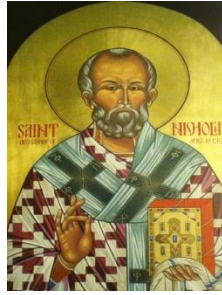


# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## SUNDAY JULY 31, 2016

### Parish Calendar

**Sunday, July 31 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Tone 5 and Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book pp. 93 and 164**

**Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16                      Gospel: John 17:1-13**

**Tuesday, August 2 – Feast of the Holy Prophet Elias (*no vespers Monday evening*)**

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Blue Pew Book p. 165

Epistle: James 5:10-20

Gospel: Luke 4: 22-30

**Sunday, August 7 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Dormition of Saint Anna**

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 6

Blue Pew Book – pp. 96-98

*Note: blessing of vehicles will take place following Liturgy next Sunday (8/7). If you would like your car blessed, please bring it as close as you can to the church. Thank you!*

**Confessions:** Before/after scheduled services or by appointment.

**Upcoming Feasts:** Holy Prophet Elias – July 20 / August 2  
Transfiguration of our Lord – August 6 / 19

*Please Keep in Your Prayers*

*Living:* Fr. Paul Herbert, Fr. Lawrence Barriger, Fr. James Gleason, Fr. Tom Kadlec, Fr. George Dursa, Fr. Donald Valasek. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Anna Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Stephanie Bonk. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Bob Chalk. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Robert Hawley. Madelyn Hodanich. Johnny Huniyack. Lorraine Kacaba. Anna Mae Kuklis. John Lange. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Patricia Snell. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Eugene Vaskalis.

*At home:* Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Anna Senich.

*Assisted Living:* Julie Roberts. Marion Sosnowski. Kathryn Stocoski. Delores Naglak. Mary Kneiss.

*Eternal light:* In memory of Donald Naglak given by Delores Naglak.

**Parish News and Information**

**FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!**

**Ongoing Food Collection Project:**

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet. As you may know, the funding for the Bread Basket of NEPA has been cut, and they rely on donations to help families in need. We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and we need your help to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

*“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **for I was hungry and you gave Me food...**”*

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:  
JULY 17, 2016**

\$490.00	General Collection
\$73.00	7 Day Light
\$2.00	Holy Days
\$186.00	Church Dues
\$10.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$10.00	Tapered Candles
\$14.00	<u>Eternal Light</u>
<b>\$785.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

<b>FALL 2016 PIROHI DATES</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY PREP</b>	<b>THURSDAY PINCHING</b>	<b>FRIDAY SALES</b>
September 28	September 29	September 30
October 5	October 6	October 7
October 19	October 20	October 21
November 2	November 3	November 4
November 16	November 17	November 18
November 30	December 1	December 2
December 14	December 15	December 16

**This morning there is a social to meet Father Daniel immediately following the Divine Liturgy.** Please come over to the hall to enjoy some great fellowship!

#### News Around the Diocese

**National Senior ACRY Announces First Mission Trip to St. Herman's House** (info from <http://www.acrod.org>): With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Gregory, the National Senior ACRY is pleased to announce the first Sr. ACRY mission trip to Saint Herman's House in Cleveland, Ohio in an ongoing effort in the ACRY to provide opportunities for hands-on mission work. With the success of ACRY Ambassador Daniel Coffman's Real Break Trip to Saint Herman's, the national board has decided to spend a weekend helping at the house. Saint Herman's House was founded in 1977 with the purpose to provide shelter, clothing, and food to the homeless men of the greater Cleveland area. At any given time, they can house up to 28 men and provide more than 73000 meals a year.

The mission trip to Saint Herman's House has been inspired by the Jr. ACRY and their countless trips to Saint John the Compassionate in Toronto. With this visit, the National ACRY hopes to encourage the faithful of the Diocese to volunteer their time and talents to help those less fortunate.

