

# Parish Bulletin

## Župni Vjesnik

July 14, 2013 - 14. srpnja 2013.



St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Parish  
Hrvatska katolička župa sv. Jeronima

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Croatian Franciscan Friars

Fr. Ivica Majstorović, OFM - Fr. Stipe Renić, OFM

YEAR OF FAITH<sup>2012</sup><sub>2013</sub>



GODINA VJERE<sup>2012</sup><sub>2013</sub>

### Mass schedule • Raspored misa

Saturday • Subota

5:30 p.m. English

Sunday • Nedjelja

7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. English

11 a.m. Hrvatski

Weekdays • Kroz tjedan

7:30 a.m. English

**Posjeta bolesnicima** – uvijek

**Sick calls** – at any time

**Krštenja** – po dogovoru

**Baptisms** – by appointment

**Ispovijedi** – pola sata prije mise

**Confessions** – before Masses

**Vjenčanja** – najaviti 6 mjeseci ranije

**Weddings** – arrange 6 months in advance

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### Hrvatski Katolički Radio

Glas župe sv. Jeronima

Subotom od 10 do 11 sati (750 AM)

### Croatian Catholic Radio

Voice of St. Jerome's

Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m. on 750 AM




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Monday, July 15 - *Ponedjeljak, 15. srpnja*

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7:30 a.m.

† Rev. Charles Bals Kus ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
 † Norma Reyes ..... *Peter Ferro*

Tuesday, July 16 - *Utorak, 16. Srpnja*  
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel – *Gospa Karmelska*

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7:30 a.m.

† Ed Nawracaj ..... *Mary Fratto*  
 † Karmela Čudina ..... *Scalise family*

Wednesday, July 17 - *Srijeda, 17. srpnja*

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7:30 a.m.

† Santa Bertucci ..... *Ross Valenti*  
 † Angelina DiCarlo ..... *daughters*  
 † Joe Bozich (10th Anniv.) ..... *wife and family*

Thursday, July 18 - *Četvrtak, 18. srpnja*

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7:30 a.m.

† Ross Valenti Sr. .... *son Ross*  
 † Michael Fratto ..... *Mary Fratto*  
 7 – 9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*

Friday, July 19 - *Petak, 19. srpnja*

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7:30 a.m.

† Frances "Bonnie" Krstulovich ..... *family*  
 † Vince Caringella ..... *Annie Sanchez*

Saturday, July 20 - *Subota, 20. Srpnja*  
 St. Elias The Prophet – *Sv. Ilija prorok*

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7:30 a.m.

Dorothy A. Donovan ..... *Angelo and Mary Ann Ciaravino*  
 Na čast sv. Ive ..... *Nikola Čosić*

5:30 p.m.

† JoAnn Passarelli ..... *Eva Levas*  
 † Barry Babich ..... *Mom, Dad, Lisa, Chris*  
 † Christ Balich ..... *Carol and Frano Marasovich*  
 † Dolores Bugyie ..... *Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sanchez*  
 †† of Thompson and Iozzo families ..... *Iozzo family*

Sunday, July 21 - *Nedjelja, 21. srpnja*

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

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7:30 a.m.

† Jean Onesto ..... *Charles Marino*  
 †† Mary and William Catizone .....  
 ..... *children and grandchildren*  
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 9:30 a.m.

† Jane Haptas ..... *Matt and Anna Babich*  
 † Christ Balich ..... *Rita and Chris Johnston*  
 † Louis Zaninovich ..... *Joan Sipich*

11 a.m.

† Josip Armić ..... *obitelj*  
 † Slavko Kadić ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
 † Marija Galović ..... *suprug Ante*  
 † Ivan Žužić ..... *obitelj*  
 † Danica Špehar ..... *Janko Špehar i obitelj*  
 † Marica Radić ..... *Janko Špehar i obitelj*  
 † Jaka Šipić ..... *Maria E. Sipich*  
 † Ilija Pavljašević ..... *Blagica Bešlić*  
 † Ivan Grdić ..... *Bože i Valencia Guvo*  
 † Ivan Lerotić ..... *Davor i Slavica Ilić*  
 † Karmila Knezović ..... *Rich and Jan Ferro*  
 † Jure Dugandžić ..... *obitelj*  
 † Ivan Cvitanović ..... *Marija Hostička*  
 † Maria Diacci ..... *Bože Guvo i obitelj*  
 † Ruža Zeba ..... *Marko i Daniel Zeba*  
 †† iz obitelji Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 †† iz obitelji Jenjić ..... *obitelj Drobinić*  
 †† iz obitelji Bajić ..... *Ana Bajić*

