



The Effectiveness of Prayer

I believe prayer does two things, and I am loosely basing this from a teaching I recently heard from Fr. Thomas Hopko.

All the prayers of the Liturgy ask God to do what He already wants to do. They are mainly prayers for unity, forgiveness, and the salvation of ourselves and the world. In other words, the prayers are in accordance with His will. Our personal prayers should follow that model. If we are uncertain of the will of God, then we should pray the prayers of the Church to learn His will.

But why do we ask God to do what He already wants to do?

Because it changes us. It teaches us the will of our loving Father, who is “the Lover of mankind,” and causes us to be more like Him. In doing so, we don’t simply become good, as if moralism was our aim. Rather, we enter in communion and oneness with the Divine Himself, which is called ‘*theosis*’ and is the ultimate aim of Christianity.

Secondly, prayer plays a significant yet mysterious part in the role of divine providence. As we enter in communion with God and pray the things that He desires, those things come to pass. God is outside of time, so I don’t believe we pray, and He says, “Hey, that’s a good idea. I’ll go ahead and do that.” Rather all the prayers of every person from the beginning of time to the end of time, as we know it, are already accounted for in God’s divine providence. That is no reason to slack off, but rather to persist in prayer with our whole beings because our prayers are making a difference!



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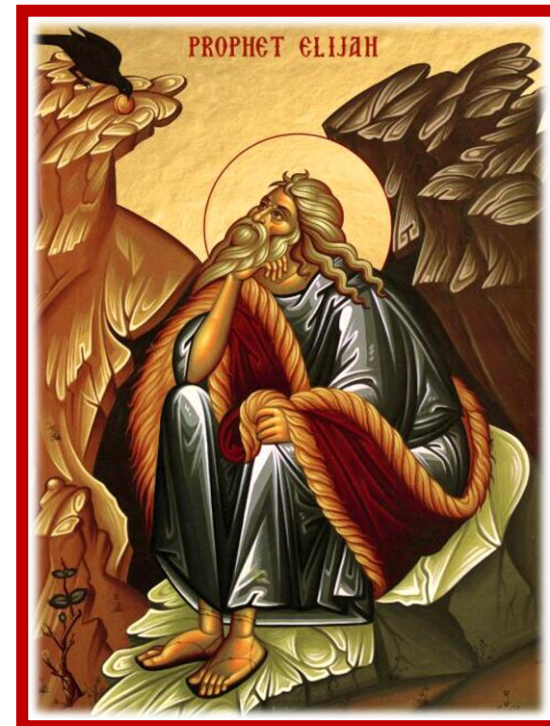
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PROGRAM OF HOLY SERVICES – JULY 2025

TUESDAY JULY 1



HAPPY CANADA DAY



SUNDAY JULY 6 – 4th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW *(Healing of the Centurion's Servant)*

❖ *Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*

MONDAY JULY 7 – ST. KYRIAKE, THE GREAT MARTYR

❖ *Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

SUNDAY JULY 13 – HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4TH ECUMENICAL SYNOD

Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY JULY 17 – ST. MARINA, THE GREAT MARTYR

❖ *Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

SUNDAY JULY 20 – 6th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW *(The Paralytic)*
PROPHET ELIAS, THE THESBITE

❖ *Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*

❖ **DIVINE LITURGY IN ENGLISH**

❖ **HAPPY NAME DAY, FATHER ELIAS !!**

SATURDAY JULY 26 – ST. PARASKEVI, THE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR

❖ *Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

SUNDAY JULY 27 – 7th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW *(The Two Blind Men)*
ST. PANTELEIMON, THE GREAT MARTYR

❖ *Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*

MONDAY JULY 28 – ST. IRENE CHRYSOVALANTOU, THE RIGHTEOUS

❖ *Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

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ΤΡΙΤΗ 1 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ



ΓΙΟΡΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΝΑΔΑ



ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 6 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – Δ' ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

❖ *Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.*

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 7 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΑΓ. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗΣ, ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ

❖ *Θεία Λειτουργία: 9:00 π.μ. – 10:30 π.μ.*

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 13 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓ. ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ Δ' ΟΙΚ. ΣΥΝ

❖ *Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.*

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ 17 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΑΓ. ΜΑΡΙΝΑΣ, ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ

❖ *Θεία Λειτουργία: 9:00 π.μ. – 10:30 π.μ.*

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 20 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΣΤ' ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ
ΠΡΟΦΗΤΟΥ ΗΛΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΘΕΣΒΙΤΟΥ

❖ *Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.*

❖ **ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΣΤΑ ΑΓΓΛΙΚΑ.**

❖ **ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ, ΠΑΤΕΡ ΗΛΙΑ !!**

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ 26 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΑΓ. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ, ΑΘΛΗΦΟΡΟΥ

❖ *Θεία Λειτουργία: 9:00 π.μ. – 10:30 π.μ.*

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 27 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – Ζ' ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ
ΑΓ. ΠΑΝΤΕΛΕΙΜΟΝΟΣ, ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ

❖ *Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.*

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 28 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΑΓ. ΕΙΡΗΝΗΣ ΧΡΥΣΟΒΑΛΑΝΤΟΥ

❖ *Θεία Λειτουργία: 9:00 π.μ. – 10:30 π.μ.*

