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Vol. 84 No. 1986 **Sunday, August 2nd, 2026**

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



The Feast of the Prophet Elijah

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Blessing of Vehicles after Liturgy

Resurrection Tone 8

Tropar & Kondak:

pages 102-104 & 164-165

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 &

James 5:10-20

Gospels: Matthew 14:22-34 &

Luke 4: 22-30

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Services for the week of August 2nd

Wed. 8/05 … ***Moleben to Saint Nectarios with anointing……..……6:00 pm***

Sat. 8/08 … ***The Crowning of Marriage of Alex and Heather Stahl……..…..12:00 noon***

No vespers scheduled

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Sunday, August 9th, 2026

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy and Great Martyr Panteleimon

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday – 9:00 am

Panachida for ***+Kathryn Chupka and Nicholas Don, and John P. Chupko*** offered by Kathryn Oravec; ***+Helen Spanovich; +George Dzura***; ***+Anastasia and Peter Koban*** offered by their children; ***+Walter Podolak (40th Day)*** offered by the Podolak Family; ***+Stephen Schaffer; Ruth, Paul, and Paul Denny Pavlik; +Shirley Yurosko Koval (12th Anniversary)*** offered by daughter, Susan Koval; ***+Michael and Mary Pavlik (Birthday Remembrance)*** offered by Roger Pavlik; and ***+Darby Sprincz*** offered by the Matolyak Family

Resurrection Tone 1 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 81-83

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospels: Matthew 17:14-22

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Tue. 8/11 … +Elizabeth Berezonsky, +John Sr. and John Lanko Jr. Anthony and Eva Franchak offered by Eva O'Savage; and +David, John, Agnes, Joseph and Sarah Lipnick offered by Mary Lipnick

Wed. 8/12 … +John, Helen, John, Anna, Mary, Mary, Stephen, Glenn, Stephen, Stephen and Ignaty offered by John Hobor; and +Evelyn Kozar offered by Michael and Diana Pirich..8:00 am

Sat. 8/15 … Komisar Family – Parents, Helen and Nicholas, Brothers - John and Michael, Sisters and Husbands - Mary and Stephen Chizmar, Helen and Samuel Smith, Olga Windmueller, Grandson Frank Rolley, Niece Gwendolyn Dutton; and Andrew and Theresa Kerestesy..8:00 am

Great Vespers……..4:00 pm

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The Dormition Fast Begins Friday August 14th through Thursday August 27th

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Sunday, August 16th, 2026

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Venerable Isaacof Constantinople

Divine Liturgy– 9:00 am

Panachida for ***+Darby Sprincz*** offered by Carol Devine***; +Larry Buksa*** offered by Joe and Patricia Kemetz ***+Michael and Mary Jagar; +Pani Mary Dutko*** offered by Msgr. Stephen Dutko; ***+Mary and Edward Tavalsky*** offered by their children ***+James Buchkoski; +Catherine Dedianko*** offered by Patricia Dedianko; ***+John Homyak, Jr.*** offered by Carol Devine; ***+Olga Dzura*** offered by Pani Kathy Buczak; ***+Mary Muchesko*** offered by the Muchesko family; ***+Mary Horner, Michael and Mary Morochko, Ann Kmec and Mary Ruth Horner*** offered by Ruth Horner; ***+Andrew and Katherine Kesselak*** (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance), and the departed members of the Kesselak Family: ***+Mary John, Veronica, Andrew, Mary, Mark, Nicholas and Elizabeth, Steve, Mary, Pauline, Ruby and Michael, and Johnny*** offered by Kay and Nick Timko and the Kesselak Family; +Departed Cathedral Altar Society Members; ***+Daniel Korinko; +Nicholas and Julie Mosorjak***;

Resurrection Tone 2- Tropar & Kondak: pages 84-86

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Gospels: Matthew 18:23-35

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Services for the week of August 16th

Tuesday, August 18 … Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration – 4:00 pm

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Wednesday, August 19th, 2026

