The Holy Prophet Elisha

Elisha lived nine hundred years before Christ. When the Lord willed to take the aged Prophet Elias (Elijah) to Himself, He revealed to him that He had designated Elisha, the son of Shaphat, of the tribe of Reuben from the town of Abel-Meholah, as his successor in the prophetic service. Elias informed Elisha of God's will and draped him with his mantle, imploring God for a two-fold portion of grace of prophecy for him. Elisha immediately left his home and family and followed Elias. When the Lord took Elias in a fiery chariot, Elisha remained to continue the prophetic service with yet greater power than Elias. By his purity and zeal, Elisha was equal to the greatest prophets, and by the miraculous power that was given to him by God, Elisha exceeded them all. He parted the waters of the Jordan as Moses once parted the Red Sea; he made drinkable the bitter waters in Jericho; he brought forth water into the excavated trenches during the war with the Moabites; he multiplied the oil in the pots of the poor widow; he resurrected the dead son of the Shunammite woman; he fed a hundred people with twenty small loaves of bread; he healed commander Naaman of leprosy; he called down leprosy upon his servant Gehazi because of the latter's greed; he blinded the entire Syrian army and also forced another army to flee; he foretold many events to the nation as well as to individuals. Elisha died at a very old age.

Prologue from Ochrid

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The Holy Prophet Elisseus (Elisha); Methodius the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Niphon of Athos; Cyril, bishop of Crete

Matins Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8):
From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Kontakion of All Saints (Tone 8)
As the first fruits of nature to the Lord of creation the world offers to Thee O Lord, the Divinely inspired martyrs. By their entreaties of Thy mercy, preserve Thy church and establish her in peace through the supplication of Thy Virgin Mother.

A Note to Visitors and Guests: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card at the greeter's stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch following this morning's service.
Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
God is wonderful among His saints.
Bless God in the congregations.

Epistle Reading: St. Paul to the Hebrews 11:33-12:2


News and Announcements

All Saints Sunday: Today! June 14th we will celebrate our Patronal Feast of All Saints.

Please gather up all your donations from the Lenten coin boxes for the poor that we have been saving so that we can send our offerings into the archdiocese. You can bring the boxes to church on Sunday with a check or cash (not coins, if possible) enclosed or send in your check donation to the parish house at All Saints Orthodox Church, 4125 W. Newport Ave., Chicago, IL 60641.

The deadline is TODAY Sunday, June 14th. God blesses those who remember the poor.