

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church
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Gospel: Matt.8:5-13

**July 18, 2021 – Fathers of the 1st Six
Ecumenical Councils.**

Rom.6:18-23

Schedule of Services

**Sunday, July 18, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 20, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. – Holy Prophet Elijah**

**Saturday, July 24, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 25, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

We are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelopes.

We have received our insurance premium which we pay quarterly nearly \$3,200.00 also other utility bills and we need your help especial during the summer to meet our financial obligations.

Special Church Committee Meeting will be held this Monday, July 19 at 5:45 p.m. All members of the Church and St. Michael's Center are asked to attend.

St. Michael's Church Committee & Windsor Inn & Jermyn Sesquicentennial Committee will have a special meeting on Monday, July 26 at 5:45 p.m. to finalize plans for the Jermyn Sesquicentennial Dinner to be held at St. Michael's Center, on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

Following a joint meeting held on Tuesday, July 6, between St. Michael's Church Committee and Windsor Inn, we have scheduled a **one day, modified parish festival & Classic Car Show** to be held on Sunday, September 26. More information will be forthcoming. **Please mark this date on your calendar of events!**

A Special Thank You to Brad Given for directing our Church choir this morning. Seminarian Brad Given who will be entering into his final year at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary in the fall of this year and he has agreed to be our summer intern.

A Special Thank You for prayers offered for Peter Senio who is recovering from hip surgery and has returned back to be a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. **Please send Peter a get-well card.**

Please note: The water at our St. Michael's Church Cemetery has been fixed and turned on for the season. Please be careful by turning off the water after being used. **May our Lord give eternal rest to our departed Church family.**

If your Church Dues are in arrears, please make an effort to send them to the Church. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: "When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angel of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames." The name Elijah (the Lord's strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth, he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.

The life of the holy Prophet Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (3 Kings; 4 Kings; Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58). At the time of the Transfiguration, the Prophet Elijah conversed with the Savior upon Mount Tabor (Mt. 17: 3; Mark 9: 4; Luke. 9: 30).

Orthodox Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Russia, built at Kiev under Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism Saint Olga (July 11) built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in her native region, at the village of Vibuta. In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. **We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.**