

July 16, 2023 / T one 6  
Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils  
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



### Saint Elijah the Prophet

We commemorate the glorious prophet Elijah on July 20. On this day, we remember the prophet whose words closed the heavens and initiated a drought to punish sinful Israel, and who later prayed for the heavens to open after Israel returned to the Lord. A small cloud rose up out of the Mediterranean, and that small cloud unleashed torrents of rain on the thirsty land. The little cloud is seen by the Fathers as foreshadowing the humble Virgin Mary, whose Son saved the human race.

Elijah's story is related in the Bible in 1 Kings, chapters 17-21, and again at the beginning of 2 Kings. He is the last of the great prophets in Israel, and because of his ascension into heaven as a living man, the Jews awaited his return to announce the Messiah (Malachi 3:19). Elijah appears in Jewish midrash and in the

Talmud with many stories of him intervening in the world. An empty place is set for him at the Passover table so that he can come and announce the coming of the Messiah. In the Churches of the Byzantine tradition, this ancient Jewish practice has resulted in the practice of an empty place being set for Elijah at the Holy Supper on Christmas Eve, so that he can announce the birth of Christ.

Elijah is the spiritual father of the Carmelite Order; European ascetics lived on Mount Carmel during the Crusade era and wore a white habit slashed by black

marks which were seen as the wheel-marks from his chariot. Tradition claims that Carmel was home to a school of prophets who would come from the wilderness to chastise and warn Israel. The caves however had been long abandoned before the Catholic men settled here for lives of prayer and silence, in imitation of Elijah who went away from the world. Saint Albert of Jerusalem gave these men, the hermits of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, their first Rule in 1209-1214. In 1238, the Carmelite friars were driven out by the Muslim re-conquest of the Holy Land, and they took their Elijah and Marian traditions with them to Europe. The Carmelites are known especially for the devotion of the wearing of the Brown Scapular, a small version of their habit, which depicts the image of Carmel on end and that of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Christ Child handing the scapular to Saint Simon Stock.

In the Evangelization of pagan Europe, St. Elias the Prophet pushed aside both Greek and Slavic gods. The Byzantine emperors Zeno (5th century) and Basil I (9th century) both promoted devotion to the prophet of Mt. Carmel, emphasizing his role regarding the weather. As a result, Elijah came to be invoked for rain during droughts, and for protection against thunder and lightning during storms.

### Car Blessings:

Because Elijah was taken up into heaven in a chariot, he became the patron of wheeled vehicles. Wagons and carts – so important in the agricultural society of Eastern Europe – were blessed on his feast day. From there, it was an easy transition to bless cars, trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles. The prayer of blessing vehicles asks for heavenly blessings on vehicles and people, guardian angels to protect all, and that we use our cars etc. in the proper spirit.

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Our Gifts to the Lord

May the Lord Bless your kindness and  
generosity to His House!

**ONLINE GIVING / ONLINE TITHING**

is available on our website:

For those parishioners who can't attend in person or traveling or anyone who find this more convenient, we just set up a new way to tithe online using your credit card or debit card information. You can do a one-time donation or set-up weekly donations!! You will receive a receipt and statement immediately after donating. The software takes a very small percentage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease of the system. You can donate using your computer / smartphone at: [ps://www.olphnm.org/giving](https://www.olphnm.org/giving).

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm  
Thursday OFF

**THEOSIS:** 2nd & 4th Thursday  
Bible Study 6:45 pm / Zoom

**Advisory Board**

Fr. Chris Zuger, Dan Riley, Rafael Plut,  
Jeff Brewer, Michael Grega, Alicia Wells

**Finance Council**

Matthew Blain, Maria Alden

**Confession (Mystery of  
Reconciliation):**

9:00—10:00 am on Sundays, before or  
after weekday Liturgies, or by appoint-  
ment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/  
Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in  
advance.  
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning:**

Must be arranged six months in  
advance  
(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Sick and Shut-Ins:** It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

**Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!**

***Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35 and Hebrews 13:7-16; John 17:1-13***

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Festal Matins & Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends / Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Marie Wofford / Chrismation and Forst Holy Communion to Henry Wofford  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
- July 17 Mon** ***Marina Great Martyr / 1 Cor 9:13-18; Mt 16:1-6***  
9:00 am +Mary Marlene & +Joseph Richard Santos by Shari
- July 18 Tue** ***Hyacinth and Emilian Martyrs / 1 Cor 10:5-12; Mt 16:6-12***  
9:00 am Blessing on Shana and Mady Davis by Shari
- July 19 Wed** ***Macrina Venerable / 1 Cor 10:12-22; Mt 16:20-24***  
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions  
6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of Litija / Blessing of Cars  
Healing and Salvation of Christopher Webb and his family
- July 20 Thu** ***Elijah Great Prophet / Simple Holy Day / James 5:10-20; Lk 4:22-30***
- July 21 Fri** ***Simeon and John Venerables / 1 Cor 11:8-22; Mt 17:10-18***  
 9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas  
6:00 pm +William & Rosemary Frank by Svenssons
- July 22 Sat** ***Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles / Rom 13:1-10; Mt 12:30-37***  
9:00 am (masks required) All Souls by Svenssons
- July 23 Sun** ***8th Sunday After Pentecost / 1 Cor 1:10-18; Mt 14:14-22***  
4:00 pm Great Vespers / YouTube LIVE  
5:00 pm God's Blessing on Olivia Nicole by Pam Pettit  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Numbers 15:32-36; Sirach 13:1-21; Jeremiah 2:26-32
- YouTube LIVE** 8:30 am Rosary  
9:00 am Matins & Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends / Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Francis Padilla / Blessing of Cars  
5:30 pm Ask A Priest  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

**YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING:** OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <https://youtube.com/c/olphmedia>. Please click the "Subscribe" button to make it easier for you to find the channel in the future. Please, send your feedback about the quality of the live stream / comments / suggestions to Dan Riley: [riley.dan@gmail.com](mailto:riley.dan@gmail.com)

### **Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers:**

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify your might divine

Sharif Rabadi	Buster Miscusi	Paola Terlaza
Jenny Ford	Barbara De Lap	Ruth Sousa
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Linda Granci
Sven & Barbara	Soriah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Svensson	Abraham Haddad	Christopher
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Barlow
Brent Dodson-	Lori Medina	Jordan Smith
Sands	Michael Baron	Janet Worthing-
Lara Davis	Gabriel Preisler	ton
Carol Donlin	Jessica Pieniadz	Patti Klinkovsky
Marcie Dark	Rhonda	Matt Williamson
Jesse Hebert	Glasscock	James Epstein
Fr Chris Zuger	Amber Roybal	Katy Ford
Fr Chris Andrews	Philip Leahy	Alton & Barbara
Fr Robert Rankin	Juanita Montoya	Bertschinger
	Jacob McTernan	

### **Intentions of the Rosary:**

- 1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

### **Holy Father's Intentions July For a Eucharistic Life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

"According to your faith let it be done to you!" Jesus met the blind men who cried to him for mercy, and he brought them healing. The Church continues this ministry of healing. Are you being called to take part in this ministry in a special way? Discerning a life of healing in monasticism or holy orders could be your calling. To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



Vocation Icon

Today: Montano Family  
Next Sunday: Wyatt Family

**July 23, 2023**

Cantor: Evie Jilek  
Reader: Michael Wells  
Altar Server: Michael Grega  
Trojca: Eva Riley  
Counters: Rita Montano &  
Miles Gloetzner

**Propers for 7/23/2023  
8th Sunday After Pentecost  
Tone 7**

Troparion (Tone 7)- 156  
v. *Glory*: Kontakion (Tone 7)-157  
v. *Now & Ever*: Theotokion - 406  
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 158  
Our Father- 72  
Communion - 79

**OLPH Prayer Warriors**

Sunday (Zoom). Send your prayer requests to Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

THE PRAYER WARRIORS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE--WOMEN, MEN, & CHILDREN (children who have their parents' permission)! Please join us!!

