

Elijah's (Elias) Journey

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, he and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please. The LORD has sent me on to Bethel." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The guild prophets who were in Bethel went out to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master from you?" He replied, "Yes, I know that. Be still."

Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please. The LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two went on together. Fifty of the guild prophets followed and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood next to the Jordan.

Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up and struck the water: it divided, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had

crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Request whatever I might do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha answered, "May I receive a double portion of your spirit." He replied, "You have asked something that is not easy. Still, if you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not." As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind, and Elisha saw it happen.

He cried out, "My father! my father! Israel's chariot and steeds!" Then he saw him no longer. He gripped his own garment, tore it into two pieces, and picked up the mantle which had fallen from Elijah. Then he went back and stood at the bank of the Jordan. Wielding the mantle which had fallen from Elijah, he struck the water and said, "The LORD, the God of Elijah - where is he now?" He struck the water: it divided, and he crossed over. (2 Kings 2:1-15)

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ELIJAH - GREAT PROPHET



Icon of Saint Elias -- July 20th

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY:

1. **Patronage Greeters:** We are looking for greeters to welcome new faces to our church. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Carol Herder (carolherder@msn.com), or Dan Bobby (dnmbobby@aol.com). You can also write your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, if you would like to volunteer.
2. **Patronage Church Indoor Treasure Sale:** If you are cleaning out your house or garage, and would like to donate some items to our Treasure Sale, we would be happy to take them off of your hands. Our sale will take place on **Saturday, September 20th**, from 8:00am-1:00pm, in our social hall. Volunteers are needed to help set up a few days before, and work the day of our Treasure Sale. More details to follow. Proceeds will benefit church/rectory improvements. Any questions, please contact Sharon Kotula (d.kotula@comcast.net), or Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net).

Acceptable items for our Treasure Sale: gently used or new toys/games, sports equipment, knick knacks, linens, purses, dishes, silverware, bakeware, miscellaneous kitchen items, serving pieces, tools, garden items, small countertop appliances, clocks, storage containers, indoor/outdoor seasonal decorations, storage containers, jeans, t-shirts, jewelry, baskets, lamps, candles, framed pictures, new craft items/supplies, children's clothing and books, baby essentials, and small furniture. All items must be in workable/usable condition.

2025 EPARCHY OF PASSAIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP: Camp Saint Nicholas, located at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, PA, is accepting registration applications, and will take place **August 11-15**, for pre-teen boys and girls ages 6-12. Registration and other information is available by visiting www.eparchyofpassaic.com, and clicking on "Youth and Young Adult Ministries," then "Youth Summer Camps." **Parents, please let Fr. Vasyl know if your child would like to attend this camp.**

HOLUPKI MAKING WORK DAYS FOR OUR FESTIVAL: We will be making Holupki on **Friday, October 10th, and Saturday, October 11th**, beginning at 9:00am, for our upcoming Slavic Food Festival scheduled for November 22nd. Please contact Mary Demyan for more details.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We continue to collect used printer cartridges to recycle, and earn rewards to help pay for new cartridges we use to print our weekly bulletins and Liturgical information. You can place your cartridges in the labeled box on the floor in the cry room. ***Many thanks to those who donate their cartridges!***

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: Please mark your calendar. Fr. Vasyl will be blessing our students and teachers on **Sunday, September 21st**, for Catechetical Sunday. Information on registration for our 2025-2026 school year, will follow in an upcoming bulletin. If you borrowed any ECF books/materials from this past school year, can you kindly bring them to church and give them to Kevin Ross, so that they could be used, again. Thank you for your help!

OTPUST – 91ST ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Save the date – this yearly Pilgrimage (Otpust) at Mount Saint Macrina, in Uniontown, PA, will take place Labor Day weekend. It is home to the monastery of the Byzantine Catholic Order of Sisters of St. Basil. The Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. This event is the oldest and largest Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings. More information to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: Dates are currently available if you would like to have a Liturgy intention. Forms are available either on our website, or on the bookrack in the Narthex. Completed forms can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to our church. Checks should be made payable to: Very Rev. Vasyl Symyon. Cash will also be accepted.

OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLE COLLECTION: Our next casserole collection will be **Sunday, August 10th**. Aluminum pans are available in the social hall on the kitchen counter to use for this project. Any questions, please contact Greg Calvitt (gregcalvitt@gmail.com) or Mike Skovran (michaelskovran@aol.com).

MID-ATLANTIC STATES SYNCCELLATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Save the date - this event honors married couples beginning with their fifth anniversary and every fifth-year anniversary thereafter, e.g., 5th, 10th, 15th, etc., and will be held on **Saturday, October 11, 2025, beginning at 4:00pm**, at Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church in Annandale, VA. A banquet will follow in Epiphany's Parish Center. More information to follow.

WHERE IS GOD

A man whispered, "God, speak to me" and a meadowlark sang.
But, the man did not hear.

So the man yelled "God, speak to me" and the thunder rolled
across the sky.

But, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you" and a
star shined brightly.

But the man did not notice.

And, the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle" and, a life
was born.

But, the man did not know.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me
know you are here."

Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man.

But, the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't
packaged the way that you expect.

Are you looking for God in all the wrong ways?

Children's Corner

Follow God's Word Maze





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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, July 26th at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
6 th Sunday After Pentecost Elijah – Great Prophet 7.20.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy Blessing of Vehicles	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners
7 th Sunday After Pentecost 7.27.2025	9:00am	Typika Service	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners

6th Sunday After Pentecost – Elijah – Great Prophet

Today's Propers can be found on a handout located on the shelf next to the bulletins in the narthex.

MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

HOLY COMMUNION AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Holy Communion can be brought to parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or at home. If you would like to receive Communion, or a visit by either Fr. Vasyl or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email, and let us know, or contact either one personally.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Clyde Wood, Nicholas Kotula, Tommy Kotula, Mary Hrinda, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Georgianna Kostak, Sandra Suseck, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline and Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world. **Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. Let us know if we need to remove or add a name by sending an email to our church. Thank you for your help!**

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

STEWARDSHIP: You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail your donation to our church, or donate using Tithe.ly online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on the first page of our website. **“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).**

FEAST OF THE GREAT PROPHET ELIJAH: Fr. Vasyl will be blessing vehicles (cars, trucks, bikes, wagons, scooters) immediately after Divine Liturgy today, in celebration of the Feast of Elijah.

DECREE ON THE MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Bishop Kurt Burnette issued a Decree, dated May 1, 2025, “Cell phones and other electronic devices that contain microphones must be left outside the confessional or be powered off. It is not enough to have it silenced.” A sign stating this rule is posted in the priest’s sacristy where the Mystery is celebrated.

PATRONAGE CHURCH'S ANNUAL CRAB FEAST: Mark your calendar – **Saturday, September 13th**, at 4:00pm beginning with Divine Liturgy, followed by the Crab Feast in our social hall. Dann Karlson will, again, be organizing this event. A flyer will be available in next Sunday’s bulletin with more information.

PATRONAGE FLASH FREEZER SALE: Help us clear out our freezer - we have **cheesecakes** - \$15/each; **specialty pirohi** - \$7.00/dozen, and **kolachi (nut and poppyseed)** - \$15/each. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please see Theresa Kotlar or Mary Demyan after Liturgy. Cash or check (payable to: Patronage Church) will be accepted. Quantities are limited!

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: Our next session is in the planning phase, and will resume in **September**. More information will be posted in an upcoming bulletin. Any questions, see Nancy Bobby. Hope you can join us!

GCU MEMBERS: Are you a GCU member? If so, please email the church and let us know. We would like to make sure we have every member on our church’s list. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated! Any questions, please contact Dennis Kotula (dennis.kotula@gmail.com).

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon; please DO NOT stick out your tongue. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good-standing and prepared. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. ***If you want to make us your home church, parish, registration is the OFFICIAL way to join our church.*** Simply complete a census form that is located on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website, and either mail it to the church, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. On-line donation information can be found under “Stewardship” in this bulletin.

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).