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5:00 PM Confessions

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8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

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UNCOVERING OF THE
RELICS OF ST. SERAPHIM



Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah

(July 20)

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.

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.

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. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1) The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was

miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephta to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting 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. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pa-

gan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of 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 God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in “a gentle breeze” (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah’s mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic

spirit.

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/Ecclesiasticus 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).

Orthodox Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Russia, built at Kiev under Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism Saint Olga (July 11) built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in her native region, at the village of Vibuta.

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.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards and generous donations in the memory of our mother.

-from the family of Anastasia Pogorily

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From the desk of Fr. Adamcio....

Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer

Today's Epistle lesson is so very important for us to hear, re-read, and understand what St. Paul is telling us!

First, he describes the various gifts given to us for the up-building of the Body of Christ: The Church. Among them he lists prophecy, ministry, exhortation, giving, leading, and showing mercy. He continues to tell us to love without hypocrisy, abhorring what is evil while clinging to what is good. These are important precepts for living our Orthodox Christian life.

We must learn what gifts our Lord has given to us by the Grace of His Holy Spirit, and then put them to use within the Church. We all have talents and opportunities that we can serve our Lord in His Church. We cannot hold them within us, but rather share them with one another, not for our own glory, but for the glory of God. This requires work and dedication.

Then St. Paul tells us to *"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love!"* How appropriate this is for us not only in this day and age, but especially during these stressful times of the pandemic. We are bombarded daily, hourly, with bad news, judgments, and restrictions that can be almost too much to bear. Too often we deal with these stresses by lashing out at one another, our neighbors, friends, and even our families. But if we take just a bit of time to really be considerate, affectionate, to one another in brotherly love, how different can our lives become. If we honor and give preference to one another in our daily lives, we will be much better for it.

St. Paul gives us one more very important concept for us to consider and adopt in our lives. He tells us to be diligent and fervent in spirit, all the time serving the Lord. Not ourselves, mind you, but serving the Lord. In these days, we tend to serve our own interests and desires, not really thinking about serving our Lord Jesus Christ. It is time to change that view of our lives and return to what is really important: serving the Lord!

Finally, St. Paul imparts some very sage advice which we can take to heart, especially during these difficult days of fear, pandemic, and uncertainty. As we follow and serve our Lord, we rejoice in hope. This wonderful Christian virtue is the foundation of our Faith and lives! We can only find hope in Christ!

During these times of tribulation, we must be patient. The concept of "patience" is unheard of in this modern, pluralistic, secular, and material society. We want stuff, and we want it NOW! We seldom want to wait for anything. But yet, the adage is true: patience is a virtue. We must be patient in our tribulations, no matter what they may be, placing our hope in the Lord Jesus.

All of this is founded on a strong prayer life. St. Paul tells us to continue steadfastly in our prayer, and this is difficult to follow. We are presently being challenged by a reduced liturgical services, and our attendance to them. Yet, we can still follow a rule of prayer in our homes. Take advantage of the Vespers and Divine Liturgies in which you are able to participate, while maintaining a strong rule of prayer at home.

Remember the consoling words of our Lord: With men, this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible!

ST. THEODOSIUS IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online.

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Three exciting opportunities to work with us! ZOE Women's Center is looking for a part-time Executive Director, and a radiologist to read scans. We are also seeking someone to help with grant writing. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Cindy George at: cindygeorge127@gmail.com



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PRAYER REQUESTS



Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Child Mary Kate Zweidunger

Child Vivian Sherer

Melissa (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)

Lyndsey (*friend of Melissa McCutcheon*)

Elizabeth (Betty) Balasz

Marie Borland

Sandra Brello

Elsie Conrad

Horia Dascalescu

Debra Ellis

Gregory Galan

Aleksei Green

Virginia Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's mother*)

Don Hinkl

Matthew Hunly (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

Lacey Udell (*wife of Michael Udell*)

Mara Kilbane (*Melissa McCutcheon's granddaughter*)

Annamarie Luvison (*Daughter of Kaite Ellis-Luvison*)

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Melissa McCutcheon

Christopher Tumbleson (*son of Melissa McCutcheon*)

Michael McCutcheon (*Melissa McCutcheon's brother*)

Marguerite Mihal (*Paul Mihal's mother*)

Paul Mihal

Natalya Miller (*Arlene Neale's great-niece*)

Andrew Mytrohovich

Annie Mytrohovich

Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

Jim Paulitzky (*Jerry Czajkowski's son-in-law*)

James Peter Petkac

Susan Reese (*friend of Jerry & Arlene Czajkowski and Betty Balasz*)

Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

Joseph Rusyntyk

Andrew Sykaluk

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

Tony Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

Janice Tkacz

Joanne Theodore (*Lisa Theodore's mother-in-law*)

Gayle Vidovitch

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen*

Felon)

Robert Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

Colleen Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Kristin Robinson

Janet Budko (*sister-in-law of Arlene Neale*)

Laurie Budko (*niece of Arlene Neale*)

Alex Ponomarenko

Mary Kay Weber

Mirta Szewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Elisa Seddon (*wife of Eric*)

Roger Pinta Jr.

David & Jessie Jacobson and unborn child

Jeremy & Yvonne Pozderac and unborn child.

Michael & Lacey Udell and newborn son Benjamin

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 19

July 19

Wis 3:1-9
Wis 5:15-6:3
Wis 4:7-15
Gen 14:14-20
Deut 1:8-11, 15-17
Deut 10:14-21
Luke 24:36-53
Gal 5:22-6:2
Luke 6:17-23
Heb 13:7-16
John 17:1-13
Rom 12:6-14
Matt 9:1-8

July 20

Composite 12 -3 [1] Kings 17:1-23
Composite 13-3 [1] Kings 18, 19
Composite 14—3 [1] Kings 19:19.-
21; 4 [2] Kings 2:1, 6-14
Luke 4:22-30
James 5:10-20
Luke 4:22-30
1 Cor 5:9-6:11
Matt 13:54-58

July 21

1 Cor 6:20-7:12
Matt 14:1-13

July 22

1 Cor 7:12-24
Matt 14:35-15:11

July 23

1 Cor 7:24-35
Matt 15:12-21

July 24

Isa 43:9-14
Wis 3:1-9
Wis 4:7-15
Luke 21:12-19
Rom 8:28-39
John 15:17-6:2
1 Cor 7:35-8:7
Matt 15:29-31

July 25

Gal 4:22-31
Luke 8:16-21

Rom 12:1-3
Matt 10:37-11:1

July 26

Wis 5:15-6:3
1 John 4:1-6
1 John 4:20-5:5
John 20:1-10
Phil 3:7-14
Mark 10:29-31, 42-45
Rom 15:1-7
Matt 9:27-35

Sunday, July 19

Uncovering of the Relics of Ven.
Seraphim of Sarov
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM

Monday, July 20

Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah

Tuesday, July 21

The Discovery of the Relics of Saint Anna
Of Kashin

Wednesday, July 22

Holy Myrrhbearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles
Mary Magdalene

Thursday, July 23

Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus and 13 others in
Lyca

Friday, July 24

Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris, in Holy
Baptism Romanus, and Gleb, in Holy Baptism
David

Saturday, July 25

The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of
the Theotokos

Sunday, July 26

Repose of St. Jacob (Netsvetov), Enlightener
Of the People of Alaska
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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