On July 20th, we remember one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament, the Prophet Elijah (or Ilia). Elijah has a wonderful and inspiring story with an extremely relevant message for all of us today.

A “prophet of God” is someone who boldly speaks the word of the Lord. Throughout the Old Testament, these prophets would courageously speak before kings and powerful people, publicly revealing to them where they have strayed from the path of God, and calling them back to the straight path. More often than not, however, the “reward” these prophets received was ridicule, slander, persecution and even death. The leaders and people often didn’t want to change their corrupt ways and listen to the word of God.

Elijah lived at a time when King Ahab and his wife Jezebel were ruling over Israel. This king and queen, along with many of the people of Israel, had forgotten about the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and begun worshipping the false god of Baal. The king also ruled his people with corruption and injustice.

So God calls Elijah to go and proclaim His word to King Ahab. Of course, the King doesn’t receive Elijah’s words warmly, and even threatens to kill him. Elijah, however, filled with the power of God, dares the king and all his priests of the false god Baal to a competition. He challenges them to see which God is greater, the holy God of Israel, or their god of Baal. This “prayer competition” is held before King Ahab.

First, the priests of Baal are asked to pray to their god and ask him to send down fire from heaven to consume their sacrifices placed on an altar. The priests begin to pray. After many hours, and with no results, they give up in despair.

Elijah then builds an altar and places a bull on top of the altar. Before he begins praying, though, he tells the people to poor four large jars of water on top of the sacrifice. They do this three times to ensure that the altar and animal are thoroughly soaked. Then he
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called out to God and prays, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known to-day that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant. Answer me, O Lord, answer me this day with fire, and let the people know You are the God of Israel, and I am Your servant. Let these people know You are the Lord God, so as to turn the heart of this people back."

Then fire fell from the Lord out of the heaven and consumed the whole burnt offering, including the altar. And all the people fell to the ground and cried out, “Truly the Lord is God. He is God.”

One would think that after such a miraculous event, the king and the people would listen to Elijah and believe in God. But the opposite happened. The king and his wife Jezebel became so furious with Elijah that they tried to kill him. Unfortunately, so often this is the reward of a true prophet – to proclaim the word of God, but then to be ignored and to suffer persecution for what you proclaim.

So Elijah runs away to Mount Horeb, where he fasts for 40 days and nights. He stays in a cave, praying continuously to God. He even enters into the presence of God, and as he stands before God, he shares his discouragement. He basically says, “I have been zealous for you and have faithfully followed you. But look, I am the only one. All the children of Israel have forsaken you, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets. Look, I am alone, and now they seek to even take my life!”

Elijah shares a common frustration that I’m sure even many faithful people in our contemporary world face. Many faithful Christians feel as if they are alone in this faithless and sinful world. So often, when we seek to follow Christ, and live according to His teachings, we seem like we are the only ones – the only serious Christian in our work place, the only serious Christian in our neighborhood, or in our schools, or wherever.

From Elijah we realize that this feeling of being alone as we struggle to faithfully walk with God is not something new. Throughout history, faithful people who have sincerely followed Christ and lived according to His ways have often felt alone.

The world around us will always be seeking after something else. Even those who call themselves Christians are too often Christian in name alone, but not in an authentic struggle. Jesus Himself warned His disciples by saying, “The road is narrow and the way is difficult that leads to life, and there are few who find it. And the way is wide and broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.” (Mt 7:13-14)

This story of Elijah ends with God comforting the prophet and encouraging him by saying, “There are seven thousand in Israel who have not bowed to Baal.” In other words, you’re not alone! There are other faithful people who struggle to follow God.

May each of us remember these words. We’re not alone. Don’t be deceived by the latest Pew Polls that show what the majority or the masses think or do. Instead, be inspired and encouraged by the remnant, the saints, the faithful few who continue to follow the ways of the Lord.

I share this story of Elijah to encourage and inspire each one of us, especially when we feel alone in our struggle to follow the paths of God. We’re not alone. God is with us. His Holy Spirit is within us. And there are other faithful people, also fighting the good fight to stay faithful until the end. May we remember the Prophet Elijah on his feastday on July 20 as one of these faithful saints, and be inspired by his example.

