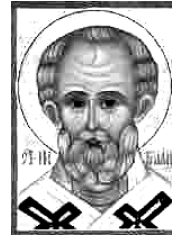


July 20, 2008
St Elijah the Prophet

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ is in our midst! He is and always shall be!

Schedule of Services and Activities

Sunday, July 27th – 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

Congratulations to the Christoph and Kristie Mertz on the occasion of the baptism of their son Theodor today. May God grant him many years!

Today is the commemoration of the Prophet Elijah who was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot. It is appropriate that on this day immediately following the veneration of the cross we will bless automobiles. If you wish to have your car blessed, please stand near it and have it opened.

There will be no Great Vespers on Saturday or Bible Study on Wednesday during July. We will hold the Lesser Blessing of Water on Friday, August 1st at 7:00 PM to begin the Dormition Fast.

The next hoagie sale will be held this Wednesday/Thursday, July 23rd/24th. Forms are available at the candle desk. Please contact Michelle Bittner with orders and to help.

Coffee Hour - Please consider hosting a coffee hour with another family. There are several Sundays left in the summer and fall months that remain nameless. Please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Westling if you are interested or if you need any assistance. Please know that we now have a small crew of volunteers that will host the Coffee Hour on your behalf! Just make your donation to the St. Nicholas Sisterhood and we will do the rest! Call Melissa for details!!!

St Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church in McKees Rocks will hold their Food and Fun Festival this week from Wednesday, July 23rd to Saturday, July 26th. Food service daily from 4 PM to close. Call 412-331-2362 for more information.

Episcopal Search Process: As the Archdiocesan Council continues its ongoing efforts to find worthy candidates for consideration for the post of Bishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. Four names have been highlighted, and these four men are being invited into our Archdiocese for a meet and greet with the faithful.

Archimandrite Melchizedek (Pleska) - was here June 20th
Archpriest David Mahaffey - was here July 11th

Archimandrite Juvenally (Repass) - Meet and Greet at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA on July 25th at 7:00pm.

Archimandrite Vladimir (Wendling) - Meet and Greet at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA on August 22nd at 7:00pm.

In an ongoing effort to reach out to anyone who wishes to be heard about events in the Orthodox Church in America, a Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday July 31st in Carnegie, PA at the Intercession of the Holy Virgin Church from 7-9 PM. His Grace Bishop TIKHON, Locum Tenens of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western PA and Fr. Alexander Garklavs, Chancellor of the OCA will be in attendance. Everyone is invited to attend.

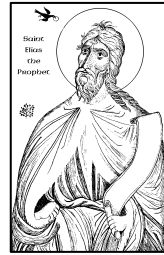
Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City will host their annual pilgrimage on Wednesday and Thursday, August 5th and 6th. Call 724-758-4002 for more information.

The Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western PA will sponsor their annual Family Day outing on Sunday, August 17th beginning at 3:30 PM at the Archdiocesan Center in Cranberry Township. Food sales, youth activities, live music and more!

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Mat. Olga, Richard Shancey, Darius, Joseph Kovacs and Ann Hruch; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Jared, Dick, Kasnot family, Helen M. Shancey & family, Bittner family, Barsom family, Kowal family, Tichy family, Fuller family, Speth family, Hruch family, Fr. Soroka, Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God bless Michael Soroka. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) John & Amelia, Nicholas & Marie, Frank & Ann, (brother & his son) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of Reader Michael Soroka, Leslie & Jim, Carol, Tom & Georgiann, Mildred, Joyce, Fr. Basil & Mat. Juliana; the community of St. Nicholas Parish, our service men & women; special intentions. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Reader Michael Soroka, Tom Robes and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for the departed servant, husband, Jon. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Johanna & Beverly Porvaznik; for the health of the Robes family, Carol Kowalcheck and all church members. **From George Porvaznik** for the departed servants, (wife) Johanna and (daughter) Beverly; for the health of Tom & Georgiann Robes. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family; Happy Birthday & Many Years to John & Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of sisters, Doris & Marsha, Helen Shancey, Tom Robes and Andy Kasnot. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Kristie Mertz** for the departed servants, Barbara Janicko, William Bosko Sr., Elizabeth Bosko & Elmer Herold; for the health & salvation of Theodor Mertz. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for God's mercy and grace. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck. **From Helen M. Shancey** for the departed servants, her beloved husband, Richard Shancey, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Steve Gulewicz & wife, Mat. Olga, Fr. Soroka and all deceased members of the Halajcio & Shancey families; for the health of Dr. Chris Baxter & family, Shancey & Halajcio families, Jim & Leslie Wokutch, Helen Cobb, Olga Novak & son, Bittner family, Hruch family, Wasilko family, Kasnot family, Namisnak family, Michael Soroka, Barsom family, Kovacs family, Kowalcheck family, Robes family, Steve Meno, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and all their families and all parishioners. God bless Michael Soroka. God bless all our service men & women. **From the Kowalchecks** for the health of Reader Michael Soroka. **From Natasha & Charles Tichy** for the departed servants, Aleksandra, Ilya, Anna, Vladimir, Ivan, Praskovia.

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Tone 4 *Troparion of the Resurrection*

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel
the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
"Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,
granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 4 *Troparion of the Prophet Elijah*

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.

Tone 4 *Kontakion of the Resurrection*

My Savior and Redeemer as God
rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master
He has risen on the third day!

Tone 6 *Kontakion of the Theotokos*

Steadfast protectress of Christians,
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 intercessions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos
For you always protect those who honor you.

Tone 4 *Prokeimenon* (Psalm 104)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Epistle (Romans 10:1-10)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Gospel (Matthew 8:28-9:1)

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians
who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting,
non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross
and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.*

Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.