



The greatest gift I ever had Came from God, and I call him Dad! Small boys become big men through the influence of big men who care about small boys. When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one,



was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. - Mark Twain



I KINGS 18:29-46:

This passage describes how the King of Israel, Ahab, influenced by his wife Jezebel, began to introduce pagan religious practices into his Kingdom. It further describes how one man, the Prophet Elijah, battled against King Ahab to keep the religious practices of the Hebrew people in accord with the commandments of God. In this passage is recorded the victory of Elijah over the pagan priests of Baal to prove that the God of Israel is the only true God.

JAMES 15:16-20:

The author of the letter, in a most positive way, describes the —Priest-hood of all believers , showing ways in which Christians are to minister to each other. Specific practices in our times may differ from those of the Early Church, but the concern of Christians to serve one another in the fellowship of the Church is the same.

LUKE 4:25-30:

Jesus is rejected by the people of Nazareth, His hometown. He alienates His countrymen by using two Biblical illustrations of the Prophet Elijah aiding and healing two non-Jews. What Jesus is doing is according to the purpose of God: to abandon His own who have rejected Him and turn to those who are ready to receive Him. Frequently, God speaks to us in the least likely places and through the least likely of people. When we look at individuals whom we think that God would never choose, what does that say about us?

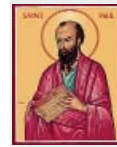


REQTIEM SERVICE: is requested today from Carol Mikaelian Columbus for the souls of her parents ✠**Sirab** and ✠**Berjouhi Mikaelian** and her sister ✠**Vergin Mikaelian**.

May our Lord grant rest to his servants, and remember them on the day of his judgment.



This Sunday, the coffee hour is hosted by Barbara, Donna and the ladies of WG



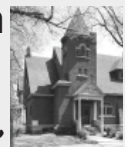
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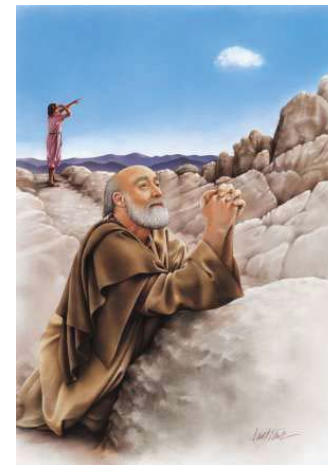
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**First Sunday after Pentecost
THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH**

“Then Elijah said to all the people, ‘Come here to me” (I Kings 18:30)

The Israelites often broke God’s Commandments. They married pagans and even worshiped false gods. Out of pity for them, God sent holy men to lead them back to Him. These were the prophets. They also foretold the coming of the Savior. The greatest of the prophets were Elijah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. The prophet Elijah lived when King Ahab was ruling Israel. This king had married a pagan, Jezebel, and had built a temple to her god,

Baal. Ahab also adored Baal.

Elijah was sent by God to warn Ahab. He said, “To punish you for worshiping idols God will not send any rain for three years. There will be a famine.” With the country suffering from a great famine because there had been no rain for three years, God sent Elijah back to Ahab. He told the king that the famine was a punishment for his sins. The king’s wife, Jezebel, had killed almost all the true prophets of God. In their place she had put several hundred false prophets to sing the praises of her false god. Elijah asked Ahab to gather these false prophets on Mount Carmel. The people also gathered there. Elijah said to them, “If the Lord is God, you should obey Him. But if the god of Jezebel is the true god, then follow him.” Elijah then asked for two oxen, one for the false prophets and one for himself. He said to these prophets, “You call upon your gods, and I will call upon the Lord. The god that shall answer by fire consuming the sacrifice will be known to be the true god.” This plan seemed very good to the people.

The false prophets laid the ox upon an altar. They called upon their god from morning till noon, but there was no answer. They cried still louder and even cut themselves until they were covered with blood. But no answer came. Then Elijah told the people to gather around him. He put wood on an altar and laid the ox on the wood. He poured buckets of water over the sacrifice. When the

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hour of the evening sacrifice came, Elijah prayed, "O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, show this day that You are the true God of Israel." As he was praying, fire came down from heaven and burnt up the sacrifice and the altar itself. When the people saw this, they fell down to the ground and cried, "The Lord is God! The Lord is God!"

