

# ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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## All Saints

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honourable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate courage in the virtue, says, seeing we also are with so great a witnesses, let us burden, and the sin easily beset us, and patience the race us" (Heb. 12:1). commemoration Sunday (Synaxis) them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood. Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honour all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honour the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will



their patience and struggles for "Wherefore compassed about cloud of lay aside every which doth so let us run with that is set before This began as the of All Martyrs; to

continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers). In this celebration, then, we reverently honour and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honour today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

## GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READINGS

### Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are

surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30 All Saints

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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

O Merciful One, You came from on high, and condescended to Your three day burial to save us from suffering. You are our Life and our Resurrection. Glory to You. -

Ὁ ξ̅ψους κατὰλθες ὁ εὐ̅σπλαγγνος, ταφ̅ν καταδ̅ξω  
τρι̅μερον, ὡνα ὁμ̅ς ὀλευθερ̅σ̅ς τ̅ν παθ̅ν. ὁ ζω̅ καὶ ὁ  
ὡν̅στασις ὁμ̅ν, Κ̅ριε δ̅ξα σοι.

### **Apolytikion for All Saints**

Your Church, O Christ our God, clothed itself in the blood of Your martyrs from throughout the world, as though it were a robe of linen and purple; through them, she cries out to You, "Send down upon Your people compassion, grant peace to Your commonwealth, and to our souls, great mercy." -

Τ̅ν ὡν ὀλ̅ τ̅ κόσμ̅ Μαρτ̅ρων σου, ὡς πορφ̅ραν καὶ  
β̅σσον τ̅ α̅ματα, ὁ ὀκκλησ̅α σου στολισαμ̅νη, δι' α̅τ̅ν  
βο̅ σοι: Χριστ̅ ὁ Θε̅ς, τ̅ λα̅ σου το̅ς ο̅κτιρμο̅ς σου  
κατ̅πεμψον, ε̅ρ̅νην τ̅ πολιτε̅ σου δ̅ρησαι, καὶ τα̅ς  
ψυχα̅ς ὁμ̅ν τ̅ μ̅γα ὀλεος.

### **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**

The world offers You, the author of all creation, as the first-fruits of nature, the God-bearing martyrs. O most merciful, by their intercessions, through the Theotokos, maintain Your Church in perfect peace.

### **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.

## SERVICES AND INFORMATION

### This Week's Liturgical Schedule

**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

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GREEK FESTIVAL

JUNE 15th and 16th

at the Santa Fe Convention Center

11:00am to 9:00pm

both days

Come, eat, drink and dance like a Greek!!!