LECTORS - ČITAČI

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5:30 p.m. – Brian Kenny

7:30 a.m. – Matt Pesce

9:30 a.m. – Jan Zekich

11 a.m. – Marko Mamić, Anela Kosić, Anđela Bajić

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION  
 IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

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5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro

7:30 a.m. – Matt Pesce

9:30 a.m. – MaryBeth Insalaco

11 a.m. – Tomislav Šulentić

ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

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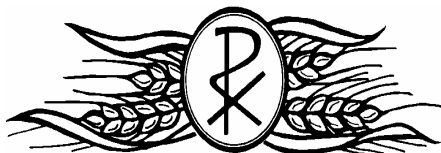
5:30 p.m. Jasmine Esparza, Manuel Esparza, Lucas Mizera

7:30 a.m. – Isabella Wroblewski, Olivia Wroblewski

9:30 a.m. – Zach Sandoval, John Zekich

11 a.m. – Nikola Brčić, Adriana Hostička, Luka Kosić,

Emilijan Kosić



## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."



Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

## 15. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

Tko je moj bližnji? postavlja jedan pismoznamac, dakle učen teolog. Nije ono slučajno postavljeno. U to se doba, naime, mnogo raspravljalo o tome koga pravovjerni Izraelac mora smatrati bližnjim, kojemu treba pomoći. Isusov je odgovor jasan: nema nikakve granice! Bližnji nije samo rođak, sunarodnjak, prijatelj, učenik, nego svaki čovjek, dapače i onaj koga ne smatramo prijateljem, kao što se Židovi i Samarijanci nisu prijateljski gledali. Nisu nam dakle bližnji samo ukućani, iako su oni najbliži svakomu, niti samo katolici, niti samo pripadnici moga naroda, nego ljudi svih naroda i svake vjere i uvjerenja, pa i oni koji nisu vjernici, ne samo pripadnici nekog pokreta ili stranke nego svi, a neprijatelj kršćanin – barem što se njega tiče – ne bi trebao ni imati. Nije slučajno Isus u svoju priču uvrstio Židove i Samarijanca. Time je htio jasno pokazati da iz ljubavi prema bližnjemu ne smije biti isključen čak ni neprijatelj. I Bog je nas ljubio dok smo još bili u neprijateljstvu s njime zbog grijeha (usp. Rim 5,6-8). Tako je i nas obvezao na isti postupak. Znači, bližnji je svaki čovjek koji se nađe u našoj blizini, a nalazi se u bilo kakvoj potrebi ili nevolji. Da bismo mu mi bili bližnji, valja mu najprije pristupiti, vidjeti njegovu potrebu i nevolju, razumjeti ga i učiniti za njega ono što je moguće i potrebno. Kako to učiniti, lijepo nam reče ljubljani Isusov učenik, Ivan apostol: «Dječice, ne ljubimo riječju i jezikom, nego djelom i istinom!» (1Iv 3,18). Ljubav je djelotvorna ili nije ljubav. Djelotvorna ljubav prema bližnjemu uz ljubav prema Bogu koji je izvor te ljubavi, jedina su dva uvjeta da bi netko zadobio ono najvažnije, život vječni (usp. Lk 10,25-28). Samarijanac postupa sasvim konkretno. Ne jadikuje i ne sablažnjava se verbalno što je svijet takav da u njemu ima razbojnika, ne ostaje samo kod sažaljenja prema ranjenome i opljačkanom čovjeku, niti pita tko je taj čovjek, je li njegov sunarodnjak ili tko drugi, možda čak neprijateljski raspoložen Židov, nego bez puno riječi ocjenjuje situaciju, vidi što bi trebalo učiniti i to čini bez odlaganja. Crkva se trudi to isto činiti. U prošlosti je osnivala društva za otkup robova, čije je stanje bilo osobito teško, osnivala redovničke i druge družbe za odgoj siročadi i napuštene djece, za liječenje bolesnika, za pomaganje patnika svih vrsta. Među najvažnija djela Crkve spada upravo karitativni i humanitarni rad. Po tome je Crkva Isusova Crkva. I naš suvremeni život traži svoje Samarijance. Jedna je žena srednjih godina vozeći se s trogodišnjim djetetom sletjela s ceste, auto se prevrnuo i zapalio. Majka je bila teško povrijeđena i u nesvijesti, dok je dijete srećom ostalo neozlijeđeno. U blizini se našao 72-godišnji umirovljenik i odmah je priskočio u pomoć: odlomljenom granom razbio je vjetrobransko staklo, jer se vrata nisu dala otvoriti. U to mu je u pomoć priskočila jedna djevojka koja je naišla svojim autom, i zajednički su uspjeli spasiti dijete, a onda uz velike napore i onesviještenu ženu, koja je bila prignječena u autu. Oko njezinih nogu već su lizali plameni jezici. Ni vatra ni opasnost od eksplozije nije spasioce omela u spašavanju. Kasnije je taj umirovljenik izjavio novinarima: «I da mi se što dogodilo, bilo bi mi svejedno. Važno je da sam spasio dva ljudska života!». Spasiti drugoga, čak riskirajući vlastiti život, zaista je hrabrost i vrhunska kršćanska krepost. Možda čak i češće je isto tako važno da naš bližnji osjeti da imamo osjećaja i vremena za njegovu ili njezinu nevolju ma kakva ona bila u tom trenutku. Ako ih ne poslušamo nećemo ni znati jesu li u kakvoj nevolji. Braćo i sestre, danas smo čuli Isusov nalog koji i za nas vrijedi: «Idi pa i ti čini tako!» Amen.