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Blessing of Grapes & Fruit

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-19 Tropar & Kondak: Pages 166-169 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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Thur. 8/20 … +Nicholas Timko offered by the family (Parastas)……9:00 am
Fri. 8/21 … Rt. Rev Peter E. Molchany offered by Dr. Ernest Molchany…..……..…8:00 am

Sat. 8/22 … Great Vespers……..4:00 pm

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Melanie Timko (8/3), and Zachary Timko Jr. (8/3) Clair Nash (8/4), Dorothy Hammers (8/8), and Anastasia Wisnosky (8/10) Santino Bellich (8/11), Dr. Lindsay Matolyak (8/12), Dorothy Laichak (8/13), Joshua Luciew (8/13) Robert Muchesko (8/14), James Buczak (8/14).*** You were remembered in Proskomedia!

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GRADUATE HONORS:

ANASTASIA BENC - earned her Educational Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in School Psychology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. During the 2025-26 school year, she completed a year-long internship with Pittsburgh Public Schools, gaining comprehensive experience serving diverse student populations. Anastasia is now a Nationally Certified School Psychologist providing psychological and educational support service to students in grade K-12. She is the daughter of Protodeacon Gregory and Tammy Benc and the granddaughter of George and Evelyn Evanisko.

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A.C.R.Y. News

Please join us for the next Chapter meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Cathedral auditorium. The National ACRY Family and Friends Commemorative Grand Banquet booklet ads will be offered until August 9, 2026. Patrons and Memorials are $10.00 and Boosters are $5.00. Please see Rose Ann after Divine Liturgy. We thank you for your continued support. ACRY Chapter #20.

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY – SATURDAY'S KITCHEN

As part of our fundraiser, a Love Tree, has been set up in the vestibule of the church. Please take an envelope from the tree and place your donation into the box located next to the tree. Your gift helps to provide the needs of the 24 food pantries in the Johnstown area, St. Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army, and daily and weekend meals at the local soup kitchen. May God bless you!
With love and appreciation – ***Joan and Ron Bost and the entire Saturday's Kitchen board.***

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PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak	Arianna Jade Miller	Frank and Daniel Porembka	Matushka Mary Margaret	Cindy LaBarr
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***You have never really lived*
until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back

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SAINT PANTELEIMON



His parents were Eustorgius of Nicomedia, a pagan, and Saint Eubula (March 30). They named him *Pantaleon,* which means *in all things like a lion,* but when he converted to Christianity, he changed his name to *Panteleimon*, which means *all-merciful.* He learned about Christianity from the priest who later baptized him, Saint Hermolaus. Hermolaus was living with two other priests, Hermippus and Hermocrates; the three were "survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303 (December 28)."[1]

St. Panteleimon had been educated as a physician, and soon he devoted all his talent to serving the poor. He "dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge, healing them in the name of Jesus Christ. He visited those held captive in prison. These were usually Christians, and he healed them of their wounds. In a short time, reports of the charitable physician spread throughout the city. Forsaking the other doctors, the inhabitants began to turn only to St. Panteleimon."[1]

Other physicians brought his case before the Emperor Maximian. St. Panteleimon confessed to being a Christian and refused to offer sacrifice to the state gods.

"[He] suggested that a sick person, for whom the doctors held out no hope, should be brought before the emperor. Then the doctors could invoke their gods, and Panteleimon would pray to his God to heal the man. A man paralyzed for many years was brought in, and pagan priests who knew the art of medicine invoked their gods without success. Then, before the very eyes of the emperor, the saint healed the paralytic by calling on the name of Jesus Christ. The ferocious Maximian executed the healed man, and gave St. Panteleimon over to fierce torture."[1]

