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The Holy Prophet Hosea the first of the Minor Prophets, belonged to the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the ninth Century before Christ, in the kingdom of Israel. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. During this time, many of his fellow Israelites had forgotten the true God, and worshipped idols. The holy Prophet Hosea attempted to turn them again to the faith of their Fathers by his wise counsels. Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel (i.e. the northern kingdom Israel), the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria.

Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Savior, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the end of sacrificial offerings and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hos. 3:4-5), and that the knowledge of the True God would spread through all the earth (Hos. 2:20-23). Hosea spoke also about Christ, how He would return from out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; compare Mt. 2:15), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hos. 6 and especially Hos.6:2; compare with 1 Cor.15:4), and that He would conquer death (Hos.13-14. Compare 1 Cor.15:54-55).

The Hieromartyr Andrew of Crete lived during the reign of the iconoclast emperor Constantine Kopronymos (741-775), who ordered Christians, under penalty of death, to remove the holy icons from their churches and homes. Believers, who fearlessly resisted the impious iconoclast, and held firmly to the traditions of the holy Fathers, were locked in prison. When the venerable Andrew heard that the emperor was throwing virtuous and pious Christians into prison instead of thieves and robbers, he went to the Church of the Great Martyr Mamas (September 2) in Constantinople and in front of everyone, denounced the heretic for persecuting the true Faith.

In an attempt to justify himself the emperor said that it was folly to bestow veneration on wood and paint. To this the monk replied that whoever suffers for holy icons suffers for Christ, but whoever reviles the icon upon which Christ is depicted, offers insult to Christ Himself. The enraged iconoclast gave orders to torture St Andrew without mercy.

As he was being dragged through the streets to the place of execution, someone cut off the saint's feet. As a result, St Andrew was freed from his torments by death. A hundred years later a Canon was written to the saint by St Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4). The saint heals those afflicted with seizures.

The Scripture Readings are: Epistle 2 Corinthians 11:,31-12:9 **Gospel of Luke** 8:5-15

VISITS Oct. 25th Medical Center: Daniel Menich and Dorothy Brdar
Oct. 29th West Hills: Nick Bruich , Bessie Bratich and Elizabeth Belich
Beaver Elder Care: Albin Abramovich

TODAY we will have an afternoon LUNCHEON of Fellowship after Divine Liturgy hosted by the KCC (Sarma, potatoes, vegetable and dessert!) Prepared by: Marie Rebich, Sylvia Michic, Barb Sahar and Mildred Snyder. PLEASE JOIN US!



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sponsored by: The St. Elijah Church Choir

NEXT Sunday, November 6th -NOON – 4:00 p.m.

or until sold out

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Coffee and Dessert

Eat In or Take-out DONATION: \$12.00



The Nomination Meeting of the St. Elijah Church School Congregation will be held on **Sunday, November 13, 2016** immediately following Divine Liturgy in the downstairs of the church. Our Annual Assembly will be held on **Sunday, December 11, 2016** also immediately following Divine Liturgy in the downstairs of the church. Please mark your calendars and do attend!

Sunday School will be having their annual Thanksgiving Program and **Pumpkin Roll Sale** on Sunday, November 20th. If you would like to order a pumpkin roll, please contact Georgette Osman at 724-777-4615 or at georgette.osman@comcast.net. The cost of the rolls is \$15.00.

Also on this day please join us for a **Pancake Breakfast** which includes: Pancakes/sausage/coffee and juice. Preparing the Breakfast is the Milanovich Family assisted by the Teachers and Mother's Club Members. There will be no charge a donation basket will be available for you do make your donations. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new television for Church Sunday School.

KCC is hosting it's annual **CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE** forms are located next to the bulletin. Please take a few and share with friends.