

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Holy Prophet Elisha.*

*Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople.*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. June 13 17:00 Vigil: **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
Suffrages for **+Jerry Chirdon** – James & Barbara Snitzer

Sun. June 14 10:30 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
Suffrages *pro populo*

Sat. June 20 17:00 Vigil: **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
Suffrages for living and deceased fathers

Sun. June 21 10:30 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
Suffrages *pro populo*, esp. for living and deceased fathers



**06 / 07 / 2026**  
**COLLECTION**

Adult: \$1226

**ATTENDANCE:**

Candles: \$76

**Sat. 15**

**TOTAL: \$1302**

**Sun. 29 + 1**



**THE VALUE OF LIFE. CHRYSOSTOM:** Note the acceleration of images: just when the lilies are decked out, He no longer calls them lilies but «grass of the field.» He then points further to their vulnerable condition by saying «which are here today.» Then He does not merely say “and not tomorrow” but rather more callously «cast into the oven.» These creatures are not merely «clothed» but «so clothed» in this way as to be later brought to nothing. Do you see how Jesus everywhere abounds in amplifications and intensifications? And He does so in order to press His points home. So then He adds, «Will He not much more clothe you?» The force of the emphasis is on «you» to indicate covertly how great is the value set upon your personal existence and the concern God shows for you in particular. It is as though He were saying, «You, to whom He gave a soul, for whom He fashioned a body, for whose sake He made everything in creation, for whose sake He sent prophets, and gave the Law, and wrought those innumerable good works, and for whose sake He gave up His only begotten Son.»

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, HOMILY 22.1

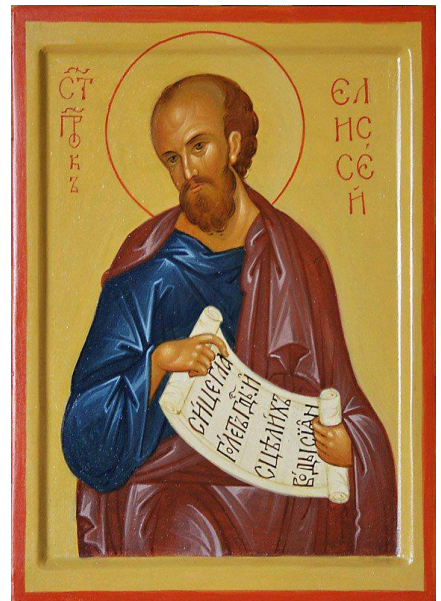


**The Prophet Elisha**, was from the town of Abel-Meholah, which means "Meadow of Dancing" in Hebrew. It is an ancient city located near the Jordan River. It is situated in the region traditionally associated with the tribe of Issachar, although its precise location remains a subject of scholarly debate. The city is believed to have been in the fertile Jordan Valley, which was conducive to agriculture and livestock, aligning with its name that suggests a place of celebration and abundance. Elisha had been a farmer.

In the year 908 B.C., at God's command, the Prophet Elijah anointed Elisha to be Prophet in his stead. This happened while Elisha was plowing his land, having twelve oxen under yoke. Straightway, Elisha slew the oxen and cooked them, using the wooden plough and the other instruments of farming as firewood; then he gave the oxen as food to the people.

Bidding farewell to his parents, he followed Elijah and served him until the latter was taken up into Heaven in a fiery chariot. When Elisha received his teacher's mantle and the grace of his prophetic spirit twofold, he demonstrated whose disciple he was through the miracles he wrought and through all that is related of him in the Fourth Book of Kings. He departed full of days and was buried in Samaria, about the year 839 B.C.

But even after his death God glorified him; for after the passage of a year, when some Israelites were carrying a dead man for burial and suddenly saw a band of Moabites, they cast the dead man on the grave of the Prophet. No sooner had the dead man touched the Prophet's bones, than he came to life and stood on his feet (IV Kings 13:20-21). Mentioning this, Joshua the Son of Sirach says, «*He did wonders in his life, and at his death his works were marvelous*» (Ecclus. 48:14). It is because of such marvels that the faithful have reverence for the relics of the Saints. His name in Hebrew, אֱלִישָׁע, means «*God is salvation.*»



**Saint Methodius the Confessor** was born to wealthy parents in Syracuse, Sicily about the end of the eighth century. Being a presbyter, he was sent as an ambassador to Rome in 815 or 816 on behalf of Patriarch Nicephorus of Constantinople, who had been exiled by Leo the Armenian. After Leo's death, he returned to Constantinople; but since he was a zealot for the veneration of the holy icons, he was immediately exiled by Emperor Michael the Stutterer to a fortress near



Bithynia. When Michael died, he was freed for a short time; but then, because of his confession of the Orthodox Faith, he was imprisoned again by the Emperor Theophilus in a dark and foul-smelling sepulcher. Since this was not enough for the Emperor's inhumanity, he commanded that two thieves be shut up with Methodius, and when one of them died, that the corpse not be removed. While the Saint was imprisoned there, a certain poor fisherman ministered to his needs. Finally, when the Church received its freedom under Saint Theodora the Empress, the Saint ascended the patriarchal throne of Constantinople in 842. Together with the holy Empress, Methodius restored the holy icons to their proper honor; this is commemorated on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the First Sunday of the Great Fast. He governed the Church of

Constantinople for four years, and reposed in 846.



From a small mining town in northern Minnesota to the cathedral of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, Archbishop William Skurla has devoted his life to serving the Byzantine Ruthenian Church, whose tradition his ancestors carried across the ocean from the villages of present-day Slovakia.

In this documentary, Archbishop Skurla opens the door to that remarkable journey — from his family roots and early call to the priesthood, through his years as a Franciscan and missionary priest in Tucson, Arizona, to his service as Bishop of Van Nuys, Bishop of Passaic, and ultimately Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh in 2012.

With characteristic warmth and humility, Archbishop Skurla reflects on the unexpected phone call from the Apostolic Nuncio that changed his life, his participation in the Synod of Bishops in Rome, and the long effort to restore a married presbyterate to the Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States — a restoration ultimately granted by Pope Francis in the 2014 decree *Pontificia Præcepta de Clero Uxorato Orientali* of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. Beyond his hierarchical ministry, viewers also encounter a lifelong photographer with a gift for the iconographic image and a devoted lover of music.

In 2026, Metropolitan Archbishop Skurla marks his 70th birthday. We offer him our heartfelt wishes of *Mnohaja i blahaja lita* — many and blessed years — for his ministry, his witness, and his fatherly care for the Church entrusted to him. To view a 20 minute YouTube video of the Archbishop's life, copy and paste the following link into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHEwgH6BD1c>



## ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **IN MEMORIAM!** The parish is very grateful to Veronica Kakos, Carole Kakos, and Aimée Kakos for their generous donations to the parish in memory of David Rusinko.
- **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** to support the charitable work of the Holy See will be taken this week-end: **June 13 – 14** and throughout the rest of June.
- **THE HANDICAP COMMITTEE** is selling \$500 strip tickets in the Narthex after the Divine Liturgy; cost per ticket is \$5. The winning number will be taken from the «Pick 3 Daily Number 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Drawing» on the **Father's Day: 21 June**.
- **FATHER'S DAY is June 21<sup>st</sup>.** *Spiritual Bouquet Cards* are in the Narthex.