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**PROPHET ELIAS (ELIJAH) THE THESBITE
& SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

July 20, 2025

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late

Sunday School: Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Monday:** emailed to Fr. Leonard at fatherfaris@comcast.net call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

Entrance Hymn

Ha-lum-mu li-nas-judu, wal-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya bna l-lah, ya man ga-ma min
by-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5 (repeated)

Troparion of Prophet Elias, 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, Tone 4

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays, Tone 2

O Undisputed Intercessor of Christians, the Mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners. Come to us, in time, with aid as we cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou on my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. James. (5:10-20)

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord. Behold, we call those blessed who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by Heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes and your no be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elias was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

Prayers are being offered for the Health and Safety of:

ABDELAHAD: Nora
ABOU FARAH: Elias
ANSARA: Lorice, Yvette
BEAUDRY: Ray
BORAGINE: David & Cindy, Ida
FERRIS: David
GENDRON: Bob
GRILLAKIS: Julie
GRIVAS: Athanasia
HABIB: Duayne
HOPKINSON: Karen
MARIA: Clemence
MARIA: Elaine
POULOS: Helen
STEWART: Martha
TAYEBI: Amad
TAFE: Nancy Husson
YEGHIAZARIANS: Dr. Vartan, Lisa &
Genia

Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

ABDELAHAD: Charles	MANSOUR: Ray
ABODEELY: Connie, George	MARIA: Robert
AIKEN: Adam	MATOOK: George
ANSARA: Andrew, Elias	MCGRADY: Denise
ARSENAULT: Phyllis, Lionel	NOONAN: Fred, Frederick & Matilda
ASSALY: Gladys, Linda	PANAGOPOULOS: Paul & Lillian
BAHOU: Juliette, Laurice, Siham	SAAD: Anisse, Hanna
BATTEN: Widad	SAATI: Mary
BEAUDRY: Barbara, James "Jimmy"	SABA: George W. & Mary
BORAGINE: Dorothy, Sal	SABBOUH: Badawi
BOURAS: Cleopatra	SHALHOUP: Eleanor
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KHABAZEH: Salim	ZANANIRI: Abraham, Henry, Hilda, Nahil
LAKKIS: Gerges, Michel	
LOUH: Amanda, Nuha Shahin	
LOWE: George & Rose	
MANOLIS: Efthymios & Paraskevi	

We are reminded that during this Fast period, August 1 through August 15, to Fast as much as possible and to attend the beautiful Paraclesis Services honoring Our Blessed Mother.



Those who would like to donate toward the flowers to decorate the church and tomb of the Virgin Mary, will be accepted by Fr. Leonard anytime prior to August 14th.

I encourage all our parishioners and friends to attend this beautiful Service honoring Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos Mary on Her greatest Feast day.



Confessions will be held before and after evening Services. Please make every effort to come and participate in these beautiful Services and ask Our Blessed Mother to bless us and keep us safe during these difficult times.



AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE THEOTOKOS AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE HER GREATEST FEAST, HER FALLING-ASLEEP AND ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN



Beginning Friday, August 1, we begin the Fast of the Dormition in preparation of the Great Feast of the Falling Asleep and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. We are asked by the church to fast as much as possible and to attend the beautiful Paraclesis Services that will be celebrated here at St. George on

Friday	August 1	7:00 pm
Monday	August 4	7:00 pm
Tuesday	August 5	7:00 pm
	Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord	
Wednesday	August 6	7:00 pm
Friday	August 8	7:00 pm
Monday	August 11	7:00 pm
Wednesday	August 13	7:00 pm
Thursday	August 14	7:00 pm
	Great Vespers with the Lamentations at Procession with the Virgin Mary Epitaphio	
Friday	August 15	7:00 pm
	Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Falling-Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Her Assumption into Heaven.	

2025-2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

Anyone 15 years old and older, interested in helping out (in any way) with the Sunday School for the upcoming year, please call or text Christy Mobley (404-578-1032) or sign up on the sheet in the Marida.


Anyone interested in teaching or assisting with Sunday School for the upcoming school year please speak to Christy Mobley or sign up on the sheet in the Marida.

COFFEE HOURS

We would like to see a coffee hour each week. For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please inform Fr. Leonard and put your name and the reason you are hosting it on the calendar in the back of the hall. If no one sponsors a coffee hour there will NOT be any for that day. Please see Fr. Leonard if you have any questions.

REQUESTS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES AND ALTAR BREAD

Anyone wishing to offer a Memorial Service and offer the Altar Bread for their loved ones please contact Fr. Leonard to schedule a date.



“With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment. Always let Him lead you, and He will clear the road for you to follow.”

—Proverbs 3:5-6

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As in prior years, we will participate in the Lowell Folk Festival which is scheduled for July 25-27, 2025. The Folk Festival is great way to exhibit our ethnic pride by selling our natural homemade ethnic food to the Lowell community.

The Folk Festival is St. George's biggest fundraiser each year. This year's Folk Festival expenses are approximately \$8,000-\$10,000. We welcome all donations from our parishioners and friends to defray these expenses. Our goal is to defray all expenses and make this a very successful event with a huge profit. Please help us to achieve this goal.

If you would like to donate this year, please make your check payable to St. George Church or go online and make your donation.

<https://giving.myamplify.io/app/giving/St9999948>

We appreciate your support and dedication.

We are also in need of volunteers for all shifts. If you have already volunteered thank you, and please consider working an additional shift. A sign-up sheet will also be posted in the marida. You can also contact any one of the folk festival committee members to sign up.

Thank you,

Joseph Awad
Parish Council Chairperson

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