**Alicia's Hall Report**

Glory to Jesus Christ! Our new hall and kitchen is open today! Many thanks to Lo and Jon Hebert for their vision, time and talent in designing our beautiful and functional new kitchen! Thanks to Trussels Transformations and Beto for their hard work, and to Father Artur for all those decisions he had to make during the remodeling process. May God bless our new hall and kitchen with many more years of beautiful fellowship and delicious food and drink! We have an automatic dishwasher now, so clean-up will be a breeze;) Please pick a week to commit to hosting, serving, or cleaning so we can keep our kitchen beautiful and share the responsibility of having a wonderful time together.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph>

**Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Jul 20—Aug 8	<b>World Youth Day in Portugal</b> <a href="https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/worldyouthday">https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/worldyouthday</a>
Tue August 1	<b>Beginning of Dormition Fast</b>
Aug 7- Aug 11	<b>Clergy Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada</b>
Mon Aug 14	<b>6:30 pm Advisory Board Meeting</b>
Tue Aug 15	<b>Dormition of the Theotokos Holy Day of Obligation</b> 6:00 pm Deposition of the Shroud / Liturgy/ Blessing of Flowers
Aug 18-20	<b>Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine in Olympia WA</b> <a href="https://stgeorgeolympia.org/shrine/">https://stgeorgeolympia.org/shrine/</a>
Mon Aug 28 Tue Aug 29	<b>Beheading of John the Baptist Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy 9:00 am Liturgy
Fri Sep 1	<b>Beginning of the Church Year</b>
Fri Sep 8	<b>Birth of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Thu Sep 14 Wed Sep 13	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross/ Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Rite of the Exaltation of the Cross Vigil Liturgy
Sun Oct 1	<b>Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos</b>
Oct 16-20	Clergy Retreat in Carefree AZ
Tue Oct 31	<b>Blessed Theodore Romzha</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy
Nov 2-5	<b>Assembly of the Byzantine Church 2023 in Hillsborough, NJ</b> <a href="https://form.jotform.com/230514012134134">https://form.jotform.com/230514012134134</a>
Wed Nov 8	<b>Archangel Michael and All Angels Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Tue, Nov 14	<b>Beginning of Phillip's Fast</b>
Mon Nov 20	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos / Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy
Fri & Sat Dec 15 & 16	<b>Women's Day of Reflection</b>

**EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2023:** Collected to date: \$10,775.00. Our parish goal this year is **\$18,320.60 which comes down to \$300.00 per Family.** We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and our checks made to Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Eparchy. The Deadline for the Appeal is August 31st.. **Kindly give what you can to help our Eparchy and our Church. Thank you!**

**If you are passionate** about improving access for disabled persons/persons with disabilities and/or you have a disability that you feel limits your participation in our parish please contact Miles Gloetzner.

**Exhibit of over 50 International Statues of the Virgin Mary!**

Where: San Ignacio Catholic Church

1300 Walter Street NE Albuquerque, NM 87102

When: July 11-18<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 6:00 pm in San Ignacio Parish Hall

**APS** is looking for candidates to run for a position on the school board in our district. Let Father Artur know if you are interested.

*Safe Environment:*

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions, and programs, is committed to assuring a Safe Environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any concerns, please contact:

**Subdeacon Paul Kilroy, Safe Environment Program Coordinator**

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- or -

**Victim Assistance Coordinator, Michael Hanafin**

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**Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils:** On the Sunday between the 13th and the 19th of July, the Eastern Churches commemorate the first Six Ecumenical Councils. These began in 325 AD, just 14 years after the Christian Faith was given legal status in the Roman Empire, as the Church sought to define Who Jesus Christ is, and how we are saved by His Precious Blood on the Cross and brought to new life in Him.