I wish you all a most blessed and faithful struggle throughout these summer months.

With deep love and gratitude in our Lord Jesus,

+ Fr. Luke
One of the Fathers was asked, ‘What do you do all day in the monastery?’ He replied, ‘We fall down and get up; fall down and get up; fall down and get up again.’

This may be the most accurate and faithful description of the Christian life that I know. We fall, and we fall repeatedly. Our very best intentions often serve to make the sting of the fall all the more painful. In my experience, many Christians harbor a quiet despair.

The world suffered a great loss recently with the death of Archimandrite Roman Braga. He was among a number of great Romanian figures who survived the terrible prison in Pitesti during the 1950s. The Romanian Communist regime had decided to carry out a program of psychological and physical torture on Christians that was among the worst visited on the Church. Fr. Roman, Fr. George Calciu, Pastor Richard Wurmbrand and others survived the ordeal. Alexander Solzhenitsyn once labeled the Pitesti prison program as “The most terrible at of barbarism in the contemporary world.”

The stories related by the survivors give us a window into the unimaginable. Without relating those graphic details, I will share one common element. The program was designed for “brainwashing through torture.” The agreed account says that “everyone broke.” Everyone denied their faith under torture. Prisoners were even forced to take part in the torture of other prisoners. Suicides were common.

Fr. Roman said that each day they would return from the tortures, broken and filled with self-loathing at their denial of Christ. And every day, all of the prisoners would forgive and restore those who had been broken. In the midst of this terrible human-created hell, a number of the prisoners clearly became saints. Stories of the uncreated light were not uncommon. Fr. Roman said that it was in the prison that he learned to pray.

I count it a remarkable blessing that three of the greatest confessors of the Pitesti experiment came eventually to reside in America and ended their days in this land.

I also count their experiences as important teachers for our modern period. The goal of the Pitesti experiment was brain-washing, to make prisoners abandon their belief in God and to acquire a new mind—that of their communist torturers. We lived today in a very benignly constructed era of brainwashing. Never at any time in my 61 years of life have I seen such angry reactions and denunciations of Christianity as are common today. Many will point to various failings or crimes of the Church and say that Christians have only themselves to blame. But this is itself a very sad distortion.

I do not see the daily great trial of Christians coming from the extremes or being provoked by Christian misbehavior. It is the relentless drumming of mass consumerism, mind-numbing mis-education and manipulation of sexual desires that are the most destructive of our faith. And the consequences that are most disturbing are not found in the extremes, but in the quiet despair of average, well-intentioned believers.

The lure of secularism is its claim and pretensions to “normalcy.” Secularism, the claim that either there is no God, or that if there is, He belongs to a “religious “ sphere, is the default position of our culture. The exclusion of God from daily life is simply seen as normal.
The result is that repeated falls in Christian struggles are met with, “Why bother?”

One insidious perversion of Christian teaching suggests that once a person has accepted Christ as Savior, nothing else matters. Salvation can thus be the gateway into a secularized Christian life in which religious devotion is simply numbed into no-existence.

Judging by the “post-Christianity” of the modern West, this numbing secularization is far more successful in suppressing Christianity than the flagrant persecutions in the Communist East. Christianity is trending upward in those countries, in stark contrast to the West. The Martyrs and Confessors of Pitesti stand as witnesses to those who fall each day. For the most remarkable witness of their experience is that they got back up! Not only did they get back up, but their fellow-sufferers restored them, forgave them, and welcomed them back into their lives. Individuals got back up, but with every act of forgiveness and restoration, the entire community got back up.

The Christians of Pitesti, in their patient endurance and quiet generosity, overthrew the “most terrible act of barbarism in the contemporary world,” And did so on a daily basis. Learning to get back up is perhaps the greatest requirement of the Christian life in the modern world.

I have several specific thoughts in this regard:

1. KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.

We live in a highly secularized world. It is not a “neutral zone,” but a setting that is quietly hostile to most Christian beliefs. As the Fathers said, “Prayer is a struggle to a man’s dying breath.” Expect nothing different.

2. TRUST IN MERCY ABOVE ALL ELSE

God is on our side and has not given us this life in order to test us or to condemn us. St. Isaac of Syria said that all of the world’s sin was nothing more than a grain of sand compared to the ocean of God’s mercy.

