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SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS/HIEROMARTYR ATHENOGENES

Sunday July 29, 2018

Hebrew 13:7-16, John 17:1-13

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**Welcome!** We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saints Peter and Paul Church. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

“Earthly life – this brief period - is given to man by the mercy of the Creator in order that man may use it for his salvation, that is for the restoration of himself from death to life.”

St Ignatius Brianchaninov

### Orthodox Practice

St. Elias is honoured and exemplary for:

- his mysticism, e.g. holding intimate conversation with God, hearing God's voice in the gentle breeze;
- his asceticism, e.g. being taken by God to live in the desert, eating only food brought by ravens;
- his prophesy, e.g. being commanded by God to denounce rulers for their injustice, their infidelity, and their oppression of the people;
- his orthodoxy, e.g. following the one true God and opposing the worship of other gods;
- his miracle working, e.g. providing food in time of famine, raising the dead, dividing the waters and crossing the Jordan dryshod;
- his concern for the poor, the widow and orphan;
- his being taken up, deathless, into the heavens by God in the fiery chariot;
- his appearance with the Messiah at the holy Transfiguration (Matt 17:1-8).

“He who holds possessions as the gifts of God...and knows that what he possesses is for the sake of others is blessed by God and poor in spirit.”

St. Clement of Alexandria

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Confessions – 9:00 AM on Sundays or arranged as needed.

Birthdays: Donald Mester 7/30, Jakub Zias 8/2

The Annual Ethnic dinner will be held after services on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Please tell your friends.

“Do great catastrophes fall on you? Be obedient to God’s will, as Noah was. Is sacrifice demanded of you? Give yourself into God’s hands with the same faith as Abram had when he went to sacrifice his son.”

St Nikilai Velimirovich

The ***Science and Nature Camp program*** is open to all youngsters, 8–18. It runs from Sunday, August 5 through Saturday, August 12. The program offers insights into astronomy, biology, geology and meteorology. Presentations will be offered by officials from the Carnegie Science Center, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the Jennings Environmental Center and regional high school and college faculty. Leading the effort is His Grace Bishop Gregory, who had served as a cardiovascular biologist for 20 years in Charlotte, NC before entering the priesthood and now the episcopacy. Registration information can be downloaded at: <http://www.campnazareth.org/science-camp>.

A web page to check out - <http://www.theoria.tv/>

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