



Saint Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava vo v'iki!

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JULY 21 & 28, 2019

5TH SUNDAY AND 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- Sun., July 21** **5th Sunday after Pentecost.** Great-martyr Procopius
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Tone 4, pp 105–107
Panachida: July Perpetual Remembrances: Max and Anna Malkos 7/10. John Vasko 7/14.
Anna Lesko 7/22. George Stovar 7/24. Michael Belanchik 7/30.
NOTE: *The Semi-Annual Parish Meeting is rescheduled for Sunday, Aug. 4 (see below)*
- Sun., July 28** **6th Sunday after Pentecost.** *Fathers of the 1st 6 Ecumenical Councils. Great Prince*
9:00 AM *Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles*
Typika Service with Holy Eucharist
Fri., Aug 2 ***Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite***
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – pp 186–187
Special Intention: Margaret Hixon by family
- Sun., Aug 4** **7th Sunday after Pentecost.** *Myrrh-bearer Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles*
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Tone 6, pp 111–114
Panachida: Jane Barclay – 40 day Memorial
Semi-Annual Parish Meeting after the Divine Liturgy (rescheduled from 7/21)

Holy Mystery of Confession: Before Divine Liturgy and other services. If you cannot make a scheduled time, please let me know and we can make arrangements.

PEOPLE STUFF

Prayer List: *Deceased:* Pañi Charlotte Conjelko. Jane Barclay

Living: Fr. Joseph Cervo. Fr. Robert Popichak. Pañi Dorothy Hutnyan. Pañi Donna Smoley. Pañi Eleanor Pribish. Dana Andrade. Gloria Andrade. Michael Artim. Gregory Michael Aurilio. Walter Bolbat. John Bonga. Donald Bodnar. Charlene Borsic. Jaime Budesá. Barbara Chappie. Steve Bournius. Rebecca, David & Bradley Noah Cozad. Mary Ann Crouse. Martha Danchak. George & Margaret Dorogy. Breanne Glass. Dorothy Glass. Eddie Gombos. Jennifer Hartrick. Shirley Hrubic. Kevin Ianni. Gary Ingelido. Andrea Kerkentzes. Joan Martell. Helen Mihalik. Bill & Patti Novotnak. Frank Palmieri. Diane Phillips. Millie and Edward Phillips. Michael Platt. John Righetti. Anna Senich. Bernice Sindak. Terry Slezak. Margaret Stemler. Milton and Thelma Supak. Diana Terezis. Bobby and Dee Triffanoff. Josh Walendziewicz. Paul Worst. Paul & Valerie Yednak. Jim Zajac.
Prospora Bakers: Trudy Trifanoff. Delores Cubakovic, and their intentions.

Welcome! We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saint Michael Church. We invite *everyone* present today to chant the Liturgy along with the cantor. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

F(E)ASTING

Upcoming Feast Days: Holy Prophet Elias, Friday, August 2.

PARISH STUFF

1st & 2nd Official Rescheduling Announcement! The Semi-Annual Parish Meeting has been rescheduled to *Sunday, August 4*, after the Divine Liturgy. Hopefully the weather will be a bit more cooperative on that day. The Agenda remains the same, so please plan to attend this meeting. We have a couple of things to talk about that you may find interesting.

The Agenda for this Meeting and the Minutes of the January Meeting are now available in the vestibule. Please pick up your copy and review them before the meeting. *(Note: the Minutes will be presented, but not read, at the meeting.)*

New! Pañi Joanna and I will be away the weekend of July 28. The Deacon’s Typika Service with Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday (I am not sure if it will be Deacon Marc or Deacon Art). Please welcome them as you always do.

For Emergency Calls: Please call my cell phone (number is above). Also, you can call Fr. Dave Urban at 412-748-0148.

Reminder! The next **Lottery Ticket Raffle** will be held at the Parish Bazaar, Sunday, October 20.