3. WE ARE SAVED BY WEAKNESS, NOT BY STRENGTH

The teaching of the Scriptures are quite clear. We are saved by our weakness, not in spite of our weakness. (see 2 Corinthians 12:9). God made Christ to be sin that we might be made the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

4. GET BACK TO WORK

St Paul tells us that “where sin increases, grace increases even more.” But he also warns us not to use this as an excuse. We simply dust ourselves off, and get back to our spiritual struggle. This is especially true of our prayers. People frequently avoid their prayers after a fall of one sore or another. They feel somehow unworthy or incapable. This is utter nonsense. We should rush to our prayers after a fall—the sooner the better. It is good for us and the devil hates it.

5. NEVER JUDGE ANOTHER

We are all aware that we should not judge. But we take this to be a moral teaching. It is far more than that. We do not judge because it is not possible for us to judge rightly. This even applies to our own lives. Not until all things are revealed at the end of days will judgment be possible. We must learn to be agnostic about the sins of others. We simply do not know.

6. GIVE THANKS IN ALL THINGS

To give thanks in all things (and for all things) is a primary, foundational aspect of the Christian life. We must learn in the end, to give thanks even for our falls. For though in our falls sin is revealed, grace is revealed to be even greater. And so we give thanks—that our sin is revealed and that grace has been shown to be great.

Glory to God for all things!
OPA! Grecian Festival 2015

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September 12th & 13th

Come to our Festival Meetings and see how you can help.

Help Us Make this Festival One of Our Best Ever!!!

FESTIVAL BANNERS

One special way to support our Festival is to buy a banner advertising your business, or offering a greeting to all the people who will be present. These banners will be displayed inside of the main tent.

You can purchase a banner for a $100 donation.

You can send a check into the Church Office, noting what wording you would like on the banner, or contact the Church Office or Fr Luke.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Please consider offering as many hours as you can on the weekend of the Festival. Contact Mary Papageorge at 508-272-8763 at m.e.papageorge@gmail.com.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be sent to your homes. Please support this effort! See Chris Geotis with questions.

CENTER TABLE

Please bring in items for the Center Table. A basket will be placed in the Church Hall. Contact Dhimitra Adamopoulos or Celia Milios with any questions.

THEMATIC BASKETS

Contact Evelyn Pappas (508-259-5453) or Sandi Kunkel (508-943-7227) about making a thematic basket, or donating anything towards a basket.
PARISH COUNCIL
PRESIDENT’S CORNER

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather we are having!

I was in a conversation with my husband about expectations. The conversation was focused on a situation a friend was having with another friend, that didn't end nicely. After thinking about it for hours on end, I said to him "We expect and assume our friends and relatives to understand how we feel or how we would react to something, yet we don't take the time to think about how they would feel." Basically, it is just common courtesy, thinking before we speak. Don't assume or expect. Showing respect for others, no matter who they are. We all say things we don't mean to say, but it is ok to apologize and move on. It is easy to take others for granted. Do we, as adults, remember to say "thank you" and do we remind our children to show respect and common courtesy?

Yes, there are many things to think about in a day, but if we focus on the good and try a little harder, there will be less room for bad!

Safe travels to those vacationing this month! My sincere condolences to the Kirit-sis family for the passing on of Vasiliki.

My prayers for all of you in need. Wishing you a very blessed day!

With love,
Lisa Healy
Parish Council President

NEEDED FESTIVAL DONATIONS

In the efforts to keep our costs down as much as possible this year, anyone who would like to donate any of the following ingredients or make a monetary donation to purchase any of the items for the food line, please see Lisa Healy (or call 508-981-8109), Marie McNally, or Cynthia Johnson. Thank you !!!!

