



**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 5**  
**Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah**

## Scripture Readings

Romans 12:6-14 | James 5:10-20 (Prophet Elijah)

*Romans 12:6-14*

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

*James 5:10-20*

My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No,” lest you fall into judgment. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Matthew 9:1-8 | Luke 4:22-30 (Prophet Elijah)

*Matthew 9:1-8*

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up

## Many Years!

Archbishop Benjamin upon his retirement! And the election of Archimandrite Vasily as Bishop of San Francisco and the West.

## anniversaries

17th - Harry & Polly Mikita  
20th - Ernie & Jeanie Mikita  
22nd - Bill & Rachel Stevens

## birthdays

1st - Kylie Jackson  
2nd - Lorene Denson  
6th - Rodney Glover  
7th - Bron Burnside  
7th - Jonathan Mikita  
8th - Brianna Pyatt  
8th - Carrie Ann Guy  
13th - Wyatt Mikita  
15th - Linda Hendrix  
16th - LD Meier  
17th - Bryan Hlatki  
17th - Haylee Schulte  
17th - Hannah Schulte  
18th - Brooklyn Billmire  
19th - Grady Leithead  
19th - Evie Stevens  
21st - Whitney Tunink  
22nd - Luke Meier  
23rd - Marcellus Rozdilski  
27rd - Brayden Glover  
29th - Jason Mikita

## Calendar

July 26<sup>th</sup> Carl Finney Memorial Services at the Calhan United Methodist Church  
— Saturday 11:00a

July 26<sup>th</sup> Great Vespers  
— Saturday 6:00p

July 27<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy  
— Sunday 9:30p

your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

*Luke 4:22-30*

So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'" Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

## Prophet Elijah

The Holy Prophet Elijah, born in Tishba of Gilead 900 years before Christ, was a Levite and one of the greatest Old Testament prophets, dedicated to virginity. His father, Sobach, saw visions of angels swaddling him in fire at birth. Named Elijah, meaning "the Lord's strength," he lived for God, dwelling in the wilderness with strict fasting, meditation, and prayer. Called to prophetic service, he opposed King Ahab, whose wife Jezebel led Israel into idol worship, building a temple to Baal. Elijah denounced Ahab's impiety, urging repentance. When ignored, he declared a drought as punishment, lasting three and a half years, causing famine.

During this time, God sent Elijah to a cave beyond the Jordan, where ravens fed him. Later, at Sarepta, a poor widow shared her last flour and oil, which Elijah's prayers sustained throughout the famine. He also raised her dead son. After three years, Elijah confronted Ahab, gathering Israel and Baal's priests on Mount Carmel. He proposed a test: two altars, one for Baal, one for God. Baal's priests failed to summon fire, but Elijah's prayer brought fire from heaven, consuming his soaked sacrifice. The people proclaimed, "The Lord is God!" Elijah then executed Baal's priests and prayed for rain, ending the drought.

Jezebel threatened Elijah's life, forcing him to flee to Judea. Despairing over persistent idolatry, he sought death, but an angel strengthened him for a forty-day journey to Mount Horeb. There, God appeared in a gentle breeze, promising to preserve 7,000 faithful servants. Elijah anointed Elisha as his successor. For his zeal, Elijah was taken to Heaven in a fiery chariot, leaving Elisha his mantle and spirit.

Tradition holds Elijah as the Forerunner of Christ's Second Coming, destined to preach repentance and be slain by the Antichrist, signaling the world's end. His life is recorded in 3 and 4 Kings, Sirach, and 1 Maccabees. At the Transfiguration, he appeared with Christ. Orthodox Christians venerate him, with churches built in his honor, like those in Kiev and Vibuta. In icons, he ascends in a fiery chariot with winged horses. We pray to him for relief from drought and favorable weather.

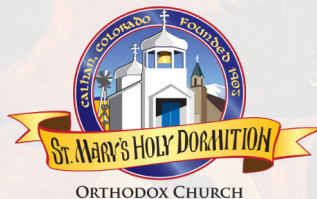
On July 20, 1741, the Feast Day of the Holy Prophet Elijah, an unnamed Hieromonk served the first Divine Liturgy in Alaskan waters while aboard the ship Saint Peter, commanded by Captain-Commander Vitus Bering, at 58 degrees 14 minutes northern latitude, and 141 degrees western longitude.

### Troparion | Tone 4

*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.*

### Kontakion | Tone 2

*Prophet Elijah of great renown, seer of the mighty mighty works of God, by your command you held back the rain! Pray for us to the only Lover of*



## Prayer List

### living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Archim. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Lily with child, Infant Dominic, Tayla with child, Joseph, Alisha with child, Jackie, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Trisha, Stella, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriam, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, infant Sophie, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Taylee with child, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, Earnie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael

Those who are confined: Ethen, Casey, Basil, Mark, Hannah, Theodore

### departed

Brian Molner, Avier Cruz, Juliana Cecil, Carl Finney, Fr. Thomas

## Pan Orthodox Youth

Calhan Youth are invited to attend the following Pan Orthodox Youth activities happening along the front range. At least one adult leader/representative from Calhan will need to accompany of our youth at these events. See the details in our 07.15.2025 e-mail distribution.

**Elitches Amusement Park Trip**  
Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:00a -  
Depart from Holy Theophany |  
Park closes at 9:00p (*discount tickets no longer available*)

**Paddleboarding at Palmer Lake**  
Sunday, August 10, 2025 - 9:30a  
Attend liturgy at Holy Theophany followed by a fellowship meal. Then depart for Palmer Lake for an afternoon of paddleboarding mayhem!

**Rockies Baseball Game**  
Saturday, August 16, 2025 - 4:00p  
Attend Vespers service at St. Luke's (Erie, CO) then attend Rockies game at 6:10p.

## Calhan Youth Mtg.

Fr. George would like to meet with the parish youth and parents of youth, following liturgy on August 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss scheduling youth activities for the remainder of the year.

## Parish Annual Mtg.

St. Mary's annual meeting will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> following liturgy. You must be a parish member to vote in this meeting, please plan on attending and making your voice heard.