

# ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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## Fathers of the 1st Council

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was frightful blasphemy faithful of Alexander, his after trying in vain through cut him off from and finally in a deposed him in the neither did the wish to be did he cease sowing of his heretical writing to the other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar. Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that



not. This shook the Alexandria. Archbishop, to correct him admonitions, communion local council year 321. Yet blasphemer corrected, nor the deadly tares teachings; but bishops of

the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful. Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

## GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READINGS

**Epistle Reading** Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

## **Gospel Reading John 17:1-13 Fathers of the 1st Council**

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion Plagal of the Second Tone**

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the sepulcher, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and through her, bestowed Life. Glory to You who has risen from the dead!

## **Apolytikion for 6th Thursday after Pascha/Ascension**

O Christ our God, You ascended in Glory and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Your blessing assured them that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

## **Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council**

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

## **Kontakion**

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

## **Church Apolytikion**

Incarnate Angel and summit of the Prophets, second forerunner of the coming of Christ glorious Elijah sent down grace from on high to the Prophet Elisha. He heals diseases and cleanses the leprous. He pours healings on all who honour him.

## **Kontakion**

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

## **Apolytikion for Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria**

Let us praise the most auspicious bride of Christ, the divine Catherine, protectress of Sinai, our aid and our help. For, she brilliantly silenced the eloquence of the impious by the sword of the spirit, and now, crowned as a martyr, she asks great mercy for all.

## **Kontakion**

O friends of martyrs, now divinely raise up a renewed chorus, praising the all-wise Catherine. For, she proclaimed Christ in the arena, trampled on the serpent, and spat upon the knowledge of the orators.

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Greek Festival 2012**

We need volunteers for this year's **Greek Festival June 15th and 16th 2012**. If you like to volunteer please contact Kerry Tramountanas. We are also selling our Festival raffle tickets after church. Please see Kerry Tramountanas after church.

### **HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!!!**

**M** is for mothers who sent their children off to war

**E** is for the everlasting gift of freedom

**M** is for the mums that decorate the graves of the soldiers

**O** is for the old men that are veterans

**I** is for the island of Hawaii where the Japanese bombed Pearl harbor

**A** is for America, the home of the brave

**L** is for the land of the free

## **SERVICES AND INFORMATION**

### **This Week's Liturgical Schedule**

**Sunday, 27 May** Holy Father's 1st Council

**prosforo Niki Constantaras coffee hour Mary Santikos**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Saturday, 2 June** Saturday of the Souls **Prosforo Fr. Dimitri**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

No Great Vespers

**Sunday, 3 June Pentecost**

**prosforo Fr. Dimitri coffee hour Nyphe Kefal**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Saturday, 9 June** No Great Vespers

**Sunday, 10 June** All Saint's Day

**prosforo Fr. Dimitri coffee hour Helen Skinas**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Friday, 15 June** Greek Festival

11:00am - 9:00pm

**Saturday, 16 June** Greek Festival

11:00am - 9:00pm

No Great Vespers

**Sunday, 17 June** FATHER'S DAY

**prosforo Fr. Dimitri coffee hour Frederika Vaupen**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Saturday, 23 June**

No Great Vespers

**Sunday, 24 June** St. John the Prodromos

**prosforo Fr. Dimitri Coffee hour Anastasia Stevens**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Friday, 29 June** SS. Peter and Paul **prosforo Fr. Dimitri**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Saturday, 30 June**

No Great Vespers

**Sunday, 1 July**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 8 July**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 15 July**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Thursday, 19 July**

7:00pm Great vespers

**Friday, 20 July** St. Elias the Prophet

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 22 July** Feast day of Church (Picnic)

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 29 July**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am