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**JULY 20, 2025**

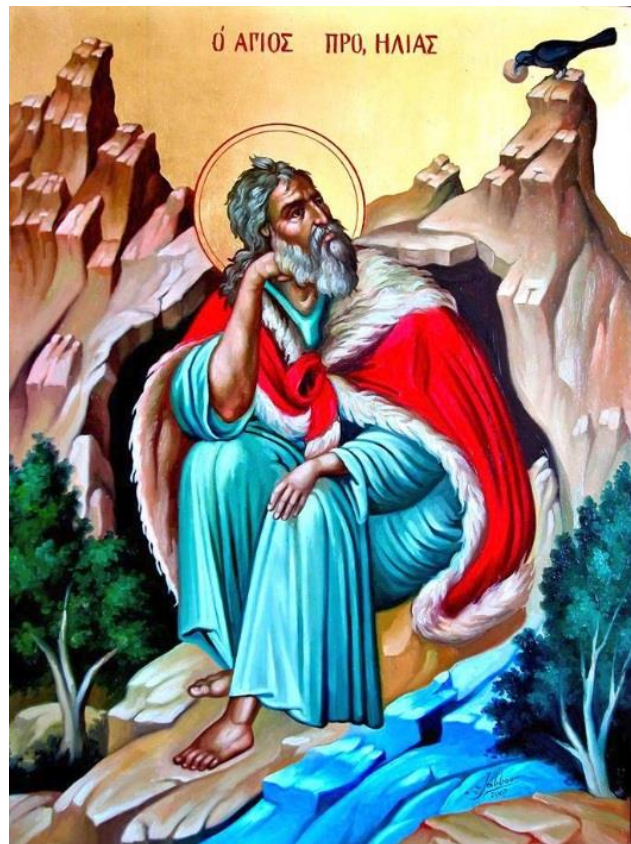
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**EPISTLE: Rom 12:6-14**

Brethren: Having the gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

**EPISTLE: James 5:10-20**

Brethren: take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed, we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or



**St. Elijah the Prophet - July 20<sup>th</sup>**

with any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No,” lest you fall into judgment. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone 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, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

### **GOSPEL: Mt 9:1-8**

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

### **GOSPEL: Lk 4:22-30**

At that time, the people marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.’” Then He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.



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### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**Bobbie Royhab**, 148 Cottage Cove Drive, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Patti Owens**, 311 Woodbridge Road Vermilion, OH 44089; **Basil Glovinsky**, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; **Irene Vangeloff**, 3580 Shaw Ave., Apt. 305, Cincinnati, OH 45208

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON. July 21</b>	Prophet Ezekiel; 1 Cor 5:9-6:11, Mt 13:54-58
<b>TUE. July 22</b>	Myrrhbearer and Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene; 1 Cor 6:20-7:12, Mt 14:1-13
<b>WED. July 23</b>	Martyr Trophimus; 1 Cor 7:12-24, Mt 14:35-15:11
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> "In Thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Priesthood" (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) followed by breakfast at Latitude
<b>THU. July 24</b>	Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb; 1 Cor 7:18-24-35, Mt 15:12-21
<b>FRI. July 25</b>	Dormition of the Righteous Anna; 1 Cor 7:35-8:7, Mt 15:29-31
<b>SAT. July 26</b>	Repose of Saint Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska; Rom 12:1-3, Mt 10:37-11:1
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>VESPERS</b>
<b>SUN. July 27</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, <i>Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon, Tone 6</i></b>
<b>9:10 AM</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> Followed by Coffee Hour

## PRAYER LIST

**Parishioners & Family:** Rachel and her unborn baby / Alex and her unborn baby / Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Norb / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

**Other Requests:** Catechumen Sessely / Catechumen Daniel / Catechumen Adam / Ron Ossivicki / Kristy Ackley / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Don / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Sarah King / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Catechumen Nickolas Dawenport / Catechumen Joshua Paull / Catechumen Danielle Paull / Catechumen Wrenley Paull / Arimus Paull / Linkoln Paull / Catechumen Ryan Stamp / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Christine Zahm / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čižmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

**Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



## JULY REPOSED

Mary Danchisen (1927) No date provided; Michael Wolf (1929) No date provided; Triantafilos Lefas (1995) No date provided; **2-** John Danchisen (2009); **6-** Anna Mazur (1969); **6-** Joseph Golob Jr (2006); **7-** Mary Martha Glovinsky (1975); **9-** Andrew Holodnak (1971); **10-** Gretta Gresh (2018); **14-** John Gulla (1968); **20-** Mitered Archpriest Sava Chaly

(1991) Former Pastor; **21-** Anna Mazurik (1973); **27-** Father Vladimir Meschersky (1937) Former Pastor; **29-** Sally Franklin (2018); **29-** Robert Zgonc (2018); **29-** Charles Hagmaier (2018)

