

What is your way of life? How can you find out what it is? There are a number of clues that can help us establish what our way of life is. Here they are:

How do you spend your **TIME**? After all, time is the essence of life. If we merely do things for ourselves, excluding others, we fail in following Christ's way. One can always find time to do the things one really wants to do -- the problem is to make the **RIGHT** things the desire of our hearts.

How do you spend your **MONEY**? The bank book is as important as the prayerbook in determining the vitality of our religious faith. We spend our wealth on the things that have the most meaning for us, that are most attached to our heart.

Whom do we **ADMIRE** most in life? Our "heroes" tell us something about life. We are fortunate in our Church to have a great list of God's heroes -- the men & women we call saints. From the Old Testament to present day, this list provides us with examples of Christian **FAITH, COURAGE** and **LOVE**.

As you can see, we all have a way of life. Let us be certain that ours is the **CHRISTIAN** way.

"I AM THE WAY"



**E**very person has a way of life -- a philosophy of living. Some just drift into their way of living, without much thought. They may carefully select new clothes or the latest hit music, but just casually find their way of living.

The media constantly tells us about other people and their way of life. A man arrested for the tenth time for intoxication and locked up for fighting -- he has a way of life. A movie star who has been married and divorced six times and loves to live high and mighty -- she has a way of life. A scientist who spends endless hours working in a lab, conducting experiments for years on end -- he has a way of life.

Christ also had a way of life. He called Himself the "WAY." His was a simple, honest life; a life of caring, sharing and serving. He often explained His way of living. "WHATSOEVER YOU WANT PEOPLE TO DO TO YOU, DO YOU LIKEWISE TO THEM." Jesus even gave the **NEW** commandment to His followers: "LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

When believers in Christ were first given the name Christians, it was a tribute to the fact that they were living Christ's way. There is, indeed, a Christian way of life. It applies to every **STAGE** of life, from birth to the grave; and to every **ASPECT** of living -- work, home, play, money, sickness, prayer and worship.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 9, 1-8; Jn.17, 1-13;

**EPISTLE:** Rom. 12, 6-14; Heb.3, 7-16;

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE:**

**THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH**

Saint Elijah, one who saw God, a miracle-worker and a zealot for faith in God, was born of the tribe of Aaron from the town Tishba for which he was called the Tishbite. When St. Elijah was born, his father Savah saw an angel of God hovering around the child, wrapping the child in fire and giving him a flame to eat. That was a foreshadowing of Elijah's fiery character and his God-given fiery power. He spent his entire youth in godly thoughts and prayers withdrawing frequently into the wilderness to contemplate and to pray in solitude. At that time the Jewish kingdom was divided into two unequal parts: the kingdom of Judah consisting of only two tribes, the tribes of Judah and Benjamin with their capital in Jerusalem and the kingdom of Israel consisting of the remaining ten tribes with their capital in Samaria. The first kingdom was governed by the descendants of Solomon and the second kingdom was governed by the descendants of Jeroboam, the servants of Solomon. The greatest confrontation that the prophet Elijah had was with the Israelite King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel. For they, Ahab and Jezebel, worshipped idols and were turning the people away from serving the One and Living God. Before this, however, Jezebel, a Syrian, persuaded her husband to erect a temple to the Syrian god Baal and ordered many priests to the service of this false god. Through great miracles Elijah displayed the power and authority of God: he closed up the heavens, so that there was not any rain for three years and six months; he

**TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE, TURN DOWN THE WORLD'S VOLUME.**

lowered a fire from heaven and burned the sacrifice to his God which the pagan priests of Baal were unable to do; he brought down rain from heaven by his prayer; miraculously multiplied flour and oil in the home of the widow in Zerepath, and resurrected her son; he prophesied to Ahab that the dogs will lick up his blood and to Jezebel that the dogs will consume her flesh, all of which happened as well as many other miracles did he perform and prophesy. On Mount Horeb, he spoke with God and heard the voice of God in the calm of a gentle breeze. Before his death he took Elisha and designated him as his successor in the prophetic calling; by his mantle he divided the waters of the Jordan river; finally he was taken up into the heavens in a fiery chariot by flaming horses. He appeared on Mount Tabor to our Lord Jesus Christ together with Moses. Before the end of the world St. Elijah will appear again to put an end to the power of the anti-Christ (Revelation, Chapter 11). To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

On Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Feast of St. Prophet Elijah  
DIVINE LITURGY WILL START AT 9:30AM. (Fr. Paul Suda will serve)

Our **Annual Diocesan Day at Shadland** will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2016. Sunday activities will begin at 10 a.m. with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by the Picnic and Program, featuring our Folklore Group from Tambura Week and music for dancing.

**OUR CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED ON AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> SO THAT WE MAY ALL ATTEND!**

**A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF HIS GRACE BISHOP DR. MITROPHAN**

will be held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 here in Aliquippa. Please pick up the information letter next to the bulletin for specific details. Banquet tickets are \$60 per person for the sit down dinner and must BE ORDERED NO LATER THAN August 1<sup>st</sup>. Make your check payable to "Serbian Orthodox Diocese" and mail it to:  
D. Bascot, 1704 Vermont Ave. West Mifflin, PA 15122

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As a continuation of this celebration our **ST. ELIJAH CORNERSTONE MEN'S CLUB** will host a picnic at our Picnic grounds. **BBQ lamb and pig will be available along with other items in the kitchen. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Orchestra RADOST.**

**ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**102<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SLAVA CELEBRATION**  
**HONORED KUM**  
**Pete Milich**



**Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with HIS GRACE BISHOP DR. MITROPHAN**

With the Procession around the church and the cutting of the Slavski Kolach and the blessing of the Koljivo

**This will also be Fr. Milan's last service at our parish**

Our 2016 graduates will also be honored this day.

**Julia Knapp, Mirko Loncar, Elijah Sklack, and Ryan Zeljak**

Slava Banquet- 12:30 p.m. St. Elijah Center

A Homemade Grand Buffet Dinner will include:

*Chicken, Sarma, Lamb, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Dessert*

Donation \$25 adults Teens (13-18) \$10 - no charge under 12 years of age

**VISITS:**

**July 26<sup>th</sup> - Villa St. Joseph** - Slavka Nikolic

**July 26<sup>th</sup> - West Hills** - Joseph Mrkonja, Nick Bruich

**July 27<sup>th</sup> - Passavant Hospital** - Mary Jovonovich (Communion)

**July 28<sup>th</sup> - Cambridge Village** - Mary Ulinski

**July 28<sup>th</sup> - Franciscan Manor** - Nell Semick, Rudy Kosanovich