Update! Agape Offerings: *Today:* Was supposed to be the Meeting Brunch. I guess it will be whatever we can put out that won’t melt. *July 28:* No one signed up. *Aug. 4:* Also, Semi-Annual Meeting brunch.

Reminder! Church Repairs: We thank all of our parishioners for your ongoing, active interest in the well-being of our parish. God bless us every one! So far, we have **\$441** donated toward new repairs on the church. *A summary of repairs currently in the works or at least on the list:*

- **CHURCH & Rectory:**
 - Find and repair all leaks in the roof, windows, etc., etc. in the church and rectory.
 - Repair leaks in drain in Rectory 2nd floor Bath.
 - Repair all the plaster in the church and rectory which was damaged by the leaks, then paint it as needed.
 - *not really on the list, just fyi:* the AC in the rectory has been broken since 2016 and cannot be fixed.

We hope to have bids on a couple of these jobs by the Semi-annual meeting, if possible. At this time, total cost of this work is unknown. *We thank you for your generosity. God bless!*

DIOCESE, DEANERY AND ADDITIONAL STUFF

St. John’s, East Pittsburgh 100th Anniversary November 16 and 17. **Anniversary Ad Book ads:** Full page (\$100); Half page (\$50); Quarter Page (\$25); Patron (\$10), Booster (\$5). A sign up sheet is in the hall for Patrons and Boosters. If you want to donate for any of the other ads, see Carole Bushak. **Deadline is August 15!!!**
Anniversary Brunch: Sunday, November 17, Edgewood Country Club Ticket prices: *Adult:* \$35. *Children 3-12* \$15 OR Chicken Finger Plate \$10. Children 2 and under no charge. For reservations, please call DeBorah Hutnyan at 412 288 3299. *Absolute Deadline is October 4, 2019.*

Our Gifts to God and our Church	
July 14, 2019	
Attendance	36
Communions	24
Collections	
Sunday	880.00
All Votive Candles	162.00
Building Maintenance	300.00
Raffle	100.00
Total Offerings:	1442.00
<i>Building and Repairs Donations to Date</i>	
\$441! God bless your generosity!	

Annual Garage Sale - St John the Baptist Orthodox Church (2688 California Ave., Pgh, PA 15212) will have their Annual Garage Sale on Friday & Saturday, September 6th & 7th from 9am-3pm each day. Tax-deductible clean donations for the sale are now being accepted. Please contact Fr Dave (OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com / 412-748-0148) to arrange dropping off your extra items that will be a treasure to someone else!

Update! Upcoming Events this summer: in our Parish, the Deanery and the Diocese.

- **Sun., Aug 4:** *The Semi-annual Parish Meeting here at St. Michael's is rescheduled from July 21 to this date, due to circumstances beyond our control.*
- **Sat., Aug 10:** St. John's, East Pittsburgh, Annual Golf Tourney at Valley Green Country Club.
- **Fri., Sep. 6 and Sat., Sep 7:** Annual Garage Sale, St. John's, North Side.

As new information comes in, we will be adding dates to the list. Keep it in mind!

New! St. Catherine Philoptochos of Ypapanti (**Presentation of Our Lord parish, East Pittsburgh**) presents: **Talent Show**. September 15, 2019 at Edgewood Country Club, 100 Churchill Road, Pittsburgh, Pa 15235. Doors Open: 2:00 PM. Cocktails, Luncheon, Desserts. Silent Auction, Talent Show. Adults: \$30.00 Students: \$15.00 Children 7 Yrs and Under: \$7.00. For Tickets and Reservations Contact: *Gail* 412-260-0886 or *Tina* 412-244-3215. Join Us for an Afternoon of Good Food, Good Friends, Wonderful Talent and Entertainment!!! Paid Reservation by September 10, 2019. A portion of the proceeds to benefit "Lending Hearts"