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### VIGILS FOR JULY 13

**Susan Guzy 1** Safe travels for Father & Matushka, brother Gary, For the health of Tina, Basil, Russ & Irene

**Laura Kovach 3** For health and/or healing of Bobbie R., Kristi A., Peggy S., Ann T., Alex M., Nick S., Mike T., Matushka Melania, Ron R., Betty K., Margaret M., Hannah S., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Irene V, and Heidi & Wayne G.  
Safe travels for Sarah & family and Fr. Peter & Matushka Michelle  
Memory eternal to Jim Magers

**Sandy Martin 1** Special Intentions

**Natalie Twarek 9** In loving birthday memory of my Godmother, Aunt Ella, Safe travel for Fr & Matushka, Safe travel for family & friends, For the health Ron & Bobbie, For the health & recovery of Matushka Melania, For the health and recovery on Marilyn, Tom, Kathy & Cliff, Steve, Basil, Irene, Rodney, Betty, Carol, Kayla, Pam, Jim, Heidi, Wayne, Nicole, Peggy, Ann, Laura, Mike, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara, and Walter, For the health of Nick, Jen, Tony, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Tina's dad, Earl, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Special Intentions

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### JULY CANDLE SPONSORS



**Altar Candles:** Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** Ryan & Natalia Stamp, Birthday remembrance of +William Stamp (July 16<sup>th</sup>) (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, In birthday memory of Susan (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Available (**\$20**)

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### ATTENDANCE

**07/12** Vespers, **9** attending (3 guests); **07/13** Divine Liturgy, **45** attending (19 guests)

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### READERS LIST

Sunday Jul 20 – Tim  
Sunday Jul 27 – Jake  
Sunday Aug 3 – Joe

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### JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**23** – Fr. Peter Ordination (1995); **27** – Greg & Natalie Twarek Anniversary (51); **30** – Tim & Jennifer Heffernan Anniversary; **30** – Dale & Angela Bricker Anniversary

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### 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HALUPKI FESTIVAL

Festival raffle tickets are available. We are asking each parish household to sell at least 20 raffle tickets at \$5 each.  
Please ask your friends and family 'how many tickets they would like to purchase,' not **if** they want any... approach is everything! Thank you in advance for your help!

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## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“Zoe for Life” is the charity we donate to for the month of July.



## COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

July 20 - Natalia & Ryan  
 July 27 - Donna  
 Aug 3 - Available  
 Aug 10 - Sessely & Dan Maciejewski

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall



## SUNDAY OFFERING

### Sunday, July 13, 2025

Tithe	\$1,652.00
Donations	\$ 852.00
Candles	\$ 59.00
Vigils	\$ 65.00
Bookstore	\$ 61.00
Food Pantry Donation	\$ 175.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,864.00</b>

*May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!*

## CHURCH MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENSES

Month of <b>JUNE 2025</b>	
Church Donation income was	\$ 7,803.84
Church Operating Expenses totaled	\$16,825.78
net loss of	<b>- \$ 9,021.94</b>

## UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** – Market Day (*Saturday*)

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** – Coring cabbage 3:00 pm (*Sunday*)

**July 28<sup>h</sup>** – Steaming cabbage 7:00 am or earlier if you are able (*Monday*)



## ANNUAL PEACH FESTIVAL

The Annual Peach Festival, sponsored by Women of St. John and St. Paul Lutheran Church will take place on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:30 pm, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Marblehead, in fellowship hall. The menu will include mouth-watering peaches, ice cream, brats, hot dogs, sloppy joes, beans, soup, chips, pies, and other desserts. This year’s event will also include live music, a craft table, a bake sale, car show and flea market. *See the flyer on the bulletin board!*



## CLEANING SCHEDULE

Jul 21, Natalie  
 Jul 28, Basil & Tim  
 Aug 4, Susan  
 Aug 11, Laura



## MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place next Saturday, **July 26<sup>th</sup>** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



### Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah

Commemorated on July 20

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: “When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames.” The name Elijah (the Lord’s strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their Fathers, they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1). The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephta to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting death by starvation. At the request of the prophet, she prepared him a bread with the last measure of flour and the remainder of the oil. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were now depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water,

the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: “Truly, the Lord is God!” Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in “a gentle breeze” (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah’s mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.

The life of the holy Prophet Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (3 Kings; 4 Kings; Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58). At the time of the Transfiguration, the Prophet Elijah conversed with the Savior upon Mount Tabor (Mt. 17: 3; Mark 9: 4; Luke. 9: 30).

Orthodox Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Russia, built at Kiev under Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism Saint Olga (July 11) built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in her native region, at the village of Vibuta.

In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.

On July 20, 1741, the Feast Day of the Holy Prophet Elijah, an unnamed Hieromonk served the first Divine Liturgy in Alaskan waters while aboard the ship Saint Peter, commanded by Captain-Commander Vitus Bering, at 58 degrees 14 minutes northern latitude, and 141 degrees western longitude.



## **Why was Elijah the Prophet with the Lord during the Transfiguration?**

**by Igor Tsukanov**

Elijah is one of the most revered prophets in the Russian Church. But unlike Isaiah, Jeremiah or Daniel, he left us no books or even striking prophecies! Then what is his authority based on?

