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AUGUST 2, 2020  
**THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH**  
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Readings**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
James 5:10-20

**Gospel Readings**

Matthew 14:14-22  
Luke 4:22-30

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

**Troparion (Resurrection)**

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Troparion for the Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah**

An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the prophets, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ, Glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to Elisha, to dispel diseases and to cleanse lepers. Therefore, he pours forth healings on those who honor him.

**Kontakion (Resurrection)**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

**Kontakion for Elijah**

Prophet Elijah of great renown, seer of the mighty works of God, by your command you held back the rain! Pray for us to the only Lover of mankind!

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Orthodox Christians of all times and in all places have venerated the Prophet Elijah. He lived in tumultuous times and suffered violent persecution. When he fled to the desert, “the Lord commanded Elijah to stand on the mountain before Him. After showing the prophet a great wind, a mighty earthquake, and fire, God finally spoke to Elijah in ‘a still, small voice’.”  
“Engaging with one another by remote and online means more than ever in these months, in the midst of forceful and loud storms in society, let us first allow the Lord to speak to us in a still small voice, through engaging with Him in prayer, silence, and contemplation. Then, let us allow Him to speak through us, through whatever physical or media means we are using, to be the vehicles of His still small voice. Through the use of kind words ... considerate speech ... reason rather than emotion, we fulfill our role as Christ’s Church to be God’s voice.” \*



\* Excerpts from a Reflection by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon on St. Elijah, 7-20-20

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, August 5 – 7PM**

This week we will complete the online study of “The Holy Fire” by Robert Payne. The final chapter is on St. Gregory Palamas who lived the doctrine of ‘hesychia’ – quietness, prayer and contemplation of God. Fr. John will email the Zoom sign-in information. Everyone is welcome to join in.

**August Fasting and Holy Days**

- Fast for the Dormition of the Theotokos
  - Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
  - Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
  - Liturgy for Transfiguration (New Calendar)
- [Holy Transfiguration Monastery](#) 10AM

Fri. Aug. 14–Thurs. Aug. 27  
Wednesday, August 19  
Friday, August 28  
Thurs. Aug. 6 Live-Streamed:  
[St. Tikhon's Monastery](#) 8:40AM

**IOCC Family Emergency Preparedness**

Summer hurricane season is here. Be Prepared with information and the Checklist:  
[IOCC Disaster Preparedness](#)