

Diocese of
Eagle River
and the
Pacific
Northwest

THE RAVEN

PROPHET ELIJAH

Antiochian Orthodox Mission



Apolytikion / Troparion (Tone 4)

*The incarnate Angel, and
the Prophet's summit and boast,
the second forerunner of the
coming of Christ our God,
Elijah, the glorious, from above
sent down his grace upon Elisha;
he doth cast out sickness
and also cleanse lepers,
and unto all that honor him,
he poureth forth streams of cures.*

Our Mission is dedicated to the Prophet Elijah,
Patron and protector of our community.

Sunday January 24th, 2021

**Thirty-First Sunday after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of
Luke & Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for Christ**

Tone 8 / Eothinon 11

Epistle: St. Timothy 1:15-17

Gospel: St Luke 18:35-43

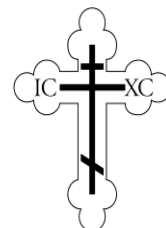
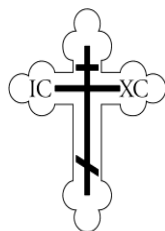
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Announcements for the Week

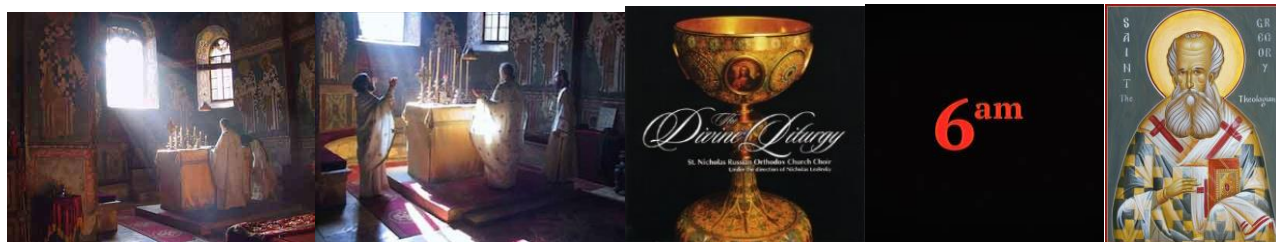
1. **Coffee Hour after Liturgy is OUTSIDE, under the open-air, "heated" tent!** (Please come prepared!)



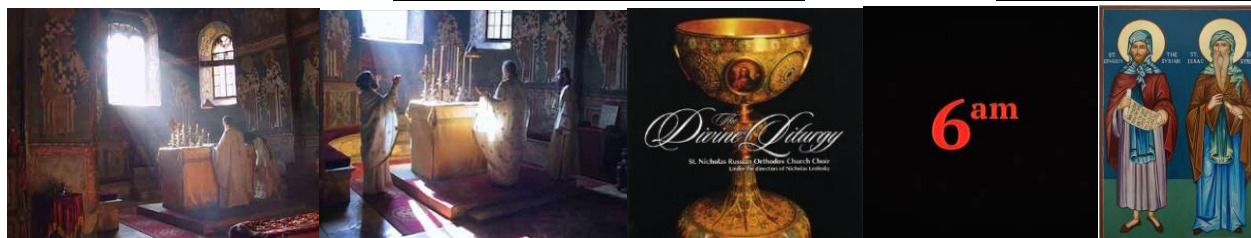
2. Tonight @ 5:00 PM: **Moses Lake Orthodox Fellowship Zoom Catechism** (With Dn. Basil & Fr. Paul)



3. Monday, Jan. 25th: **Early morning Divine Liturgy @ 6:00 AM / St. Gregory the Theologian!**



4. This Thursday, Jan. 28th: **Early morning Divine Liturgy @ 6:00 AM / St. Isaac & Ephraim of Syria**

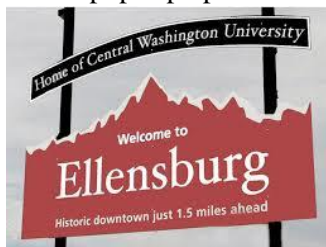


5. This Saturday, January 23rd @ 9:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy!** (Orthros @ 8:00 AM)



Looking Ahead

1. **FISH Food Bank:** Now that cold weather is here, please remember to bring your donations for the FISH Food Bank. The collection tub is under the large table in the trapeza. Canned soups, tuna, PB, etc. are helpful. Cans that have a pop-top option for opening are good choices. Thanks!



