

Saintly Notes

The Prophet Elisha (June 14)

Elisha lived nine hundred years before Christ. When the Lord willed to take the aged Prophet Elijah to Himself, He revealed to him that He had designated Elisha, the son of Shaphat of the tribe of Reuben from the town of Abel-Meholah, as his successor in the prophetic service.

Elijah informed Elisha of God's will and draped him with his mantle and implored from God the two-fold grace of prophecy for him. Elisha immediately departed his home and family and followed Elijah. When the Lord took Elijah in a fiery chariot, Elisha remained to continue the prophetic service with yet a greater power than Elijah.

By his purity and zeal, Elisha was equal to the greatest prophets and, by the miraculous power that was given to him by God, Elisha exceeded them all. He parted the waters of the Jordan as Moses once parted the Red Sea; the bitter waters in Jericho he made drinkable; he brought forth water into the excavated trenches during the war with the Moabites; he multiplied the oil in the pots of the poor widow; he resurrected the dead son of the Shunammite woman; he fed a hundred people with twenty small loaves of bread; he healed Commander Naaman of leprosy; he invoked leprosy upon his servant Gehazi because of his greed; he blinded the entire Syrian army and also forced another army to flee; he foretold many events to the people as well as to individuals. Elisha died at a very old age.

(The Prologue from Ochrid, Birmingham, 1985, Lazarica Press)

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The Rev. Philip Pelikan, Priest
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The Saints Whom We Remember Today

Prophet Elisha; Methodios the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople;
Venerable Niphon of Athos; Cyril, bishop of Crete

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy; 12:00 noon Feast Day Bar-B-Q (All Saints' Sunday)
Monday: **Apostles Fast Begins;** Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayers; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Saturday: 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 1:00p Baptism; 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

Third Antiphon

Troparion of the Resurrection
Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.

Troparion

for the Resurrection—Tone 8

See above.

Troparion

of All Saints—Tone 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion

of All Saints—Tone 8

To Thee, O Lord and Author of all creation, the universe offereth as first-fruits of nature the divinity-bearing Martyrs. Wherefore, by their imploring, preserve Thou Thy Church in perfect safety, for the sake of the Theotokos, O most Merciful.

The Trisagion

Holy God . . . Alleluia.

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Rom. 2:10–16

Gospel: Matt. 4:18–23

Agalynarion

Tone 7

O Mother that hath known no man, thou didst conceive, not experiencing corruption, lending a body to the Word, the Creator of all, becoming a receptacle to thine insupportable Creator, a dwelling place to thine incomprehensible Maker. Wherefore, O virgin Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

Communion Hymn

of All Saints—Tone 8

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise becometh the upright. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

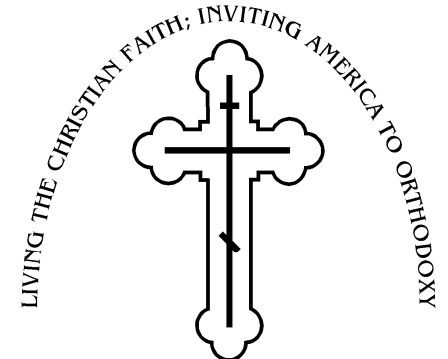
Nicholas Christopoulos, Christian Christopoulos, William Christopoulos, Christopher Wingenbach, Ilya Moundous, Gabriel Pope.

Special Attention

- **Women's Summer Bible Study. Attention all Ladies** - We will have a Bible Study and Brunch on Saturday, June 20, 9-11 am, in the Parish Hall. Please bring your Bible and a dish to share. We'll take some time for fellowship, as well. Please let

Kh. Barbara know if you plan to attend.

- **Our Parish Feast Day, All Saints, Today.** Please join us after the Divine Liturgy the free All Saints Bar-B-Q. All our members and friends of All Saints are invited. Let's celebrate together our 17th year birthday.
- **Please Note that the Apostles Fast Begins this Monday and Concludes on the 29th of June after the Divine Liturgy for Saints Peter and Paul.**



ALL SAINTS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
(Antiochian Archdiocese)

Thanking God for 17 Years!

Epistle and Gospel Readings

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Bless God in the congregations..

†Epistle: Heb. 11:33—12:2 (RSV)

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race

that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

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