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Sunday, June 27, 2010

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Slava Isusu Khristu!

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory Forever!

Slava na Viki!

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Schedule of Services for June 27 - July 4, 2010

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Sunday, June 27

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 4; The Holy Prophet Elisha (9th c. B.C.); Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Methodios, Patriarch of Constantinople (847)

8:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for Stephen C. Verbanets Sr. Offered by M/M Turanis

Sunday, July 4

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 5; The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (3rd-4th c.); The Holy Bishop-Martyr Terence (or Tertius), of Iconium (1st c.)

8:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for Stephen C. Verbanets Sr. Offered by M/M Turanis

Milestones

This Tuesday Philip Hashier and Nadia Reidy are celebrating their birthdays. May our Lord grant them and their families peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many, blessed years, for Christ is Risen, на многая і благая літа!

On December 2, 2009, the first use of human embryonic stem cells for experiments by federally funded researchers was approved using our tax

dollars for an unethical destruction of human life at its early stage. The tragedy of this is multiplied by the fact that no one can think what the problem is that can only be solved by these cells, in light of the amazing progress that has been made with adult stem cell research."

TODAY'S FEAST: The Holy Prophet Elisha lived in the 9th Century before the Birth of Christ, and was a native of the village of Abelmaum, near Jordan. By the command of the Lord he was called to prophetic service by the Holy Prophet Eliajah. When it became time for the Prophet Elijah to be taken up to heaven, he said to Elisha, "Ask what shall I do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha boldly asked, "Let there be a double portion of your spirit upon me." The Prophet Elijah answered, "You have asked something that is not easy. "Still, if you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not. (4 [2] Kings 2: 12). As they went along the way talking, there appeared a fiery chariot and horses and separated them both. Elisha cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horse!" (4 Kings 2: 12). Picking up the mantle of his teacher which fell from the sky, Elisha received the power and prophetic gift of Elijah. He spent more than 65 years in prophetic service, under six Israelite kings (from Ahab to Joash). While Elisha lived, he did not tremble before any prince, and no word could overcome him (Sirach 48: 13 ["Sirach" is called "Ecclesiasticus" in Catholic Bibles]).

The holy prophet worked numerous miracles. He divided the waters of the Jordan, having struck it with the mantle of the Prophet Elijah; he made the waters of a Jericho spring fit for drinking; he saved the armies of the kings of Israel and Judah that stood in an arid wilderness by bringing forth abundant water by his prayer; he delivered a poor widow from death by starvation through a miraculous increase of oil in a vessel. The Shunamite woman showing hospitality to the prophet was gladdened by the birth of a son through his prayer, and when the child died, he was raised back to life by the prophet. The Syrian military-commander Namaan was healed from leprosy but the prophet's servant Gehazi was afflicted since he disobeyed the prophet and took money from Namaan.



Elisha predicted to the Israelite king Joash the victory over his enemies, and by the power of his prayer he worked many other miracles (4 Kings 3-13). He died in old age at Samaria. A year after his death, a corpse was thrown into the prophet's grave. As soon as the dead man touched Elisha's bones, he came to life and stood up (4 Kings 13: 20-21). The Prophet Elisha and his teacher, the Prophet Elijah, left no books behind them, since their prophetic preaching was oral. Jesus, son of Sirach, praised both great prophets (Sir. 48: 1-15). St. John of Damascus composed a canon in honor of the Prophet Elisha, and at Constantinople a church was built in his honor.