ELIJAH THE TISHBITE, PROPHET OF GOD

July 20/Aug 2. From *The Menologion*

The Holy Prophet Elijah (Ilias) (Elijah) -- one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament -- he was born in Galaadian Thesbia (Tishbe) into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Sainted 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, that handsome men greeted him, they swaddled him in fire and fed the fiery flame". 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, Divine-meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service afront the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of the true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their fathers, they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. An especial advocate of idol-worship was the wife of king Ahab, the paganess Jezebel. The worship of the idol of Baal led the Israelites towards complete moral decay. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce king Ahab for impiety, and exhorting him to repent and turn to the True God. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that in punishment there would then be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the dryness would cease only through his prayer. And indeed, through the prayer of the prophet the heavens were closed, and there befell drought and famine throughout all the land. The nation suffered from the incessant heat and hunger. The Lord through His mercy, seeing the suffering of the people, was prepared to forgive all and send rain upon the earth, but did not want to annul the words of the Prophet Elijah, sorrowed with the desire to turn about the hearts of the Israelites to repentance and return them to the true worship of God.

Having saved the Prophet Elijah from the hands of Jezebel, the Lord during this time of tribulation sent him into a secret place of the stream Horath. The Lord ordered rapacious ravens to bring food to the prophet, moving him to pity for the suffering nation. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to

Sidonian Sarepta to a poor widow, who suffered together with her children in the expectation of death by starvation. At the request of the prophet she prepared him a bread with the last measure of flour and the remainder of the oil. Thereafter through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for all the duration of the famine.

By the power of his prayer the prophet did another miracle -- he resuscitated the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to king Ahab to bring an end to the misfortune. The Prophet Elijah gave orders to gather upon Mount Carmel all Israel and the pagan-priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed the building of two sacrificial altars: one -- for the pagan-priests of Baal, and the other -- for the Prophet Elijah in the service of the True God. "Upon whichever shalt come down upon it fire from the heavens, that one wilt be shewn to have the True God, -- said the Prophet Elijah, -- and all shalt be obliged to worship Him, and if not invoking Him shalt be given over to death". The prophets of Baal rushed off first to offer sacrifice: they called out to the idol from morning till evening, but in vain -- the heavens were silent.

Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built up his sacrificial altar from 12 stones -- the number of the tribes of Israel; he placed the sacrifice upon the fire-wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the fire-wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the fiery prophet turned to God with a prayer and asked, that the Lord send down fire from the heavens to teach the wayward and obdurate Israelite people and turn their hearts to Himself. Through the prayer of the prophet there came down fire from the heavens and it fell upon the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "In truth the Lord is the One God and there is no other besides Him!". Then the Prophet Elijah had put to death all the pagan-priests of Baal and he began to pray for the sending down of rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and there came down an abundant rain, watering the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol-worship, he asked of God his death. An Angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah went for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave. Here after a terrible storm, an earthquake and a burst of flame the Lord appeared "in a quiet wind" (3 Kings 19: 12) and revealed to the grieving prophet, that He preserved seven thousand faithful servants who were not worshippers of Baal. The Lord commanded the Prophet Elijah to anoint Elisei (Elisha) unto prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive to Heaven on a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisei (Elisha) began with the testimony of the ascent of the Prophet Elijah to the heavens on a fiery chariot and received together with his fallen-down mantle (cloak) a gift of prophetic spirit twice as great than the Prophet Elijah had possessed.

According to the tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be a Fore-Runner of the Terrible Second Coming of Christ upon the earth and during the time of preaching will be a sign of bodily death. 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 Saviour upon Mount Thabor (Tabor) (Mt. 17: 3; Mk. 9: 4; Lk. 9: 30).

The Prophet Elijah is venerated in the Church especially for his fiery ascent to Heaven. The Russian Orthodox Church venerates the Prophet Elijah among the saints. The first church, built at Kiev under prince Igor, was in the name of the Prophet Elijah. After Baptism the holy Equal-to-the-Apostles princess Ol'ga (Comm. 14 July) built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in his native region, at the village of Vibuta.

The iconographic tradition portrays the Prophet Elijah rising up on a chariot with fiery wheels, which are encircled on all sides with flames and harnessed to four winged horses.