- 30 BOXES BARILLA BRAND RIGATONI
- 3 LARGE (16 OUNCES) GRATED PARME-SAN CHEESE
- 10 POUNDS FETA CHEESE
- 12 MED ONIONS (FOR PASTITSIO)
- 20 LARGE ONIONS (FOR GRYROS)
- 4 PACKAGES CELERY STALKS
- 8 POUNDS OF BUTTER
- 24 - 29OZ CANS OF TOMATO SAUCE
- 4 BOXES CORNSTARCH
- 5 GALLONS OF WHOLE MILK
- 2 LARGE BOTTLES CABERNET WINE
- 25 CASES OF WATER
- 40 CASES OF SODA
- 11 COKE
- 7 DIET COKE
- 8 GINGER ALE
- 8 ROOT BEER
- 6 ORANGE
- 3 LARGE BOTTLES OF KETCHUP
- 1 LARGE BOTTLE RELISH
- 3 LARGE BOTTLES MUSTARD
- 3000 NAPKINS
- 600 SMALL PAPER PLATES 6 OR 7 INCH
- 100 SLICES OF AMERICAN CHEESE (INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED)
- 140 HOT DOGS AND HOT BUNS
- 140 HAMBURGERS AND BUNS
- 130 HAMBURGER BUNS FOR LAMB BURGERS
Dear Sponsor,

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church is hosting a scramble golf tournament on Saturday July 25, 2015 at Dudley Hill Golf Club. The proceeds of this event will help fund our parish renovations.

We invite you to be a hole sponsor for $50 or prize donor for this event and/or join us for a fun day of golf! By being a sponsor you will be promoting your company to a group of people who are loyal to its sponsors as well as to the many people who will participate in the golf tournament.

To become a sponsor or player please contact Arthur Billis (508-943-8341) or Vic Apostolou (508-769-4998) or vhapostolou@yahoo.com by July 20, 2015.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely

Lisa Healy
Sandi Kunkel
Tournament Committee
On June 1st we had our end of the year dinner. It felt like fine dining in our newly renovated hall. It was an enjoyable evening and very well attended. I would like to thank our officers and each and every one of you for coming and for all the help you give to our church and to our ladies' society throughout the year. We should be very proud of ourselves for everything we do and accomplish.

Our next meeting will be on August 17th at 6:00 to discuss plans for our festival on September 12th and 13th. We will plan dates and times for baking our breads, petas, and baklava at the church hall. In the meantime, we will be taking donations to help pay for the cost of the ingredients. Also I will have a schedule of times to work the pastry booth.

Have a relaxing month and enjoy the summer!

Love,
Evelyn Pappas
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Tubing on the Lake
5:00pm-8:15pm
July 13-17, 2015

Laser Tag
July 14 - Laser Tag
July 15 - Tubing on the Lake
July 17 - Family Swimming at the Foisy House

Family Pool Party
Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church - Webster

Bible & Memory Verse Games
Call or email Presbytera Faith Veronis by July 1 to register (508-774-230-9695 or frlueveronis@gmail.com)

Agents in Action
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Another great VCC!!!
A VISION FOR THE FUTURE
OFFERING A VIBRANT HOUSE OF FAITH AND WORSHIP FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

39 out of 175 Members of our Church Family have given thus far towards our Capital Campaign. Will you please prayerfully consider participating in this project to beautify our Church!

ARCHANGELS ($100,000)
- Charlie and Helen Pappas

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- In Honor of their parents Despina and Bill from the Condos Children (George, Lisa, Maria, Ann)
- Emmanuel James Pappas
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- Sandi and Gerry Kunkel
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- Zinos and Angeliki Mavodanes
- Chris & John Mayo
- Bob & Lea Mirandola
- George Nonis
- Elaine Patrinos
- Garry & Jaime Ross

A Special Thanks to Anton Cojocaru who is donating countless hours in doing the electrical work for the renovation and new building.

Thanks also to Eric Beland, Tony Beaudry and Garry Ross for putting in more than 60 hours of labor in setting up the new sound system for the Church Sanctuary and the Hall

FUNDRAISING GOAL: $700,000   CASH AND PLEDGED: $587,868
Capital Campaign Giving

Only 39 out of 175 Church Members Have Contributed to our Capital Campaign Thus Far!!!

REMAINING NAMING OPPORTUNITIES
(A Donation over THREE years):

- Naming opportunity for Classroom Building at $45,000

- Stain Glass Windows in Interior of Church:
  - Large Interior South Wall $36,000
  - 2 Small Narrow South Wall A $6,000 each

- Back Wall Window $20,000
- North Wall Window $18,000
- Altar Window $18,000

GOAL:
We want 100% Parishioner Participation

Presently: 22% of Parishioners Have Given

( 84% of our Goal!!!)