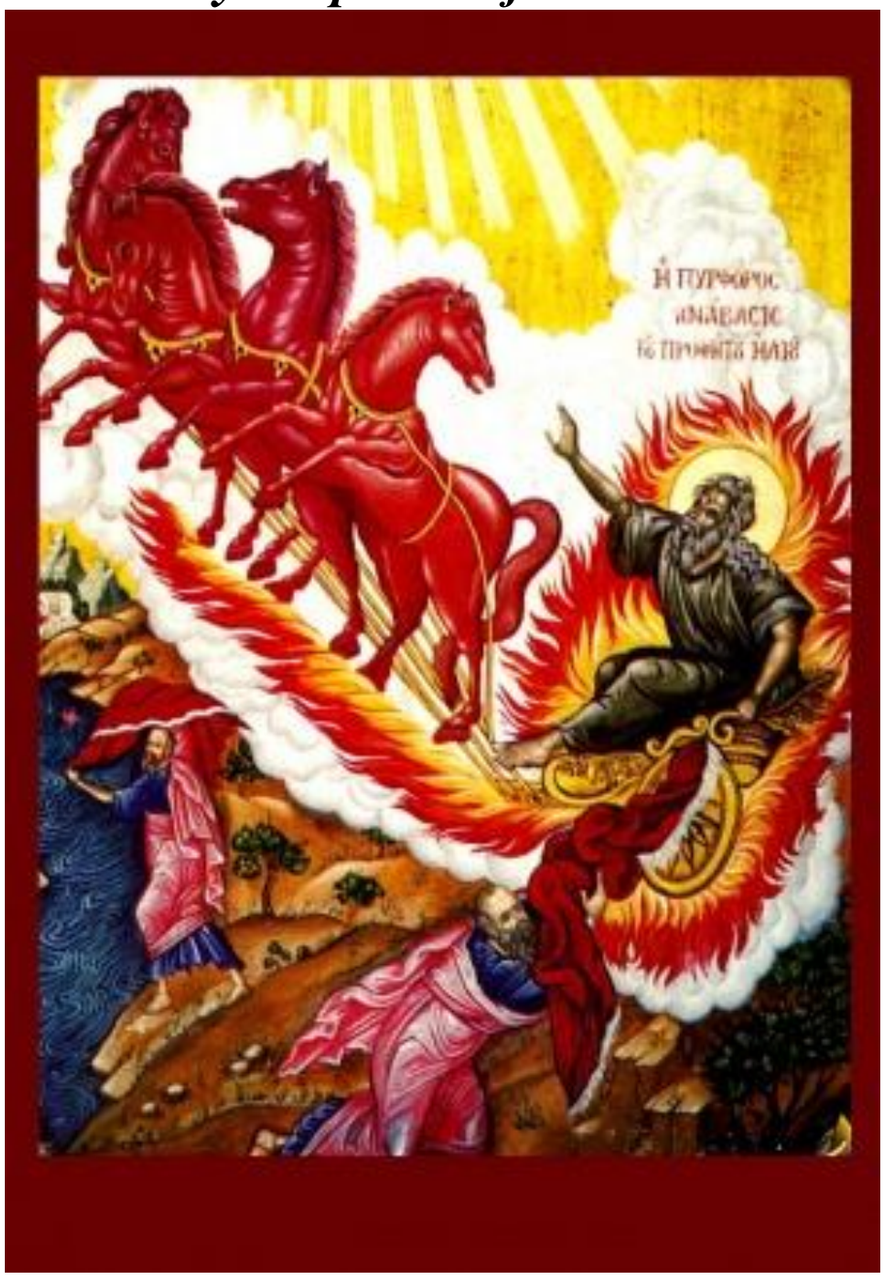
Hermolaus, Hermippus, and Hermocrates were brought forth; they confessed and were beheaded. Throughout the many tortures, St. Panteleimon remained untouched. Enraged, Maximian ordered that St. Panteleimon be beheaded. The soldiers took him to an olive tree, but when they struck him while he was praying, the sword melted like wax. After he finished his prayer, "a Voice was heard from Heaven, calling the passion-bearer by his new name and summoning him to the heavenly Kingdom."[1] He instructed the soldiers to rise from their knees where they had fallen in fear and to complete the execution. After they followed his instruction, the olive tree became covered with fruit.

Although his body was thrown into a fire, it came out unharmed and was buried by Christians. His head is located on the island of Andros at the Panachrantos monastery[2] and, on occassions, is taken to other monasteries for veneration. Some of his relics can be found at the Putna Monastery (Bucovina, Romania), as well as in the Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Constanţa, Romania.

