

6th Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Prophet Elijah

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The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets 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.

One of the most famous moments of Elijah's life comes when he stopped rain in Israel for 3 years and then ordered that all Israel observe a contest between The God of Israel and Baal whom the royal family had encouraged worship of. The prophets of Baal could not bring down fire to burn up their sacrifice, but Elijah prayed and God sent down fire as a sign to Israel.



St. Elijah taken up in
the fiery chariot

Venerated Saints;

Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah (*10th century BC*)

Martyr Ilia Chavchavadze of Georgia (*20th century*)

Venerable Martyr Maria (Skobtsova) (*20th century*)

Righteous Aaron, Brother of Moses (*15th century BC*)

Martyr Serapion (*3rd century*)

Repose of Venerable Abramius of Galich or Chukhloma Lake,
disciple of Venerable Sergius of Radonezh (*14th century*)

Martyr Salome the Georgian (*13th century*)

Priestmartyr Alexei Medvedkov (*20th century*)

Priestmartyr Demetrius Klepinine (*20th century*)

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Scripture Readings

James 5:10-20

My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. 11Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. 12But 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,” “No,” lest you fall into judgment. 13Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. 14Is anyone 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. 15And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. 17Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. 19Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Luke 4:22-30

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” 23He said to them, “You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.’” 24Then He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. 25But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; 26but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” 28So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. 30Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

Also Romans 12:6-14 and
Matthew 9:1-8

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Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; or He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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.

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

O Prophet Elijah of great renown, seer of the mighty works of God, by thy command thou didst hold back the rain. Pray for us to the only Lover of man!

Regular Schedule

Saturdays: Vespers at 5pm, Confession afterward.

Sundays: Divine Liturgy at 9:30am with Hours beginning at 9:10am.

Coffee Hour follows Liturgy each Sunday. **Children's Catechism** immediately after Liturgy on the amvon steps before coffee hour.

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 8:00pm in-person and by Zoom.

Thank You

Thank you to **Team D** for Coffee Hour.

Prayer List

Jake's grandmother, Phyllis
 Newly departed Diane
 Aidan H.'s grandmother, Barbara
 Georgina Straker
 Harrison's grandmother, Lorraine
 Barbara Egidi
 Mary Mullally
 Daniel's father, Francis
 Julia's daughter-in-law, Krista
 Matushka Tamara Skvir
 Leo, Clive, Noah, Heily, Dylan,
 Jake, Nory, and Gabriel
 (catechumens)
 Victims of war in Ukraine
 Victims in the Middle East

Special Announcements

July 26th Summer Picnic at the Rectory: Our next parish picnic will be a potluck at the rectory (the house in which Fr. Solomon and family live next to the church). Adults and kids can enjoy the back yard and the alley outside the hall while also having an air conditioned and comfortable space in the rectory. All are invited.

Bible Study: Bible Study continues July 23rd at 8pm.

How to connect:

Fill out this page, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Fr. Solomon. Let us know, in the notes, if you would like us to add you to the midweek email. Fr. Solomon is available for meetings over coffee, or by phone, throughout the week; make a note if you would like to set up a meeting.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Notes: _____

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

-Romans 12:9-14