Jesus asked the disciples who people said he was. They mentioned people from the past, people they had heard about, "one of the prophets of old . . ." Jesus then pressed his disciples to say who they thought he was. Peter declared "The Christ of God," a person in the here and now. We too need to answer this question. We hear about God through scripture and from what others share from their experience. This is good. But our relationship with God either becomes first person or it just does not happen. This relationship comes through grace and a personal experience of God in our lives. Each Sunday, we as the Church offer our declaration, our Statement of Faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. We say, "We believe in one God . . . Havadamk, ee mee Asdvadz . . ." But just who that God is in our lives determines and says much about us. We are gifted to receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist, but unless we know Christ and are prepared to receive him, it can become an empty exercise without benefit.

Who is Jesus Christ for you? As Christians, we face this question daily, and daily we are required to give our response. Will it take fire coming down from heaven, or can it be simply a matter of faith? /Fr. Tateos Abdalian/

День памяти пророка Илии

Илия - один из великих пророков Ветхого Завета, который известен своей преданностью Господу, своей рьяной борьбой против идолопоклонства, семена которого сеяли Израильский царь-вероотступник Ахав и его жена-идолопоклонница царица Иезавель.

Пророк Илия жил в 9-ом веке до Христа. О нем повествует книги Царств (3 Цар. 17-18) и (4 Цар. 1-2). О пророке Илии упоминают также евангелисты.

Книга Царств повествует о том, как Илия, как истинный вестник слова Божиего, по распоряжению

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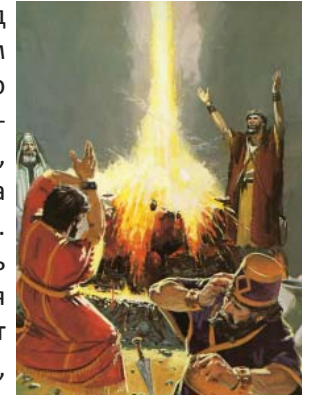
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Господа предстает перед царем-вероотступником Ахавом и объявляет о предстоящей засухе. Пророчества Илии сбываются, и три года спустя он снова предстает перед Ахавом. Доказывая беспомощность идолопоклонников, Илия своей молитвой зажигает жертвенный огонь, затем, обращаясь с Богу, вызывает обильный дождь. Пророку Илии приписываются различные чудотворства: как он божественной силой держит посуду вдовы всегда полными муки и масла, воскрешает ее мертвого сына и т.д.



Announcements

Following the Divine Liturgy, we will recognize the achievements of our young



Armenian community. **Arman Asryan** completed his studies at Cicero-North Syracuse High School with honors and will be returning to Armenia. **Michael Armen Kardjian** graduated from Manlius Pebble Hill School and will further his studies at Wesley University in CT. **Zachary Biesiada** earned a degree in Accounting from SUNY Albany and **Yanna Yeghiazarova** graduated from Optometry School in Philadelphia.

We also recognize our Sunday School students for their successful completion of studies during the school year. Participants were **Alec Brummer, Meline Preston, Ben and Sarah Rose Eagen and Ani, Alex and Michael Villaba.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following people on their Birthdays this month: **Jhanna Kotsinian-(6/08); Ellen Eagan-(6/09); Nancy Bezigan-(6/10); Joni Toubman - (06/15) and Judy Koolakian (7/07)**... Let us wish them a lot of good health and many days of happiness.

Jerusalem Pilgrims back Home

On June 10, the "Leadership in the Light of Our Lord" pilgrimage returned from a 10-day excursion to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. 34 youth leaders from parishes throughout the Eastern Diocese have been tracing the footsteps of Jesus Christ. **Sarah Kardjian** who has joined the young pilgrims during the coffee hour will give us a power point presentation for her pilgrimage.

