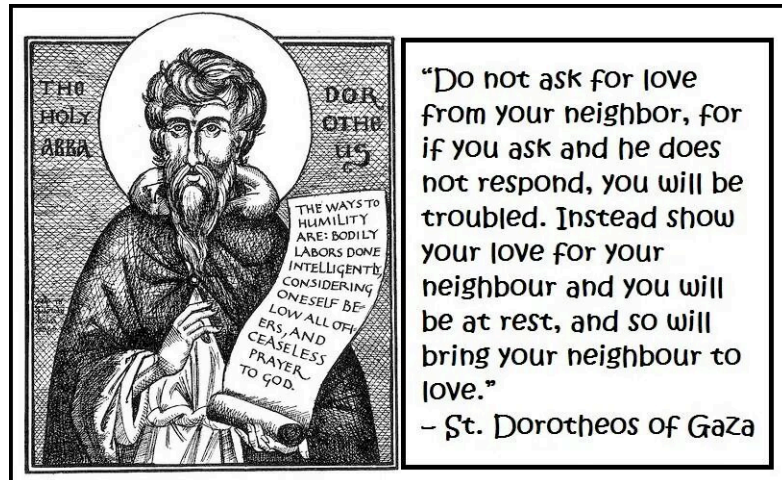


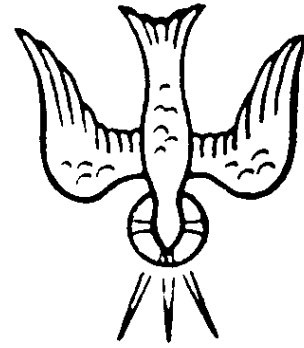
**:: The Holy Prophet Elisha (Elisseus) ::**

On June 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Prophet Elisseus (Elisha).

Elisseus lived nine hundred years before Christ. When the Lord took the aged Prophet Elias in a fiery chariot to Himself, He revealed to him that He had designated Elisseus, the son of Shaphat of the tribe of Reuben from the town of Abel-Meholah, as his successor in the prophetic service. Elias informed Elisseus of God's will and draped him with his mantle and implored from God the two-fold grace of prophecy for him. Elisseus, by his purity and zeal, prophesied with yet a greater power and prolificacy than Elias. He parted the waters of the Jordan as Moses once parted the Red Sea; he made drinkable the bitter waters in Jericho; he brought forth water into the excavated trenches during the war with the Moabites; he multiplied the oil in the pots of the poor widow; he resurrected the dead son of the Shunammite woman; he fed a hundred people with twenty small loaves of bread; and much more. Elisseus died at a very old age.



*Any announcements for the Sunday bulletin? Please submit by Wednesday each week to Fr. Andrew, by email or phone. If you are not on the church's email list and would like to be, please let Fr. Andrew know.*



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**Sunday, June 14, 2015 – The Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Prophet Elisha (Elisseus)**

**Matins: 9:00 AM :: Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM**

**Epistle Reader:** Mike Kasap

**Holy Bread/Coffee Hour:** John and Melanie Thompson

**Next Week's Holy Bread/Coffee Hour:** Ron and Dottie Malooley

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1):**

The stone being sealed by the Jews, and Thy pure body being guarded by the soldiers, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world! Wherefore the Heavenly powers acclaimed Thee, O Giver of Life, crying: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy gracious providence, O Thou only Lover of mankind.

**Troparion of the Prophet Elisseus (Tone 4):**

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

**Troparion of St. George the Great Martyr (Tone 4):**

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

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### **Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone 2):**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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### **The Epistle and Gospel Readings**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (2:10-16)**

Brethren: glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:18-23)**

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

*For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website, [www.stgeorgeorthodox.org](http://www.stgeorgeorthodox.org).*

#### **Upcoming Events and Services:**

- **The Apostles' Fast** continues through June 28. This is one of the four fasting seasons of the year, so if you are able, please refrain from meat.
  - **This Saturday, June 20:** Baptism of Andrew Ivan Rowan, 12pm; Vespers, 6pm
  - **Next Sunday, June 21:** Matins, 9am and Divine Liturgy, 10am. Holy Bread/Coffee Hour: Ron and Dottie Malooley; Epistle Reader: Mark Kerasotes
  - **Also next Sunday:** Monthly Parish Council meeting, after coffee hour.
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**Thank you** to Mark Kerasotes and Mike Kasap for helping out last week with our event at the Free Family Fun Fest in La Salle. We were able to serve local children and families in the name of Christ, and the rain held off for most of the afternoon!

**Summer Conventions.** Mark your calendars: Our **Diocesan Parish Life Conference** will be held in Grand Rapids, MI, June 24-28 this year, and the national Archdiocese Convention is July 20-28 in Boston. **If you are planning to go to Grand Rapids this month, please make sure you have made your hotel reservations! See Fr. Andrew or Ron Malooley if you have any questions.**

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#### **Congratulations to our 2015 graduates:**

- **Thane Kaleel** (son of David and Gretel), from Mendota High School. He starts at the University of Illinois in August.
- **Brianna Kaleel** (daughter of David and Gretel), from IVCC with an associates degree. She will begin her junior year this August at Illinois State.
- **Tyler Thompson** (son of John and Melanie), from Bradley University in Peoria
- **Daya Desai** (granddaughter of Richard and Bette Malooley), from Dryfoos High School in Florida
- **Georgia Kapetaneas** (daughter of Leo and Christina), as valedictorian of her Eighth Grade class at Holy Family Catholic School in Oglesby
- **Devin Soldati** (grandson of Richard and Bette Malooley), from Eighth Grade at Peru Catholic School

*Anyone else graduating in 2015? Please get the information to Fr. Andrew for inclusion in next week's bulletin.*