



## 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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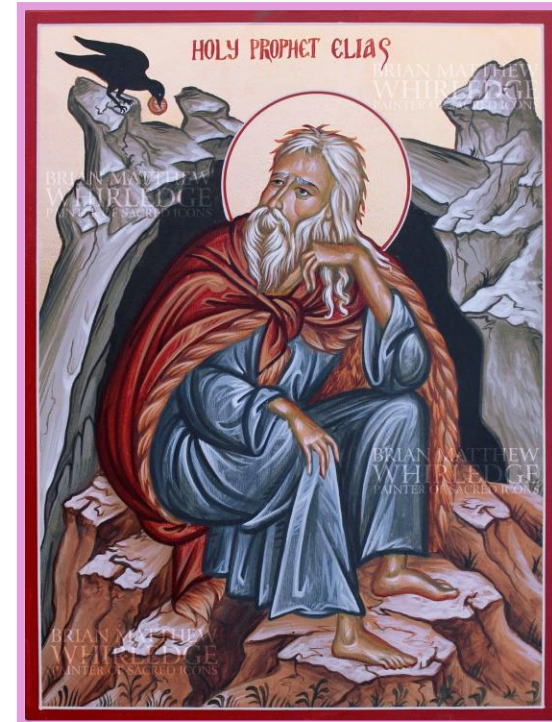
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## PROGRAM OF HOLY SERVICES – JULY 2026

WEDNESDAY JULY 1



**HAPPY CANADA DAY**



**SUNDAY JULY 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW** (*Healing of the Gadarene Demoniac*)

- ❖ *Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*
- ❖ **DIVINE LITURGY IN ENGLISH**

**TUESDAY JULY 7 – ST. KYRIAKE, THE GREAT MARTYR**

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

**SUNDAY JULY 12 – 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW** (*The Paralytic*)

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

**FRIDAY JULY 17 – ST. MARINA, THE GREAT MARTYR**

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

**SUNDAY JULY 19 – HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL SYNOD**

- ❖ *Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*
- ❖ **DIVINE LITURGY IN ENGLISH**

**MONDAY JULY 20 – PROPHET ELIAS, THE THESBITE**

- ❖ *Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*
- ❖ **HAPPY NAME DAY, FATHER ELIAS !!**

**SUNDAY JULY 26 – 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW** (*Feeding of the 5000*)  
**ST. PARASKEVI, THE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR**

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

**MONDAY JULY 27 – ST. PANTELEIMON, THE GREAT MARTYR**

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

**TUESDAY JULY 28 – ST. IRENE CHRYSOVALANTOU, THE RIGHTEOUS**

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

## ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΥΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ·· ΙΟΥΛΙΟΣ 2026

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ 1 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ



**ΓΙΟΡΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΝΑΔΑ**



**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 5 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – Ε' ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ**

- ❖ *Ορθρος χ Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.*
- ❖ **ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΣΤΑ ΑΓΓΛΙΚΑ**

**ΤΡΙΤΗ 7 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΑΓ. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗΣ, ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ**

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

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 12 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΣΤ' ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ**

- ❖ *Ορθρος χ Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.*

**ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 17 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΑΓ. ΜΑΡΙΝΑΣ, ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ**

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

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 19 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓ. ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ Δ' ΟΙΚ. ΣΥΝ**

- ❖ *Ορθρος χ Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.*
- ❖ **ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΣΤΑ ΑΓΓΛΙΚΑ**

**ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 20 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΠΡΟΦΗΤΟΥ ΗΛΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΘΕΣΒΙΤΟΥ**

- ❖ *Θεία Λειτουργία: 9:00 π.μ. – 10:30 π.μ.*
- ❖ **ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ , ΠΑΤΕΡ ΗΛΙΑ !!**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 26 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – Η' ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ**  
**ΑΓ. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ, ΑΘΛΗΦΟΡΟΥ**

- ❖ *Ορθρος χ Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.*

**ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 27 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΑΓ. ΠΑΝΤΕΛΕΙΜΟΝΟΣ, ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ**

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

**ΤΡΙΤΗ 28 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ – ΑΓ. ΕΙΡΗΝΗΣ ΧΡΥΣΟΒΑΛΑΝΤΟΥ**

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