Back in pre-Mongolian times in Russia there were several temples in honor of Elijah the Prophet. There are numerous folk sayings and proverbs like the famous “Elijah the Prophet takes two hours away” or “Since Elijah Day the water gets cooler” associated with

the name of this Old Testament saint. All of this indicates that the Russian people revered Elijah very much.

Certainly, it is worth bearing in mind that people in Russia for a long time maintained their pagan traditions, and Elijah who had ascended to the sky in a chariot of fire, was often approximated to the image of Perun, the Slavic god of thunder. Until now, you may hear: “Elijah the Prophet is driving his chariot of fire” when thunder rumbles.

Such forms of “veneration” of this saint, of course, are very far from Christianity... Especially if you remember how irreconcilable the real Prophet Elijah was to idolatry and various superstitions that infested the Israelites in that era (9<sup>th</sup> century BC).

However, the love for the Prophet Elijah is not a unique feature of the Russian Church. He is revered by Christians around the world. After all, the name of this fiery preacher of the One True God is mentioned in the New Testament as frequently as the name of Moses, who gave people the Law of God. Moreover, both Elijah and Moses personally participated in one of the events of the Gospel history: they appeared on Mount Tabor and talked to the transfigured Lord about the death on the cross awaiting Him (Matthew 17:1-6, Mark 9:1-8, Luke 9:28-36).

Of all the righteous people of the Old Testament, the Lord granted a conversation on Mount Tabor only to two of them – Moses and Elijah.

It seems clear why Moses was one of the two. Moses was the only Israelite to speak to God face to face; he led the Israelites out of Egypt, where they were slaves, into the Promised Land; he wrote the first five books of the Bible... The Scripture calls him the meekest of all men on earth (Numbers 12:3).

Elijah’s temper was much tougher. Having won the competition with the pagan priests on Mount Carmel and having clearly shown the people that they should rely on the One True God, he personally dealt with all his opponents (1 Kings 18:20-40). The other time he led a fire from heaven onto the guards who showed up to take him to the royal palace (2 Kings 1:5-15). It doesn’t look like meekness and mercy, does it?

Then why did he find himself as God’s interlocutor on Tabor? Someone who has read the Bible carefully might even say: It would be understandable if, for example, the Prophet Isaiah, who is commonly called the “Old Testament Evangelist” became such a companion: there are so many prophecies about Christ in his book. Isaiah described the suffering of the Lord on Calvary in such detail as if he himself was standing by the Cross (though he had lived more than 700 years prior to these events). Or it might have been the Prophet Daniel: both the time of the coming of the Son of Man in the world, and even his physical appearance, were revealed to him...

What about the Prophet Elijah? There are no scriptures left of him; it is not even clear what kind of prophecies he was saying!

Here it is necessary to remember that a prophet is not necessarily a foreteller or author of some texts: John the Baptist, for example, did not leave us any writings, but the Lord called him the greatest of the prophets born by women (cf. Luke 7:28). A Biblical prophet is a man who speaks to the people on behalf of God, proclaiming His will. This is exactly what Elijah the Prophet did.

He urged his contemporaries to stop pretending to worship God, while at the same time making sacrifices to Baal: *How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him* (1 Kings 18:21).

We know from the Book of Malachi and the four Gospels that it shall be Elijah who will return to the world prior to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and he shall turn *the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers* (Malachi 4:6). According to Alexander

Lopukhin, a professor of Saint Petersburg Seminary, it means that Elijah will be called to “level the abyss that separates the holy God the Judge from the sinful people.”

The Book of Revelation of St. John the Theologian reads that in the last days, when the whole world will submit to the power of the Antichrist, “two witnesses” will appear in Jerusalem, who will prophesy for one thousand two hundred and sixty days and have the power to shut the sky so that it would not rain on the earth in the days of their prophecy, and have the power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every pestilence they want (Revelation 11:3-6). John the Theologian did not name these prophets who will proclaim Christ to the world in the days of worldwide apostasy. One of them, however, is most definitely Elijah the Prophet, and the authoritative interpreters of the Book of Revelation unanimously confirm this. He was the one who once shut the sky so that it did not rain on the earth, but three and a half years later he prayed, and the dried up earth again received life-giving moisture (1 Kings 17:1-7; 18:1-45).

The Prophet Elijah, who ascends to heaven in a chariot of fire and returns to earth with a sermon of fire at the end of world history, is one of the key figures linking the Old and New Testaments together. Why was Elijah such a “connecting link”?

Maybe because this prophet has two important features combined.

First, selfless allegiance to God and the desire to preach Him zealously. Second, a unique sensitivity to God’s word. The First Book of Kings tells how Elijah, hiding from the wrath of Queen Jezebel, sought a meeting with God on Mount Horeb. The Lord’s apparition was accompanied by various natural signs: a strong wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but Elijah knew: nothing of it was a manifestation of God Himself. At the same time, the prophet perceived something else, similar to a gentle wind (*a still small voice*). It was the Lord (1 Kings 19:11-12).

The still small voice would have gone unnoticed for every outsider. However, Elijah recognized his Lord and spoke to him. This ability to hear God through the noise and rumble of the world is probably the main reason why Christianity values the Prophet Elijah so much.