

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Cosmas the Hagiopolite

October 14

Saint Cosmas was from the Holy City, Jerusalem, and was a contemporary and peer of Saint John of Damascus (Dec. 4), with whom also he was reared when, because of his orphanhood he was adopted by Sergius, Saint John's father, and with whom he had the same instructor. About the year 743, he was elected Bishop of Maiuma, a coastal city of Palestine, aforetime under the jurisdiction of Gaza, with the name Port Gaza. During the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, it became a separate township and at that time was renamed Constantia, after Constantine, the son of the Emperor (see Sozomen, Eccl. Hist., V:3). Cosmas became an excellent hymnographer, from whence he is called "the Composer and Melodist," Among his many compositions are the Canon of the Cross (Sept. 14) and the Canon for the Nativity of Christ, "Christ is born, give ye glory."

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do

your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:5-15 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Resurrectional Apolytikion Second Tone

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then, the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, "Glory to You our Christ, the Giver of Life."

Directory of St. Elias the Prophet

Apolytikion for Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

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

Best wishes!

We would like to extend of prayers and love to Frederika Vaupen who had surgery last week. She is recovering slowly and getting her strength back. Her Information where she is staying,

Days Inn
1401 Atlantic Blvd. Room# 114
Jacksonville, FL. 32266

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.

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

DEADLINE: December 2, 2012

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SERVICES AND INFORMATION
This Week's Liturgical Schedule

October:

Sunday, 14 October prosforo Mary Santikos and coffee hour Niki Constantaras

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 21 October prosforo Diana Tinor and coffee hour Paul and Susan Proestos

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 28 October prosforo and coffee hour Helen Skinas

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

November:

Sunday, 4 November prosforo Mary O'brien and coffee hour Angel Keenen

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 11 November prosforo Leslie Cook and coffee hour Judy Brophy

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 18 November prosforo Fr. Dimitri and coffee hour Kerry Tramontanas and Tracey Tramontanas

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 25 November prosforo Diane Tintor and coffee hour ?

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

December

Sunday, 2 December

Sunday, 9 December

Sunday, 16 December

Sunday, 23 December and coffee hour Eugenia Parry

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Tuesday, 25 December

Sunday, 30 December

Christmas Baking

For our
Annual Christmas Bake Sale
we need contributions of the following:

100lb. Shelled Walnuts

100lb. Unsalted butter

Honey

100lb. Filo

200 Postage stamps

200 Envelopes

Please see Nia Parry for details or telephone her at 424-1402