

## ***PROPHET ELISHA***

The Holy Prophet Elisha lived in the ninth century BC., and was a native of the village of Abalmaum, near Jordan. By the command of the Lord, he was called to prophetic service by the holy Prophet Elijah.

Elisha worked numerous miracles. He divided the waters of Jordan, having struck it with Elijah's mantle; he made the waters of a Jericho spring fit for drinking; he saved the armies of the kings of Israel and Judah that stood in an arid wilderness by bringing forth abundant water by his prayer; he delivered a poor widow from death by starvation through a miraculous increase of oil in a vessel. This Shunamite woman showed hospitality to the prophet, and through his prayer was gladdened by the birth of a son; the child later died, but he was raised back to life by Elisha. The Syrian military commander Namaan was healed from leprosy, but the prophet's servant Gehazi was then afflicted because he disobeyed the prophet and took money from Namaan.

Elisha predicted to the Israelite king Joash the victory over his enemies, and by the power of his prayer he worked many other miracles (4 Kings 3-13). The holy Prophet died in old age at Samaria. "In his life he worked miracles, and at death his works were marvelous" (Sirach 48:1-15). A year after his death, a corpse was thrown into the prophet's grave. As soon as the dead man touched Elisha's bones, he came to life and stood up (4 Kings 13:20-21). The Prophet Elisha and his teacher, Prophet Elijah, left no books behind them, since their prophetic preaching was oral. John of Damascus composed a canon in honor of the Prophet Elisha, and at Constantinople a church was built in his honor.

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## ***FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***All Saints***

***Prophet Elisha;***

***St. Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople;***

***St. Mstislav, Prince of Novgorod; Ven. Niphon;***

***Ven. Methodius "Peshnósha"; Ven. Elisha of Sumsk***

“Let us praise the Baptist and Forerunner, with the Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs; let us hymn the Hierarchs and all the martyred clergy, the Christ-like and ascetic men and women, and all the just, together with the legions of angels. With hymns of praise, let us crown them as we should, seeking a share in their glory at the hands of Christ, the Savior.”

Exapostilarion, Tone II

“That angel in the flesh and cornerstone of prophets, that other forerunner of the coming of Christ, the glorious Elijah, sent Elisha grace from on high to dispel disease and cure the scourge of leprosy. And in the same way, today, he brings healing to those who honor him. O faithful companion of Elijah, join him in praying without ceasing for us all.”

Kontakion, Tone I

TODAY'S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 11:33-12:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:32-33,37-38; 19:27-30

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

**Please attend worship services online on our HTOC Facebook page, accessible on [www.holy-trin.org](http://www.holy-trin.org)**

Today, June 14 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 20 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, June 15

Romans 2:28-3:18

Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11

Tuesday, June 16

Romans 4:4-12

Matthew 7:15-21

Wednesday, June 17

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 7:21-23

Thursday, June 18

Romans 5:10-16

Matthew 8:23-27

Friday, June 19

Romans 5:17-6:2

Matthew 9:14-17

(Apostle Jude)

Jude 1-10

John 14:21-24

Saturday, June 20

Romans 3:19-26

Matthew 7:1-8

**MONDAY, JUNE 15, IS THE BEGINNING OF THE APOSTLES' FAST.**

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**KITCHEN UPDATE:**

Work has begun on some renovations in the kitchen, which we hope to finish by the end of the summer. Contributions for this work would be appreciated. Please note “kitchen” when designating funds for this purpose in your weekly donation envelope.

**WEEKLY DONATIONS:**

Thank you for your continued financial support to our parish. We are slowly returning to a more regular parish life and hope to be sharing statements of weekly contributions; but until we do, your mailed donations are needed and appreciated.

**VIGIL CANDLES:**

During the pandemic, the 7-day Vigil Candles can be lit for your health or in memory of departed loved ones. Send your names and donations to the church, and Fr. Protodeacon Anthony will light your candles in the vestibule. Vigil candles are \$5 a piece.