GOAL:
$700,000

$588,000 Pledged or Donated Thus Far!

Newly Painted Altar (Also Finished the Drywall and Painting of Sanctuary)

A TIME CAPSULE for our New Classroom Building

We will be putting a Time Capsule in the walls of our new classroom building as an offering to the future generations. We want to include in this project artifacts, letters, and whatever else we can offer to remind our children and future generations of who we were and the living Faith Community we had.

If you have any ideas or suggestions of what to include in our Time Capsule, please talk with Nick Seferi.
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

July 5 - Kathy Bilis, Marie Monroe, Carolyn Niemeck, Deb Raymond
July 12 - Thomai Gatsogiannis, Trish Lareau, Stephanie Quill, Betty Tonna
July 19 - Marie McNally, Christa Benoit, Sandi Kunkel, Mary Seferi
July 26 - Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Bill Anthopoulos, Jaime Ross

YOUTH EPISTLE READERS

July 5 - Olivia Neslusan
(Acts 11:19-30 - page 52)
July 12 - Smaranda Cojocaru
(Acts 16:16-34 - page 56)
July 19 - Maia Beaudry
(Acts 20:16-26 - page 60)
July 26 Maria Mironidis
(Acts 2:1-11)
August 2 - Lily Mueller
(Hebrews 11:33-12:2)
August 9 - Hanna Kunkel
Romans 2:10-16
August 16 - Theodora Veronis
Romans 5:1-10
August 23 - Panayiota Veronis
(Acts 9:32-42 - page 50)

USHERS & GREETERS SCHEDULE

July 5
Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Lisa Healy, Nick Seferi

July 12
Neal Neslusan, Mary Papageorge, Jimmy Karapanos, Cindy Johnson,

July 19
Nicoleta Cojocaru, Zach Gianaris, Garry Ross, Jared Quill

July 26
Arthur Bilis, Del Monroe, Chris Geotis, Thomai Gatsogianis, Trish Lareau

EARLY RISERS BIBLE STUDY & WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Will Resume in September

Orthodox 201 Class
Will Resume in September
# Remembering Our Church Family

**Important Dates in JULY:**

Try to make a visit, give a call, or express your congratulations to members of our Church family who celebrate special days during this month.

### Birthdays:

- **July 2**: Zack Gianaris
- **July 4**: Lorna McWilliam
- **July 6**: Paris McWilliam
- **July 6**: Katerina McWilliam
- **July 6**: Mark Totolos
- **July 9**: Gideon Ross
- **July 14**: Carl Mueller
- **July 18**: Laurie Manthos
- **July 22**: William Anthopoulos
- **July 22**: Tatjana Zhuk
- **July 24**: Mary Seferi
- **July 26**: Jaime Ross
- **July 28**: Anton Cojocaru
- **July 31**: Chris Massie

### Wedding Anniversaries:

- **July 1**: Nikola & Bertha Cosntantine
- **July 6**: Ted & Betty Tonna
- **July 11**: Mark & Therese Totolos
- **July 17**: Dimitrios & Claire Milios
- **July 22**: Debby & Glen Raymond
- **July 27**: Sam & Evelyn Pappas
- **July 27**: Nike and Tony Beaudry
- **July 30**: Zack & Barbara Gianaris

### Namedays:

- **July 4**: St. Loucia
  - Loucis Adamopoulos
- **July 11**: St Olga
  - Olga Baraklilis
  - Olga Pappas
  - Olga Petluck
- **July 12**: St. Veronica
  - Paris Veronica McWilliam
- **July 20**: Prophet Elias
  - Louis Adamopoulos
- **July 24**: St. Christina
  - Christine Kiritsis
  - Cristina Enache
  - Kristina Mironides
- **July 25**: St. Anna
  - Anna Thomas

### May Her Memory Be Eternal!

**Vasiliki Kiritsis**

### Congratulations to our High School Graduates

Congratulations to our High School Graduates Michael Awad, who will go to Nichols College, and to George Baraklilis who will go to Quinsigamond College.
THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER

Three things in life that once gone, never come back:
1. Time
2. Words
3. Opportunity

Three things that can destroy:
1. Anger
2. Pride
3. Unwillingness to Forgive

Three things that are most valuable:
1. Faith
2. Family
3. Friends

Three things that make a person:
1. Attitude
2. Commitment
3. Hard work

Three things that endure forever:
1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Love

Three things that stay constant:
1. Father
2. Son
3. Holy Spirit

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The rich man is not one who has much but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever.