For those who are interested, the National Board is currently seeking a team of 12 volunteers to help at Saint Herman's House during the weekend of August 12-14. If you wish to know more information about the trip or to volunteer, please contact Father Peter Paproski at [rppaproski@gmail.com](mailto:rppaproski@gmail.com) or 203-375-2564. If you wish to know more about Saint Herman's House, their website is [www.sainthermans.com](http://www.sainthermans.com) or contact Daniel Coffman at [dpc693@yahoo.com](mailto:dpc693@yahoo.com).

**Beetreat!** – Pan Orthodox Youth Retreat led by Steve Christoforou (from *Be the Bee* Series on YouTube) on August 27, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM at Saint Michael's Orthodox Church in Binghamton! To register please go online asap to: [bethebee.goarch.org/retreats](http://bethebee.goarch.org/retreats).

## *The Lives of the Saints*

### Holy Prophet Elijah

Account From: The Prologue of Ohrid: Volume Two (July – December)

Tropar and Kondak from: Blue Pew Book (p. 165)

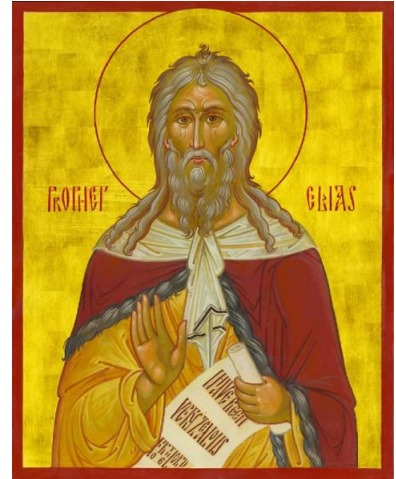
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#### **Troparion – Tone 4**

The glorious Elias, incarnate messenger of God, pillar of Prophets, and second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, sent grace from on high to Eliseus, that he might cleanse lepers and heal sickness for all those who honor him.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 2**

O Prophet, who foresaw the mighty deeds of our God, O great Elias who through your prayers stopped rain, intercede for us with the only One Who loves mankind.



“Prophet Elias – the God-seer, miracle-worker and zealot for faith in God – was born of the tribe of Aaron in the town of Tishba, for which he was called the Tishbite. When Elias was born, his father Sabbas saw angels of God hovering around the child, wrapping the child in fire and feeding him flames – a foreshadowing of Elias’ fiery character and his God-given fiery power. He spent his entire youth in divine contemplation and prayer, withdrawing frequently into the wilderness to contemplate and pray in tranquility. At that time the Jewish kingdom was divided into two unequal parts: the kingdom of Judah consisting of only two tribes - the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, with their capital in Jerusalem; and the kingdom of Israel consisting of the remaining ten tribes, with their capital in Samaria. The former was governed by the descendants of Solomon, and the latter was governed by the descendents of Jeroboam, a servant of Solomon. The greatest confrontation that the prophet Elias had was with the Israelite King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel, for they worshiped idols and were turning the people away from serving the One Living God. In addition Jezebel, a Syrian, persuaded her husband to erect a temple to the Syrian god Baal and appointed many priests to the service of this false god. Through great miracles Elias displayed the power and authority of God. He closed up the heavens, so that there was no rain for three years and six months; he called fire down from heaven to consume the sacrifice to God, which the pagan priests were unable to do for the false god, Baal; he brought rain by his prayer; he miraculously multiplied flour and oil in the home of the widow at Zarephath, and resurrected her son; he prophesied to Ahab that the dogs would lick up his blood, and to Jezebel that the dogs would consume her flesh – all of which came to pass; and he performed many other miracles, and prophesied other events as well. He spoke with God, and heard the voice of God in the calm after the wind, earthquake and fire on Mount Horeb. Before his death, he designated Elisha (Eliseus) as his successor in the prophetic calling; and, with his mantle, he divided the waters of the Jordan. Finally, he was taken up into the heavens in a fiery chariot drawn by fiery horses. On Mount Tabor he appeared together with Moses beside our Lord Jesus Christ. At the end of the world, Elias will appear again to put an end to the power of Antichrist (Revelation 11).”