

July 28, 2019
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Gal. 1: 11-19
John 10: 1- 9

Sun. July 28, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sun. Aug. 4, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sun. Aug. 11, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sun. Aug. 18, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Mon. Aug. 19, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Transfiguration

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| <p>Reader Schedule: Sun. July 28 - Greg Kuzmenchuk Sun. Aug. 4 - Cynthia Neff Sun. Aug. 11 - Kurtus Lauser Sun. Aug. 18 - Wesley Hatch</p> |
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The Prophet Elijah was one of the greatest of the prophets, born of the tribe of Levi, around 900 BC. His name means "Lord's Strength", and from his youth he spent his life in the wilderness, in fasting, meditation, and prayer. In adulthood he was called into prophetic service under the Israelite King Ahab. During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their fathers, abandoning worshipping one god and turning to pagan idols. The worship of Baal led the Israelites towards complete moral decay.

Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began denouncing King Ahab and his wife Jezebel for their impiety, exhorting them to repent and turn to the true God. But the king would not listen. So the Prophet Elijah forecast a drought that would cease only through his prayer. And indeed there befell a terrible drought and famine throughout the land.

During this time of tribulation the Lord took pity on the suffering nation, and was about to forgive all and send rain upon the earth, but did not want to annul the prophecy of Elijah to repentant, so sent him away to the Stream of Horath, where ravens brought food to eat daily. But after three years of this drought the Lord decided to bring an end to the misfortune, and sent the prophet back, who proposed the building of two sacrificial altars, one for Baal and the other for the Israelite God, "upon which one comes down fire from heaven indicates the one true God."

Morning to night the Baal prophets offered sacrifice on their altar, but in vain the heavens were silent. Elijah made his altar of wood in a ditch of water upon 12 stones for the 12 tribes of Israel. Towards evening he prayed for God to send down fire from heaven to return the wayward people, and indeed fire did come down and light the wood - stones and water inclusive - with the people crying out, "In truth is the Lord the one true God, and there is no other besides him!"

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the Prophet Elijah. While grieving over his failure to eradicate idol-worship, Elijah was visited by an angel, who sent him on a forty-day journey to a cave in Mount Horeb, where, following a terrible storm and an earthquake the Lord appeared as a burst of flame in a gentle wind, revealing 7,000 faithful servants. Elijah cast off his robe on one of them, Elisha, anointing him into prophetic service, then made his historical departure, riding off into heaven in a chariot with fiery wheels harnessed by four winged horses.

Birthdays:

Aug. 1 - Stephen Gbur
Aug. 2 - Darren Domsohn, Cynthia Neff,
Pru Vito

Upcoming Events:

Sisterhood Kitchen Cleaning

July 31, Wed. 10am - 12, in the Church Kitchen
Aug 7, Wed. 10am - 12, in the Church Kitchen

Ukrainian foods for sale

Pierogies potato & cheese- \$6
Cherry or Apple Pierogies - \$5
Nut Rolls - \$12, Kielbasi -\$7

Prayer Corner:

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| <p><i>For the Health of:</i> Fr. Nick Dilendorf, Erin Bove, Salwa, Richard Ziegler, Bill Brown, Sandy Knisley, Peter Roccia</p> |
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July Charity

SPCA - West Chester branch

Anniversaries:

July 29 - Aaron & Katie Thomas

Notices:

Priest Update

Fr. Nick Dilendorf underwent back surgery in Chicago on July 2. Everything went well. He is resting and expecting a 4 week recovery. He will start at Holy Ghost August 11. Fr. Anthony Ugolnik will serve our parish until then. Fr. Nick's address:

1806 S. 49 Ct.
Cicero, IL. 60804

Church Hall Use

We have offered to help a sister Coatesville Parish, First Calvary Church of Christ (Wagontown Rd, Rock Run). Their Church has serious mold and structural issues and they are currently soliciting bids for the repairs, which look to be very costly. They will be using our Church Hall on Sundays for the foreseeable future. Members will be coming in at 11:30 to help set up for their Service, which will start at noon. Please be flexible and understanding as we give a helping hand to a fellow parish. Thanks, Greg

St. Anastasia Sisterhood needs HELP

All church members, we are asking if you could spare 2 hours 1 day a week to help clean out the church kitchen. The next work session is Wednesday July 31, 10am - noon. Call Illaria 610-383-4478 or show-up.

Bulletin Additions

For bulletin additions please contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 9 pm