

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Apolytikion for Great and Holy Pascha

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life on those in the graves.

Apolytikion Resurrection

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God. And though the doors had been bolted, You came to Your disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your great mercy.

□σφραγισμένου το□ μνήματος, □ ζω□ □κ τάφου □νέτειλας
Χριστ□ □ Θεός· κα□ τ□ν θυρ□ν κεκλεισμένων, το□ς Μαθητα□ς
□πέστης □ πάντων □νάστασις, πνε□μα ε□θ□ς δι' α□τ□ν
□γκαινίζων □μ□ν, κατ□ τ□ μέγα σου □λεος.

Kontakion

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrhbearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

EPISTLE: Acts 5:12–20

IN THOSE DAYS, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in

Solomon’s Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

Gospel of John 20:19 - 31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe.” Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to Him: “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name

PARISH NEWS

Iconography Project

Donations are coming in daily for our upcoming project. The Iconographers will be coming this summer 2013 to complete the rest of the church. If you would like to be part of this historic endeavor please call and speak to Fr. Dimitrios or send in your donations to the church. Thank you for all those who have come forth.

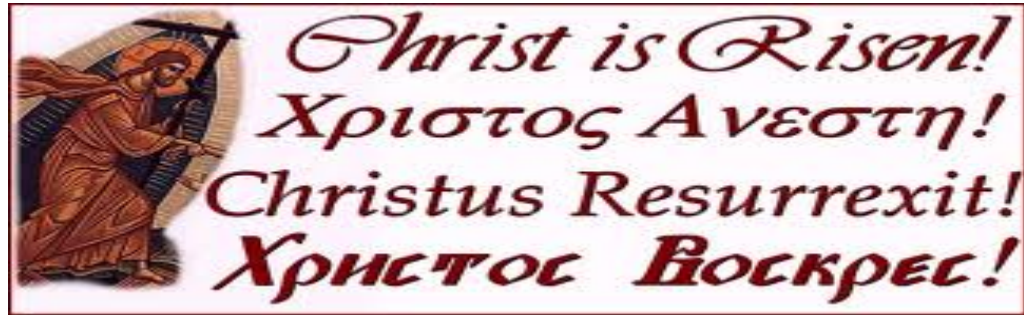
Happy Mother's Day!

A blessed day to all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, and women with mothers! Give yours a well-earned hug today. May God grant you all health and many years...and may the memories of our departed mothers be eternal!

CHRIST IS RISEN!!! TRULY HE IS RISEN!!!

Thank you to all who donated, prepared, and participated in all the events that made our Pascha such a wonderful parish family experience. May the Light of our Risen Lord follow you throughout the year.

Welcome to all visitors: Please join us for fellowship immediately following the Liturgy in the Social Hall. For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to baptized or chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, however, to partake of the antidoro (or blessed bread) which is distributed at the end of the service. Those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please feel free to see Fr. Dimitri Pappas after the service.



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We Go to Where We Belong

Each Sunday, as God's people, we gather around the One who loves us. Each Sunday, we come to Him to whom we belong. We gather in the place where we belong: in church under His presence. If we do not come to church, we are acknowledging that we do not belong to Him. We may belong to money, to golf, to fishing, to hunting, to football, to TV. We may belong to the world, but not to God. We come to church each Sunday to acknowledge whose we are and where we belong. Just as at the end of each day we go to where we belong – home – so on the Lord's day we go to where we belong – church. We gather to worship and bend the knee and the heart to the Pantocrator Christ. This is why Jesus said that at the Resurrection there will be a separation of the lambs from the goats, i.e. people will gravitate to where they have always belonged, either toward the presence of God or away from the presence of God, either toward heaven or hell.

GREEK FESTIVAL

CALL FOR INGREDIENTS

Volunteers are making
55
pans of baklava for the Pastry Booth
For this **massive** undertaking,
we need donations of

Shelled Walnuts (or walnut pieces)
Honey
Filo dough,
Oranges
Unsalted Butter

Can you help?

Please deposit all donations in the church coffee room.
To make a cash donation for the purchase of these items,
please give it to **Nia Parry 424-1402**

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

MAY

12 May Sunday Mother's Day prosforo and coffee hour
Mac Ennis
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
19 May Sunday prosforo **Diane Tintor** and coffee hour
Alexia Constantaras
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
26 May Sunday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri Pappas** and coffee
hour **Helen Skinas**
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

JUNE

2 June Sunday prosforo and coffee hour **Niki Constantaras**
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
9 June Sunday prosforo **Mary O'Brien** and coffee hour
Shirley Denko
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
13 June Thursday Ascension of Our Lord prosforo **Mary**
Santikos
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
16 June Sunday Father's Day prosforo **Leslie Cook** and
coffee hour **Nymphe Kefal**
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
21 - 22 June GREEK FESTIVAL
23 June Sunday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri** and coffee hour
Frederika Vaupen
Orthros 9:00 a.m. and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
30 June Sunday prosforo and coffee hour **Eugenia Parry**
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

July

7 July Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
14 July Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
21 July Sunday prosforo and coffee hour

Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy
28 July Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy