

## ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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### 5th Sunday of Matthew



#### Appearance of the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Kazan *July 8*

In Kazan, in 1579, the nine-year old Matrona, whose parents' home had burned down in a fire, had a dream in which she beheld an icon of the Theotokos and heard a voice commanding her to recover this icon from the ashes of the ruined house.

The icon was found wrapped in an old piece of cloth under the stove, where it may have been hidden during the Tartar invasions. The icon was finally brought to the Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos, where it became renowned for the healings that the Mother of God wrought through it for the blind; hence the custom of praying before this holy icon for help in blindness and eye diseases. Tsar Ivan the Terrible had a convent built at the place of the icon's discovery; this, however, was destroyed by the Bolsheviks after the Revolution,

and a factory was built in its stead. The feast was established in 1595. The icon of Kazan is one of the most beloved icons of the Mother of God in Russia.

### GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READINGS

#### Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:1-10

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1 5th Sunday of Matthew

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the

demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion Fourth Tone**

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel, the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished, Christ our God is risen bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

### **Church Apolytikion**

The incarnate Angel and the Prophets' summit and boast, the second fore-runner of the coming of Christ, Elias, the glorious, from above he has sent down his grace upon Elisha; he doth cast out sickness and also doth cleanse the lepers; and unto all that honor him, streams of cures he poureth forth

### **Kontakion**

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## **PARISH NEWS**

### Greek Night

Once again Plaza Cafe south-side will present Greek Night on July 10 at 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Some of the proceeds will go to our church.

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**We're Small but,  
working together, we succeed!**

Our Festival was a great community event we can all be proud of.  
Let's celebrate our success and honor our patron

**Saint Elias the Prophet**

with a week of prayer and thanksgiving:

**Thursday, 19 July**, Great Vespers with Artoklasia 6:00p.m.

**Friday, 20 July**, Orthros, 9 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

and **Sunday, 22 July**,

after Divine Liturgy, we will remember our saint and with an **extravagant** luncheon of roasted pig and goat with delicious Greek side dishes and deserts.

## SERVICES AND INFORMATION

### This Week's Liturgical Schedule

**Sunday, 8 July** Prosforo: Diana Tinor Coffee hour: Shirley Denko

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 15 July** Prosforo: Coffee hour: Eugenia Parry

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Thursday, 19 July**

6:00pm Great vespers

**Friday, 20 July St. Elias the Prophet** Prosforo:Fr. Dimitrios Pappas

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 22 July Feast day of Church (Picnic) Prosforo** Mary O'Brien

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 29 July** Prosforo: Niki Constantaras Coffee hour: Mary Santikos and

Bonnie Hardwick

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Wednesday, 1 August Paraklesis** 6:00pm

**Sunday, 5 August** Prosforo: Fr. Dimitri Coffee hour: Alexia Constantaras

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Monday, 6 August Transfiguration** prosforo Fr. Dimitri Pappas

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Wednesday, 8 August Paraklesis** 6:00pm

**Sunday, 12 August** Prosforo: Coffee hour: Eva Krutz

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Wednesday, 15 August Dormition of the Theotokos** prosforo Mary Santikos

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 19 August** Prosforo: Coffee hour: Niki Constantaras

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 26 August** Prosforo: Coffee hour: Roy and Katherine Wroth

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 2 September**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 9 September**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 16 September**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday, 23 September**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

**Sunday.30 September**

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am