## THE VELIKA GOPSA FEAST APPROACHES

Our annual Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary is well known for over a century as Velika Gospa Croatian Fest, honoring Our Lady of Sinj.



Our Lady of Sinj (Croatian: Gospa sinjska) is the title given to the painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy in Sinj. Experts suppose that the painting was painted by an unknown Venetian artist in the 16th century. Mary is described as the queen of heaven and earth and set on the throne of "her goodness, love and charity". The Sinj

sanctuary is famous all around the world wherever there are Croats. Numerous pilgrims come to receive Gospa's mercy. The Bradarich brothers donated a painted copy of this icon and it still hangs in our sanctuary and is carried in our grand procession!

This week we are sending the mailing that includes the invitation with schedule and Parking plan.

There has been a great support by many individuals in organizing and making this Feast a great and an exemplary success. Fr. Stipe and I (Fr. Ivica) expect your support this year, as it is our first year in organizing this Feast. We are grateful for that.

Novena Masses will start on August 6th every night at 7:00 p.m. and we will again have guest priests speaking for novena.

Our mailing also includes two raffle tickets for our gigantic Velika Gospa raffle, with its \$20,000 grand prize, \$5,000 second prize and five more \$1,000 prizes.

There are two "Early bird" prize drawings for \$1,000 that will take place on Sundays, August 4th and August 11th. The winning Early bird tickets will be put back into the barrel for the main August 15th drawing. Each ticket for this raffle is \$100. Please buy, or sell your tickets. If you are unable to do so, please drop them off at the Rectory. Also, if you need more tickets, they are available at the Rectory. Proceeds from this Feast greatly helps our Parish and our St. Jerome Catholic School. Thank you for your participation!

## 10TH VELIKA GOPSA GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET

On Sunday, August 18, we will have a Velika Gospa Golf Tournament for the 10th time. This event will be held at The Links at Carillon in Plainfield, IL. 18 holes shotgun style will be played. Dinner will be served with a special program. All are welcome. If you can not play, you can attend the banquet for the price of \$40.

The proceeds will go for a children in need. Would you participate or be a sponsor? For more informations call Miro Planinic at 773-983-9818.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CONTINUES

We continue with our regular eucharistic adoration on Thursdays, from 7 until 9 p.m. Join us at any moment and for as much time you are able to stay!

## PICNICS AND FESTIVALS AT CHICAGO AREA CROATIAN PARISHES

TODAY, July 14, ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CROATIAN PARISH will have their Croatian Parish Day in the church hall at 330 E. 45th Ave., Gary, IN. The celebration will start with 11 a.m. Mass. From noon there will be BBQ lamb and pork, sarma, ražnjići, muckalica and čevapi dinners. Additionally, palaćinke, strudle and more will be available for purchase. Phil Stipančić & Orchestra will entertain until 4:30 p.m. Raffle drawing will be at 4 p.m. For more informations call 219-980-1846.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21, THE FEDERATION OF CROATIAN SOCIETIES IN MILWAUKEE, WI will have their Croatian Fest in the Croatian Park at 9100 S. 76th St., Franklin, WI. On Sunday the celebration will start with 11 a.m. Mass at the Park. Cultural program will follow. There will be abundance of food, drinks and home made sweets. "Lidija i Band" from Cleveland will take care for entertainment.

## ARCHDIOCESAN CAMPAIGN "TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS"

Cardinal Francis George started a 3 years capital campaign named "To Teach Who The Christ Is" has it's major goal to help Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese. Every parish, including us, will have to participate in this Campaign over the next 3 years. We believe that we will successfully participate as 60% of the goal of the Campaign in our parish will stay with us, and all that we collect over our goal will also stay with us.

## ROSARY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

All are welcome to join prayer group in praying rosary for the souls in Purgatory. This group comes together every Wednesday at 7 p.m. (in backyard of 2716 S. Princeton Ave.).

## JOIN WEIGHTWATCHERS AND ZUMBA

If you want to get in shape for summer than join Weightwatchers and Zumba. Weightwatchers come together on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Lower Small Hall.

Zumba Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays in School Hall at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

## WHEN IN CHURCH

Please respect this sacred place and others who are here to pray, by maintaining the silence.

Dress respectively during these summer months.

It is obviously ridiculous, zero culture, an act with no dignity and simply disrespectful to chew gum in church. Please, think about it and also share this nicely with others as well.

**USUSRET VELIKOJ GOSPI**

Približava se još jedna proslava Marijina Uznesenja - Velike Gospe u našoj župi, koja više od stoljeća časti Mariju svečanom procesijom, svetom misom i proslavom na kojoj mnogi susretnu prijatelje koje ne vide tijekom godine. Naš je Hrvatski narod častio Mariju u svim dijelovima naše domovine, a ovdje u Chicagu na poseban način častimo kopiju slike Čudotvorne Gospe Sinjske, Majke od Milosti, koju su gotovo prije stotinu godina darovali braća Bradarich. Ovaj tjedan šaljemo poštom pozivnicu za proslavu u kojoj ćete naći raspored događanja i upute o parkiranju.

Tijekom godina ova župa je poznata po primjernom odazivu mnogih u pripremi i uspješnoj proslavi. Fra Stipe i ja (fra Ivica) očekujemo vašu podršku i ove godine, budući da je ovo prva naša godina u organiziranju ove veličanstvene proslave. Unaprijed vam srdačno zahvaljujemo na tome.

Početak ćemo i sa duhovnom pripravom. Devetnica počinje 6. kolovoza sa sv. Misama u 7:00 navečer, koje će i ove godine predvoditi različiti gosti svećenici.

U pošti ćete također naći i po dvije karte za našu bogatu lutriju čija je prva nagrada \$20,000!!! Druga nagrada je \$5,000, te još pet nagrada po \$1000. Bit će dva ranija izvlačenja po \$1000, koje ćemo izvlačiti u nedjelje 4. i 11. kolovoza. Ove "Early bird" karte bit će vraćene u bubanj za izvlačenje velike nagrade 15. kolovoza. Cijena karte je \$100. Molimo vas da kupite ili prodate ove karte. Ako niste u stanju da to učinite, vratite ih u naš župni ured. Dobitak od proslave Velike Gospe i ove lutrije uvelike pomaže našu župu i našu katoličku školu. Hvala na sudjelovanju

**10. HRVATSKI DOBROTVORNI  
VELIKA GOSPA GOLFSKI TURNIR I BANKET**

U nedjelju 18. kolovoza organizira se po deseti put Hrvatski dobrotvorni golfski turnir koji će se održati na The Links at Carillon u Plainfieldu, IL. Nakon igre imat ćemo svečenu večeru. Cijena za ovaj događaj jest \$150 u što je uključeno igranje golfa, otvoreni bar, svečana večera i druženje. Ako ne planirate igrati golf a želite nam se priključiti, možete nabaviti ulaznice (\$40) samo za večeru i druženje. Večera će početi u 6:30 sati navečer. Svi ste nam dobro došli! Sav prihod će ići za pomoć siromašnoj djeci u Hrvatskoj i BiH.

**PONAŠANJE U CRKVI**

Crkva je sveto mjesto jer u njoj slavimo i susrećemo Boga. Stoga vas molimo da na to ovih ljetnih dana još više pripazite te da u crkvu dolazite primjereno obučeni, da ne žvačete žvakaće gume, stišate ili ugastite vaše mobitele, te da održavate primjerenu tišinu, zbog svetosti samog mjesta i poštovanja prema onima koji žele u miru moliti. Hvala na razumijevanju.

**UMRLI - DECEASED**

U petak 5. srpnja ujutro iznenada je preminuo dragi čovjek, Zvonko Čabo. Zvonko zajedno sa svojom suprugom bio je aktivan član naše hrvatske zajednice u Chicagu. Sudjelovao je radosno u svim događajima naših župa, klubova, škola i udruga. Zajedno sa svojom suprugom Anom bio je pobjednik svih turnira u bućanju u Chicagu. Bio je član hrvatske župe Presvetog Trojstva i župe Sv. Jeronima. Iskrena sućut supruzi Ani, sinovima Gregu, Peteru i kćeri Marie, rodbini i prijateljima.