St. John Chrysostom

Stewardship Update

Due to our harsh winter bills and lost Sundays, we are still trying to make up the deficit for our operational expenses.

As of the end of May, our income is $83,000 compared to $98,000 last year. Our expenses are $111,000 compared to $99,000 last year.

We have a $28,000 deficit. Please keep up with your stewardship offerings!!!
VERSES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

“If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.”
2 Corinthians 5:17

“Know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”
Ephesians 3:19

“Put off the old person... and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new person which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”
Ephesians 4:22-24

“You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness in your presence.”
Acts 2:28

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
July

July 1 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8 Matthew 10:1-8
July 3 Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 13:3-9
July 4 Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 9:9-13
July 5 Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 8:28-9:1
July 6 Romans 16:17-24 Matthew 13:10-23
July 7 Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34
July 9 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Matthew 13:36-43
July 10 1 Corinthians 4:5-8 Matthew 13:44-54
July 11 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50
July 12 Romans 12:6-14 Matthew 9:1-8
July 13 Hebrews 2:2-10 Matthew 13:54-58
July 14 Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 14:1-13
July 15 1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5 Matthew 17:24-18:4
July 16 1 Corinthians 7:24-35 Matthew 15:12-21
July 17 Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34
July 18 Romans 12:1-6 Matthew 10:37-11:1
July 19 Titus 3:8-15 Matthew 5:14-19
July 21 1 Corinthians 10:5-12 Matthew 16:6-12
July 22 1 Corinthios 9:2-12 Luke 8:1-3
July 23 1 Corinthians 10:28-11:8 Matthew 16:24-28
July 24 1 Corinthians 11:8-23 Matthew 17:10-18
July 26 Galatians 3:23-4:5 Matthew 14:14-22
July 29 1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5 Matthew 20:1-16
July 30 Acts 15:35-41 Matthew 20:17-28
July 31 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 Matthew 21:12-20
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RULE 1: Life is not fair. The average teenager uses this phrase 9 times a day, a phrase they heard too often from their parents. Well, life isn’t fair. Get used to it!

RULE 2: The real world won’t care about your self-esteem as much as your school does. The world expects you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself. This may come as a shock.

RULE 3: Sorry, but you won’t make $100,000 a year out of high school. You won’t be a vice-president until you earn it. In fact, you may even have to wear a uniform that doesn’t have a fashion label.

RULE 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss. When you mess up, they are not going to ask you how you feel about it.

RULE 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping - they called it opportunity. They weren’t embarrassed making minimum wage either. They would have been embarrassed sitting around all weekend playing video games.

RULE 6: If you mess up, it’s not your parents’ fault, so don’t whine about your past or other’s mistakes, but learn from them and go forward.

RULE 7: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life hasn’t! Some schools have abolished failing grades and give you as many times as you want to get the answer right. This doesn’t bear the slightest resemblance to anything in real life!

RULE 8: Before you were born, your parents weren’t as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents’ generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

RULE 9: Life is not divided into semesters, and you don’t get summers off. Not even Easter break. They expect you to show up every day, for 8 hours, and you don’t get a new life every 10 weeks.

RULE 10: Television is NOT real life. Life is not a sitcom. Your problems won’t be solved in 30 minutes. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

RULE 11: Smoking does not make you look cool. Next time you’re out cruising, watch an 11 year old with a butt in his mouth. That’s what you look like to anyone over 20. Ditto for “expressing yourself” with purple hair, tattoos, and/or pierced body parts.

RULE 12: You’re not immortal. If you think that living fast, dying young and leaving a beautiful corpse is romantic, you obviously haven’t gone to the funeral of one of your peers.

RULE 13: Enjoy life while you can. Sure parents may not understand you, school may seem like a bother, and life challenges can appear depressing, but someday you’ll realize how wonderful it was to be a kid. Start being grateful from now!