**IOCC CARE CALLS:**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the IOCC (see item below). The IOCC is now introducing “Care Calls.” Social distancing can mean isolation. Call, text, video chat: Stay connected for your own sake and to help your loved ones! [www.iocc.org/carecall](http://www.iocc.org/carecall)

**IOCC:**

Every Spring, the Cleveland Chapter of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) holds a fund-raising dinner. This event brings together the local Orthodox parishes to recognize and support the great and important work of the IOCC. Prior to the event, we at Holy Trinity Church collect funds to donate to the IOCC, as our parish’s contribution together with the other Cleveland Churches. Because of the COVID pandemic, there was no such event this year; but the local IOCC chapter did have a ZOOM gathering, which can be viewed on the Facebook page, on our parish’s website.

As we will not be making a general collection in church, we encourage parishioners to donate directly to the IOCC. As many of you are on the IOCC’s mailing list, use the donation envelope you received in the mail. Contributions can be made and sent directly to the IOCC; P.O. Box 17398; Baltimore, MD 21298. Indicate on your check that you are part of the Cleveland IOCC!

**Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful;  
for beauty is God’s handwriting — a wayside sacrament. Welcome it  
in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower, and thank God  
for it as a cup of blessing.**

***Ralph Waldo Emerson***

I sought to hear the voice of God,  
And climbed the topmost steeple.  
But God declared: “Go down again,  
I dwell among the people.”

*Louis I. Newman*

**If one were to give me a dish of sand and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes, and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and how would it draw to itself the almost invisible particles by the mere power of attraction. The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings, only the iron in God’s sand is gold!**

***Henry Ward Beecher***

**IN HONOR OF THE HOLY MARTYRS**

*The Sunday following Pentecost is All Saints Sunday, on which we remember all known and unknown saints. This ancient tradition came from the time when the early Church established a commemoration for the martyrs who suffered at the persecutions during the first three hundred years of Christianity. It was that commemoration that became the basis for All Saints Sunday.*

To You, O Lord the Gardener of creation, the civilized world  
Offers as the first fruits of nature the God-inspired martyrs.  
Through their prayers and through the Virgin,  
Preserve Your church, and all peoples, in deep peace, O All-Merciful.

Those who testified in all the earth and changed their abode to Heaven,  
Those who imitated the sufferings of Christ,  
Are assembled here today, revealing the church of the first-born  
As though a model of what is on high  
And they call to Christ: “You are God, O All-Merciful.”

They have assembled from every city, and they are our compatriots.  
They have come from the whole world, and they invite us who are in the world,  
As participants of a high festival, creation rejoices with that above,  
For the angels cry out with us:  
“Truly You are wonderful among Your saints, O All-Merciful.”

Now, hear strange things and see divine and incredible things,  
Everywhere the blood of martyrs, like roses that have no thorns,  
Brings forth scattered examples of healing and breathes fragrance of blessings,  
By which it is possible to relieve sufferings  
And to cry to God: “Your hand is upraised in might, O All-Merciful.”

Let us unceasingly sing psalms to our God, for He has lavishly poured forth grace,  
Which Joel once foretold, as he said, “I shall pour forth my spirit  
Upon men servants and maid servants,” for His strength has furnished  
Speech and power for their victorious martyrs,  
But stop the mouths of those against You, O All-Merciful.

Only Your word drew the saints to You, O Lord,  
For You did say, “He who wishes to follow Me will leave kinfolk and parents.”  
Eagerly they said farewell to all and deprived of earthly things, followed You  
The straight road and the spring of life,  
As they trust in Your unhesitating purpose, O all-Merciful.

Your grace is poured forth lavishly for those who ask in faith for what they need,  
Therefore, we, though unworthy, pray to You, Merciful Lord,  
In order that we may sing psalms for the rest of time and think of Your powers,  
And enrich many people from Your gifts, O All-Merciful.

*From “On All Martyrs” by St. Romanos the Melodist*



*A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. (Jeremiah 31:15)*

Rachel is not the only one weeping. The family of Ahmaud Arbury is weeping. The family of Breonna Taylor is weeping. The family of George Floyd is weeping. God is weeping.

We as religious leaders in Northeast Ohio add our cries to those who are weeping. And we know it is not enough to weep. It is incumbent to remind ourselves and those we serve that God advocates for those who have been denied, abused and betrayed. And we who follow this God are called to do the same.

We encourage peaceful gatherings and protests. We do not condone violence by those gathered nor find excusable excessive force of police powers even in this crisis. We decry desecration of houses of worship and national monuments.

We ask communities of faith to pray, examine, and act to redeem a broken society so that all humans created in the image of God will be whole and safe.

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