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1st Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints.

- 8:40am – 3rd & 6th Hour, Confessions
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Heb. 11:33-12:1

Gospel: Mat. 10:32-33, 37-38;
19:27-30

- Coffee Hour – Please come downstairs for a fellowship following the Divine Liturgy.

NOTE: The Apostles' (Ss. Peter and Paul) Fast begins Monday, June 11.

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

6:00pm – Great Vespers, Confessions

SUNDAY, JUNE 17 – ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

8:40am – Hours, Confession

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

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Even Miracle Workers Have Their Bad Moments

On June 14th we remember the prophet Elisha, who was the disciple and successor of another great prophet, Elijah. In his eagerness to serve God, Elisha performed many miracles. Often these wonderful acts benefited people's physical health as well as their spiritual well-being.

For example, the men of the city of Jericho complained to him that "the water is bad and the land is unfruitful." Elisha was able to purify the water, and as a true prophet he gave the credit and glory to God working through him: "Thus says the Lord, 'I have made this water wholesome; henceforth neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it'" (2 Kings 2: 21).

Another time, Elisha provided a stew made of herbs and wild gourds for a group of "sons of the prophets." Tasting it, the men cried out that there was "death in the pot." Elisha merely added some meal, and made the food harmless and tasty. When someone brought him twenty loaves of barley and some fresh grain, he instructed his servant to give it to the men. But the servant complained that it wasn't nearly enough to feed all 100 of them. Elisha calmly repeated his instructions, and again said the words the Lord had given him: "They shall eat and have some left" (2 Kings 4: 38-44). Sure enough, in a way similar to Jesus' feeding of the 5000, everyone was satisfied, and there were lots of leftovers.

When a widow cried out to him that creditors were about to enslave her children to pay the family's debts, Elisha offered practical but miraculous help. He instructed her to borrow containers from her neighbors, and then provided oil to fill

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Stephen & Lillian Sokol, Faith Verona, Elizabeth Zuber, Olga Stecher.

THE DEPARTED:

Peter Kalada, Benedict Benda, Georgette Saba, Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Marianne Benda.

every one. When there were no more containers, the oil stopped flowing, and Elisha told the woman to "sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest" (2 Kings 4: 7).

One of Elisha's best-known miracles involved another woman in distress. The account of the Shunamite woman is given in 2 Kings 4: 8-37 and it is one of the fifteen Old Testament readings for Holy Saturday. Through Elisha's prayer, this hospitable woman is able to conceive a child. But a bad moment comes for the prophet when the child dies. She reproaches Elisha, and he says to his servant that "she is in bitter distress; and the Lord has hidden it from me, and has not told me." How helpless he must have felt, and perhaps momentarily abandoned by God. But by arduous prayer he is able to revive the child.

Elisha's mentor Elijah also had bad moments. Having killed Jezebel's prophets, he feared for his life and even "asked that he might die" rather than continue his prophetic work (1 Kings 19: 4).

When our own bad moments come, it's good to remember that we are not alone in having them, and that God will help us through them, just as He helped His miracle-working prophets. ■



Today's Memorial Offering

• *St. John's Cross* – in memory of newly departed John Monchak – by Terry Cimbolic.

• *Wine for the Holy Eucharist* – in memory of Ben Christensen – by Cathryn Christensen.

• *Bread for the Holy Eucharist* – in memory of Ann Berezny – by Helen Stathis.

Announcements

❖ Tomorrow, June 11th, is the beginning of the Apostles' (Ss. Peter and Paul) Fast. During this Fast, which ends on the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29th, we are called to increase our prayers and works of mercy, and to refrain from eating meat, eggs and dairy products throughout the Fast, as well as from fish on Wednesdays and Fridays.

❖ Parish Council meeting is tomorrow, Monday, June 11. All members are urged to attend.

❖ The Diocesan sponsored Parish Council Conference will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 10am to 3pm at Holy Assumption Church in Clifton.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Kenneth Bianchini and to all who celebrate their Birthdays in the month of June. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.