the soul can be made easily.

Stress exists presently heightened by political and economic turmoil and fear arising from the coronavirus pandemic. We have advisable words from the Lord to soundly guide us.

In Jeremiah we read: "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the **old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." (Jer.6:16)

The Holy Prophet Elijah has stood for the Lord at defining moments. Believers do well to be attentive and seek to emulate the Holy Prophet Elijah's faith and conviction for the Lord God.

Elijah's zeal for the Lord is compelling. The Holy Scriptures provide the wisdom of listening carefully for the Lord God to speak. The Lord spoke to Elijah in a still small voice. (I Kings 19:12)

The noise and clamor of the world can be distracting. Taking time to be quiet in the presence of God each day makes good sense. Believers benefit from listening attentively for the Lord to speak to the heart.

God's Holy Church offers believers the opportunity to express love and appreciation for the Lord. Expressing love and appreciation for the Lord is an essential part of the Christian life.

God's blessings are beyond number and comprehension. God provides for believers in ways never even considered. Each breath and heartbeat merit thanksgiving to God.

On this day when the great and holy Prophet Elijah is celebrated, giving abundant thanks and expressing love for God is fully encouraged. The Holy Prophet Elijah is associated with important turning points in salvation history.

We are indebted to and have reason to be grateful for the Holy Prophet Elijah. We benefit each day from the time-enduring faith of Elijah the Prophet. May our minds and hearts fully express joy and love for the Lord today.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:45 PM – Evening Prayer through the Conference call (339) 207-6529

TODAY (August 2nd)

7:00 PM - "Orthodoxy Live" on FB Page Diocese of Eastern America of the SOC

SATURDAY (August 8th)

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY (August 9th) – 9th Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Great-martyr and Healer Panteleimon; St Climent of Ochrid

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (1. Cor 3, 10-17); Gospel (Matthew 14, 22-34)

Dear ones,

Please, keep in your hearted prayers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

- who suffer of cancer: Jenifer, Linda, Sandy (Sandra Simko)
- who pray the God for the restoration of health: Irine (Martinovich), Grace (Vuckovich), Ranka (Banda), Edward (Gartell), George (Momcilovic), Nektarios