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# St. Elijah (Elias)

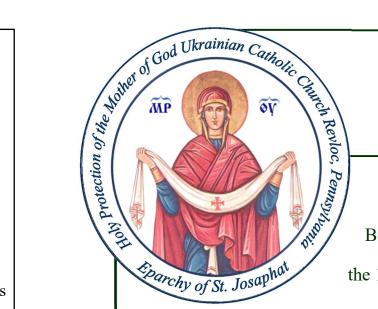
Since the early days of the Christian Church, saints have played a key role as intercessors between God and mankind. Saints serve as a source of protection, aid, and miraculous intervention. Today, new saints are recognized by the Church because they have demonstrated their Christian faith at the highest levels throughout their lives and have died in its cause. Saint Elias, also known as Elijah, was a famous Israelite prophet born in Gilead in the eighth century B.C. The events of Elijah's life are related in the Bible, 1 Kings, chapters 17-19. His father saw angels around him as a child, dressing and feeding him with fire. When God appeared to Elijah it was in the form of fire similar to His appearance to Moses. Elijah performed miracles such as providing sustaining food during a time of limited resources to the widow who gave him shelter. Her son later died, and Elijah brought him back to life. Elijah opposed King Ahab and his wife Jezebel, who had allowed the pagan temple of Baal to be built. This temple and its false prophets turned many people from God. Elias prayed to God to prevent rain from falling for three years to six months. He challenged the prophets of Baal to call down fire from their god. When they failed, he prayed to God and to kill the false prophets of Baal. Elijah then called down the rains. Elijah prophesied that dogs would lick up Ahab's blood and eat his wife Jezebel. His prophecies became reality. Like Moses, Elijah also talked with God on Sinai and parted the Jordan River with his mantel. Elijah was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot. He is pictorially depicted in two different manners, either with a fiery chariot ascending into heaven or with a fiery sword killing the pagans and challenging the false prophets of Baal. Elijah is also mentioned in the New Testament at the Transfiguration of Jesus along with Moses. His feast day is July 20. On or near this date, many churches bless cars.



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# Our Weekly Bulletin

#### 100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars **October 4, 2026** 

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.

441 days or 63 weeks

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

#### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Jul 20	6th Sunday after Pentecost	Michael Lutak Kline family
Jul 21	No Liturgy	
Jul 22	No Liturgy	
Jul 23	No Liturgy	
Jul 24	No Liturgy	
Jul 25	No Liturgy	();;;
Jul 26	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jul 27	7th Sunday after Pentecost	Rose Lutak

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

### 6th Sunday after Pentecost Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah

Romans12:6-14 Matthew 9:1-8

# *Troparion (Tone 5)*

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

#### *Tropar of Feast Day (Tone 4)*

The glorious Elias (Elijah) angelic in body, pillar of prophets, second herald of Christ—by sending grace upon Eliseus (Elisha) from on high, dispels disease, cleanses lepers, and overflows with healing for those who honor him.

#### Kondakion

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.

#### Prokeimen

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

Verse Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

#### Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever;

from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse For You have said: Mercy shall be built up forever;

In the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

#### Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;

of evil hearsay he shall have no fear Alleluia. (3)

**Weekly Collection** - July 13, 2025 - \$176.00. Thank you for your generosity. Sunday - \$90.00 Dues - \$5.00 Candles - \$5.00 Imp. - \$5.00 Misc - \$71.00

# **PARISH NEWS**

Vacation Bible School - VBS will be July 28 to August 1 for all school age children.

Mark your calendars. Sign-up forms in the vestibule

Gob Days - We will making gobs on August 8 at 8:00AM

**100th Anniversary Planning** - Anyone wishing to help organize and take responsibility for a portion of the preparation for the 100th Anniversary, see Deacon Chris or Edna.

**Photos -** Please begin to look through your photos for pictures from church events to be used for the 100th Anniversary. As the photos are brought to church, they will be scanned and returned to you the following Sunday.

#### **Future Events:**

July 24 – Sight and Sound Trip to NOAH

July 28 -Aug 1 – Vacation Bible School for children 1<sup>st</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup>.

August 6 and August 15 - Holy Days - Blessing of Fruit (8/6) Blessing of Flowers (8/15)

September 27 – Ebensburg Potato Fest

October 5 - Parish Feast Day covered dish dinner.

December 7 - Annual St. Nicholas Visit

rayer List

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

## Joke of the Day

We were driving to dinner when my 5-year-old shouted,

"Guess what! I know the f-word!" Saying to myself, "Now it starts," I asked him what it was. He proudly announced, "Phonics!"