The First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, 325 A.D.: refuted the heresy of Arius against Jesus being the Son of God, and codified the Nicene Creed with an expanded section on Jesus' role in salvation history;

The Second Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, 381 A.D. condemned the heresy of Macedonius against God, the Holy Spirit, emphasizing that the Third Person of the Trinity is equal to and co-eternal with the Father and the Son, and modified the Nicene Creed for the last time with additions explaining the role of the Spirit;

The Third Ecumenical Council in Ephesus, 431 A.D. refuted the heresy of Nestorius against the Mother of God, and Mary was acclaimed as Theotokos, the God-bearer, emphasizing that Jesus is divine as well as human from the moment of conception in her womb;

The Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon, 451 A.D. rejected the Monophysite heresy, and gave us the crucial explanation of Jesus as One Person with human and divine natures;

The Fifth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, 553 A.D. tried to reconcile the Nestorian and Monophysite Churches of the Middle East with the Great Church (now the Catholic and Orthodox Churches) but failed. It defines Jesus again as One Person, and the hymn "O Only Begotten Son" or the Monogenes, was introduced into the Byzantine Liturgy in order to further define this for the faithful, and excesses of Origen's thought condemned;

The Sixth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, 681 A.D. condemned the Monothelite heresy, which said that Jesus had only one will - that would have reduced His humanity's freedom.

These Councils, held over the span of 370 years, hammered out the definitions of Jesus that we take for granted today when we sing the Monogenes and Creed in Divine Liturgy: the Eternal Word, Who became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit and not man, Who was fully human and fully divine in One Person, with free human will and free divine will, Who willingly and out of love not only preached and healed on earth, but suffered the saving Passion and Death so as to restore us to our destiny as children of God, and rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, from which He will return to judge us all at the end of time and the resurrection of the dead.

### **Saint of the Week**

July 17 - Bl. Paul Peter Gojdič was the heroic bishop of Prešov in its most difficult times (1926-1960). Born on July 17, 1888 to a married priest, he was by nature a quiet and gentle man who loved to be alone with God. But he was pulled out of his monastery to become bishop. He stated then: "I will become a father of orphans, helper of the poor and consoler of the afflicted."

When our Church faced a state-supported campaign to convert our faithful to Orthodoxy, he worked hard to stop this. He led the people through the Depression known as a man of charity who would always help. In 1938, Czechoslovakia was destroyed and Slovakia became a state dependent upon Hitler. He was the only bishop in Slovakia to consistently protest against deporting Jews to their deaths; he also defended the Rusyn minority against Slovak nationalists; directed missionary work in the Czech lands to serve faithful who moved there; cared for orphans and pushed religious education for all. Israel recognized him as a Righteous Gentile for saving the lives of at least 30 Jews himself, and instructing his priests to baptize any Jew who came to them - and so save them from deportation to Auschwitz. Slovakia would protect a baptized Jew and their family. Over 2,000 Jews were saved this way from being sent to Auschwitz.

In 1950, the Communists took over Czechoslovakia. Immediately they attacked our Church, on orders from Moscow, to force us into the Russian Orthodox Church, which cooperated with Stalin. Bishop Gojdič and his auxiliary Blessed Basil Hopko were arrested at the doors of the cathedral and he was put into prison on his birthday. In prison, he had the gift of bilocation, appearing when other victims needed his spiritual help while still being in his cell, and had the wounds of Jesus in his hands. He was treated very harshly and suffered greatly, but never complained or condemned the communists.

He could have escaped prison and been installed as Orthodox Patriarch of Czechoslovakia, if he would break with Rome, and he refused to do so. He asked God for the grace to die on his birthday, July 17, and for Sacraments from a priest. On the night of July 16, another priest-prisoner was put into the bed next to his, and he heard the bishop's confession. Bishop Gojdič died the next morning, in 1950.



Last Sunday, we formally welcomed little Milagros into God's Family and our Byzantine Catholic Church as she received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation (Baptism-Chrismation-Holy Eucharist) at the 10am Divine Liturgy. May the Lord grant to the God loving Sullivan Family: Thomas, Natalie, Tomas, Pedro, Celeste, Rosalia and newly enlightened warrior of Milagros Sofia, peace health and happiness for many and blessed years!

