

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:12-18

BRETHREN, we give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:16-24; Matthew 22:14 11th Sunday of Luke

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the

servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

Resurrectional Apolytikion Third Tone

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His Might, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

Apolytikion for 11th Sunday of Luke

You justified the forefathers in faith, and through them betrothed yourself, aforetime, to the Church taken from out of the Gentiles. The saints boast in glory. For from their seed, there exists a noble crop, who is she who without seed has given You birth. By their intercessions, O Christ our God, save our souls.

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

On this day the Virgin cometh to a cave to give birth to God the Word ineffable, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

PARISH NEWS

Memorials

His Eminence, Metropolitan Isaiah, mourning yet another deadly tragedy in our nation, directs that each of you serve the *Trisagion for the Deceased* at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 16, 2012.

35 year Katherine Janedis, Aunt (Thia) of Anastaia Stevens and **40 day** Mary Smiros, God mother of Anastasia Stevens. The memorial is offered by the Stevens family. May their memory be eternal.

3 day memorial is offered for Despina Andrianakos grandmother of Fr. Dimitrios Pappas. May her memory be eternal.

For God did not make death, neither does He have pleasure over the destruction of the living. (Wisdom of Solomon 1:13)

Directory 2013

We are collecting Ads for our 2013 phone Directory. You may send your ad by sending your information to Marcia Baker at sneakerz44@gmail.com. Full page \$50 and half page \$25.

Election

Winners of the election to the Parish Council are, Peter Manos, Susan Proestos, and Anastasia Stevens. May God grant all of you many years of good health and happiness.

Also we would like to thank the out-going people of the Parish Council, Marcia Baker, Eugenia Parry and Tracy Tramontanas. Thank you for your love and dedication to the church and your hard work for the past years. May God grant you all good health.

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.

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 16, 2012



SERVICES AND INFORMATION

December:

16 December Sunday prosforon and coffee hour **Anastasia Stevens** Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
23 December Sunday prosforon and coffee hour **Eugenia Parry** Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
25 December Tuesday Christmas Day prosforon **Eugenia Parry** Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
30 December Sunday prosforon **Leslie Cook** coffee Hour **Niki Constantaras** Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy

January

5 January Saturday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri** Vespereal Liturgy 10:00 am and Blessing of the Holy Water
6 January Sunday Blessing of the Holy water prosforo **Maria Santikos** and coffee hour **Judy Brophy** Orthros 9:00am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
13 January Sunday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri** and coffee hour **Frederika Vaupen** Orthros 9:00am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
20 January Sunday prosforo **Maria Santikos** and coffee hour **Eva Kurtz** Orthros 9:00am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
27 January Sunday prosforo and coffee hour **Mac Ennis** Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

February

2 February Saturday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri** Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
3 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
10 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
17 February Sunday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri** and coffee hour Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
24 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy

For those tiny souls lost in the School of Connecticut tragedy:
"O Lord who watches over children in the present life and in the world to come because of their simplicity and innocence of mind, abundantly satisfying them with a place in Abraham's bosom, bringing them to live in radiantly shining places where the spirits of the righteous dwell: receive in peace the soul of Your little servants, for You Yourself have said, 'Let the little children come to Me, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.' Amen."