Lucille A. "Baba" Bekavac, nee Semanic, 98 years, beloved wife of the late Anton I., loving mother of Lucille (Joe) Smyth, Myrna (John) Jurcev, Angela (Tony) Chobot, Darlene (the late Jerry) Diehl and Christine (Daniel) Byrne. Devoted grandmother of 24, great-grandmother of 49 and great, great-grandmother of 13. Dear sister of several late brothers and sisters. "Baba" was dearly loved by many nieces, nephews and God-children.

Počivali u miru Božjem - May they rest in peace!

**TREBAMO UČI TELJE HRVATSKOG JEZIKA**

Hrvatska škola traži nove učitelje i učiteljice hrvatskog jezika. Nastava hrvatskog jezika se održava subotom od 8:30 sati ujutro do 12:15 sati poslije podne. Javite se članovima odbora Hrvatske škole ili izravno fra Ivici.

**TRAŽI SE** — ženska osoba, koja bi pazila stariju gospođu sa stanom u Oak Brooku. Ukoliko je netko zainteresiran ili poznaje nekoga tko bi to želio raditi, molimo neka se javi Gail na slijedeći broj telefona 305-401-6119

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► Apt. 4 room, 3010 S. Princeton, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. \$750 + one month security. 1 Year lease, no pets. Call 630-734-155.

**JULY 20TH - ST. ELIAH THE PROPHET****20. SRPNJA - SV. ILIJA PROROK**

The Holy Prophet Elijah was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their Fathers, they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1) The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God. King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah's mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.

In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.



Svetog Iliju slavimo 20. Srpnja. On je u Starome zavjetu vatreno revnovao za vjeru u jednoga pravoga Boga. Njegovo ime na hebrejskom znači "Jahve je moj Bog", a za tu se istinu prorok Ilija cijeli svoj život i borio.

Ilija je bio rodom iz Tišbe, pa se naziva i Tišbijac. Živio je i d j e l o v a o u

Sjevernom ili Izraelskom kraljevstvu u IX. stoljeću prije Krista u vrijeme kraljevanja Ahaba i Ohozije. Borbu s bezbožnim Ahabom i njegovom ženom Jezabelom sam prorok Ilija najbolje izriče nalazeći se na Božijoj gori Horebu. Na Jahvin upit zašto je tamo došao, prorok odgovara: "Revnovao sam gorljivo za Jahvu, Boga nad vojskama, jer su sinovi Izraelovi napustili Tvoj Savez, srušili tvoje žrtvenike i pobili mačem tvoje proroke. Ostao sam sam, a oni traže da i meni uzmu život" (1 Kr 19,10). U tim je riječima sav Ilija. One izriču njegovo proročko poslanje u jednom veoma teškom razdoblju povijesti izabranoga naroda.

Tajanstveni je Ilijin završetak: ognjena kola i ognjeni konji stadoše između Ilije i Elizeja, i Ilija u vihoru uziđe na nebo. Elizej je gledao i vikao: "Oče moj, oče moj! Kola Izraelova i konjanici njegovi!" I više ga nije vidio. Uze tada svoje haljine i razdera ih nadvoje. I podiže Ilijin plašt, koji bijaše pao s njega, te se vrati i zaustavi se na obali Jordana. Uze onda Ilijin plašt i udari po vodi govoreći: "Gdje je Jahve, Bog Ilijin?" I kad udari po vodi, ona se razdjeli na dvije strane, i Elizej prijede!" (2 Kr 2,1-14).

Iz toga opisa staro je židovsko vjerovanje izvuklo zaključak da će se Ilija još jedanput pojaviti na zemlji prije "velikog Jahvina dana". Neki sveti Oci i crkveni pisci misle pak da će to biti prije drugog dolaska Mesije, tj. prije sudnjega dana. Židovski povjesničar Josip Flavije u IX. knjizi svojih Židovskih starina ovako opisuje Ilijin završetak: "Ilija je isčeznuo između ljudi i nitko sve do danas ništa ne zna o njegovoj smrti!"

U slavenskom pučkom vjerovanju, što je prisutno i u našim krajevima, Ilija zapovijeda gromovima i kiši, pa se čak naziva "Ilija gromovnik". Daleko je vrjednije od toga shvaćanja pogled na velikog starozavjetnog proroka u duhu onoga što nam o njemu govori Božija objava.

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