2. New 2021 Church Calendar available @ the Bookstore, either free, or for a \$5.00 donation!



3. **Theophany Home Blessings** ...for any of you who wish, I will set an appointment with you to do a Home Blessing, sometime within the next couple of months, God-willing before Lent begins on March 15th !

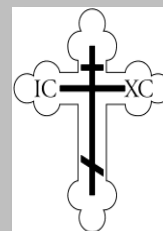


NORMAL SCHEDULE FOR DAILY SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:45am – Orthros

10:00am – Divine Liturgy



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6:00am Divine Liturgy	7:00am Orthros	7:00am Orthros	6:00am Divine Liturgy	7:00am Orthros	9:00am Divine Liturgy
	6:00pm Vespers	6:00pm Vespers	6:00pm Vespers	6:00pm Paraklysis	6:00pm Great Vespers

(Fr. Paul hears confessions on Saturday after Vespers, & by appointment!)

On Sunday, "We should encourage the people to come to Orthros from the very beginning. In the Six Psalms of Orthros, we find all the Christian advice, wisdom, and morality. We cannot come to the Divine Liturgy and receive the Holy Communion without preparation. Orthros is about how to prepare for Divine Liturgy."

Metropolitan JOSEPH

NAME DAYS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Name Day</u>	<u>Patron Saint</u>
Xenia Pruitt	January 24th	St. Xenia of St. Petersburg
Isaac Reid	January 28th	St. Isaac of Syria
Isaac Cambell	January 28th	St. Isaac of Syria
Isaac Gregson	January 28th	St. Isaac of Syria

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Member</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Celebration</u>
Chris Tomulty	January 24th	Birthday
Andrew Bronkhorst	January 25th	Birthday

Spiritual Morsels

Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures. **St. John Chrysostom**

A brother questioned **Abba Poemen** saying, "If I see my brother committing a sin, is it right to reveal it?" The old man said to him, "At the very moment when we hide our brother's fault, God hides our own, and at the moment when we reveal our brother's fault, God reveals ours too."

____ "Secular logic(*) has no place at all in spiritual life... Today, increased knowledge and trust in logic has shaken our faith to its foundations and filled our souls with question marks and doubts. This is why we don't have miracles anymore, because a miracle cannot be explained logically; it can only be experienced. But faith in God will bring down divine power and overturn all human expectations. It will perform miracles, resurrect the dead and astonish science. From the outside, all things pertaining to spiritual life seem upside down. **St. Paisios the Athonite (*)** - *When St. Paisios refers in an admonishing manner to secular logic, he is not referring to God's gift of reason that is inherent in all human beings; but rather to rationalism, or what he calls "afflicted reason" — logic that is void of faith in God.*

"The person that is struggling to the best of his abilities, who has no desire to live a disorderly life, but who - in the course of the struggle for faith and life - falls and rises again and again, God will never abandon. And if he has the slightest will not to grieve God, he will go to Paradise *with his shoes on*. The Benevolent God will, surprisingly, push him into Paradise. God will insure that he takes him at his best, in repentance. He may have to struggle all his life, but God will not abandon him; He will take him at the best possible time."

"The answer to our anxiety is not drugs, alcohol, tranquilizers or psychiatric treatment. It will not be cured by Yoga, or some eastern meditation practice. The problem is that we have lost God at the center of our lives. Once we make our love for God the primary focus of our lives, and allow His Grace to work through us, then we will be comforted and embraced in His love — no matter what circumstance we encounter in life. All anxiety disappears. This is the aim of the Orthodox way of life: to put God first and seek the Holy Spirit. The anxieties of modern life are only symptoms our separation from God." **St. Paisios of Athos (+1994)**

Whoever has known the love of God loves the whole world and never murmurs against his fate, for the burden of sorrow for the sake of God gains eternal joy. **St. Silouan the Athonite**

Locusts, wars, droughts and disease, they are all scourges. This is not God's way of educating human beings; it is, rather, the result of our moving away from Him. Scourges happen when we stray from God. His wrath then comes to make us remember Him and ask for His help. It's not that He arranges and orders, so to speak, these calamities. Rather, God allows them to happen because He sees how far human evil can go, and how unwilling we are to change our ways. This is His way of bringing us to our senses. But it is not something that He has arranged; rather, it is the natural result of our own self-will, of our own actions.

St. Paisios the Athonite

Photos of our Mission

More work on the Chapel in Moses Lake