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The Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite



Elijah is first introduced in 1 Kings 17:1 as delivering a message from God to Ahab, king of Israel. He is sometimes known as the "Tishbite," being from the town of Tishbe. Having delivered his message to Ahab, he retired at the command of God to a hiding-place by the brook Cherith, beyond Jordan, where he was fed by ravens. When the brook dried up God sent him to the widow of Zarephath, a city of Zidon, from whose scanty store he was supported for the space of two years. During this period the widow's son died, and was restored to life by Elijah.

During these two years a famine prevailed in the land. At the close of this period of retirement and of preparation for his work, Elijah met Obadiah, one of Ahab's officers, whom he had sent out to seek for pasturage for the cattle, and bade him go and tell his master that Elijah was there. The king came and met Elijah, and reproached him as the "troubler of Israel." It was then proposed that sacrifices should be publicly offered, for the purpose of determining whether Baal or the Israelite God was the true God. This was done on Mount Carmel; the result was that a miracle took place convincing those watching that Baal was false and that the Israelite God was real. The prophets of Baal were then put to death by the order of Elijah.

Jezebel, enraged at the fate that had befallen her priests of Baal, threatened to put Elijah to death. He therefore fled in alarm to Beersheba, and went alone into the wilderness, and sat down in despondency under a juniper tree. As he slept, an angel touched him, and said unto him, "Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee." He arose and found a cake and a cruse of water. Having partaken of the provision, he went forward on his way for forty days to Horeb, where he took residence in a cave. Here God appeared to him and said, "What dost thou here, Elijah?" In answer to Elijah's despondent words God manifests to him his glory, and then directs him to return to Damascus and anoint Hazael king over the Arameans (Syria), Jehu king over Israel, and Elisha to be prophet in his room.

Some six years after this, he warned Ahab and Jezebel of the violent deaths they would die. He also, four years afterwards, warned Ahaziah, who had succeeded his father Ahab, of his approaching death. During these intervals he probably withdrew to some quiet retirement, no one knew where. His interview with Ahaziah's messengers on the way to Ekron, and the account of the destruction of his captains with their fifties, suggest the idea that he may have been in retirement at this time on Mount Carmel. The Carmelites have a tradition that they were founded by Elijah at this time.

The time now drew near when he was to be taken up into heaven. He went down to Gilgal, where there was a school of prophets, and where his successor Elisha, whom he had anointed some years before, resided. Elisha was distraught by the thought of his master's leaving him, and refused to be parted from him. The two went on and came to Bethel and Jericho, and crossed the Jordan, the waters of which were "divided hither and thither" when smitten with Elijah's mantle. Upon arriving at the borders of Gilead, which Elijah had left many years before, it "came to pass as they still went on and talked" they were suddenly separated by a chariot and horses of fire; and "Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven," Elisha receiving his mantle, which fell from Elijah as he ascended.

Elijah's chosen successor was the Prophet Elisha; Elijah designated Elisha as such by leaving his mantle with him, so that his wish for "a double portion" of the older prophet's spirit, an allusion to the preference shown the first-born son in the division of the father's estate, had been fulfilled.

Elijah is frequently mentioned in the New Testament. In John 1:25 the priests and Levites said to John the Baptist, "Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah?" Paul (Romans 11:2) refers to an incident in his history to illustrate his argument that God had not cast away his people.

Elijah was similar to John the Baptist in the sternness and power of his reproofs. According to Saint Matthew (11:11), he was the Elijah that "must first come" (Matt. 11:11, 14). In John the Baptist one can see "the same connection with a wild and wilderness country; the same long retirement in the desert; the same sudden, startling entrance on his work; even the same dress, a hairy garment, and a leather girdle about the loins."

Also, Elijah's appearance in glory on Mount Tabor at the Transfiguration does not seem to have startled the disciples. They were "sore afraid," but not apparently surprised. According to prophecies of the holy Fathers, God will send Elijah and Enoch before the coming of the Antichrist to bear witness for Christ on the earth and to strengthen the faithful.