

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN
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Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-34 9th Sunday of Matthew

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified,

saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Resurrectional Apolytikion - Tone 8

From on high You descended, O merciful One, and accepted the three-day burial to free us from our passions. Glory to You, O Lord, our life and resurrection.

Apolytikion for Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Come, let us all welcome the Transfiguration of Christ, and joyously celebrate the bright pre-festival, O ye faithful, and let us cry: Nigh at hand now is the day of God-given gladness, as the Sovereign Master goeth up on Mount Tabor to flash forth with the beautiful light of His Divinity.

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

All of mortal nature now divinely shines on this day with the divine Transfiguration before the time; and in great gladness, she cries out: Christ is transfigured, and saves the race of man.

PARISH NEWS

Directory of St. Elias the Prophet

We are planning to make a new Directory (2012-2013) of our Church. Please return your paper with your correct information so that we can update our Church directory.

Services and Blessing of First Fruits for the Feast of the Transfiguration

In keeping with the wonderful tradition of the Blessing of the Fruits at the Transfiguration, it is customary to bring a tray of washed grapes or fruit on August 6, which will be blessed and distributed at the end of the service. In the days of a farming society, this was the first offering back to God from the harvest. Even though they are most often bought from a grocery store today, we should not lose touch with the idea of offering back to God the first fruits of all our blessings!

2012 St. Elias Parish Directory Information

If you would like to be included in the new parish directory, please complete the following and place in the offering tray:

Surname

First name(s) (single or husband's and wife's first names -- please indicate H or W)

Names of children residing with you

Address

Phone (please indicate if this is a cell number or land line)

Email address

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

This Week's Liturgical Schedule

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 prosforo and coffee hour Anna Patsalis

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Saturday, 8 September Nativity of the Theotokos prosforo Fr. Dimitri Pappas

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 9 September prosforo Diane Tintor and Frederika Vaupen

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Friday, 14 September Holy Cross Niki Constantaras

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 16 September prosforo Leslie Cook and coffee hour Bonnie Hardwick

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 23 September prosforo Diane Tintor and coffee hour Eugenia Parry

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 30 September prosforo and coffee hour Mac Ennis

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 7 October

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 14 October

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 21 October

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 28 October

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Fasting Reminder: August 1-14

Reminder: From the period of August 1-14, we are in a strict fast period in honor of the Theotokos and Mother of God in preparation for her feast of Koimissis (Dormition or Falling Asleep in the Lord) of the Theotokos on August 15. According to the canons of the Church, this is a time when we abstain from all meat, dairy, fish, wine and olive oil. Adding the complete purpose to this spiritual preparation, of course, is our participation in an increased prayer life, including the Paraklesis services, Holy Confession and personal prayer. May the intercessions of the Theotokos be with all of us!