

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Apolytikion Resurrection

When you descended to death, O Immortal life, then Hades You destroyed, by the light of Your divinity. And when the dead from the depths of the darkness You did raise, all of the heavenly powers did cry out to You. O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

□τε κατ□λθες πρ□ς τ□ν θάνατον, □ Ζω□ □□θάνατος, τότε τ□ν
□δην □νέκρωσας τ□ □στραπ□ τ□ς Θεότητος· □τε δ□ κα□ το□ς
τεθνε□τας □κ τ□ν καταχθονίων □νέστησας, π□σαι α□ δυνάμεις
τ□ν □πουρανίων □κραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστ□ □ Θε□ς □μ□ν
δόξα σοι.

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.

Προστασ□α τ□ν χριστιαν□ν □κατα□σχυντε, μεσιτε□α πρ□ς τ□ν
Ποιητ□ν □μετ□θετε, μ□ παρ□δ□ς □μαρτωλ□ν δε□σεων φων□ς,
□λλ□ πρ□φθασον, □ς □γαθ□, ε□ς τ□ν βο□θειαν □μ□ν, τ□ν
πιστ□ς κραυγαζ□ντων σοι· Τ□χυνον ε□ς πρεσβε□αν, κα□
σπε□σον ε□ς □κεσ□αν, □ προστατε□ουσα □ε□, Θεοτ□κε, τ□ν
τιμ□ντων σε.

Epistle II Corinthians 11:31-33, 12:1-9

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel Luke 16: 19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was

buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

PARISH NEWS

They are Done!

What exciting news for all of us. The Iconographers **Maria Sigala** and **Niko Spanopoulos** have completed the North and South wings and the back wall of the church. Now we have to wait for next year, until we can complete the rest of the church. We will be installing the Desert Fathers and Mothers and one saint from each Orthodox country like Serbia, Russia, China, Ethiopia, America, etc. On the ceiling is the Dormition (Assumption) of the Theotokos. Plus 70 half saints will be going around 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.

North wing

List of Full Saints St Irene Chrysovelantou, St. Stylianos, St. George, St. Lydia, St. Konstantinos and St. Eleni, St. Alexandros, St Raphael, St Nikolaos, St Irene of Lesbos and St. Demetrios .

Half saint St. Stefanos, St. Anastasia, St. Athanasios, St. Dionysios Aeropagitis, St. Magarita, and St. Axilleas Saturday of St. Lazaros and Christ's enters to Jerusalem.

SOUTH WING

The New Martyrs

List of full Saints from left to right: St. George of Ioanninis, St. Agathangelos of Florina, St. Maria of Naoussa, St. Iordanis of Pontos, St. Constantinos of Asia Minor, St. Demetrios of Tripoli, St. Ioannis of Monemvasia, St. Manolis and St. Anezina and their children St. Maria and St. George of Crete.

Half Saints St. Panagiotis of Peloponnesos, St. Mixalis of Athens, St. Parathena of Edessa, St. George of Cyprus, St. Nikitas of Chios and St. Xrisi of Northern Thrace.

Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple and Transfiguration.

Back Wall

Prophet Elias in the Chariot and Jacob's Ladder

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013 — The Fall General Assembly will be held Sunday, November 3 after church downstairs. We encourage all stewards in good-standing to participate in this important assembly for the good order of our faith community.

Christmas Bake Sale! Get ready for the holidays and order your Greek pastries. Order forms are at the candle stand at the back of the church. Deadline is **December 1st, 2013.**

Ottoman Greek Genocide

Few outside of the Greek community know about the 1912-1923 deportation and massacre of the Greeks from Pontos and Smyrna. The New Mexico Holocaust and Intolerance Museum, located on Central Avenue, has a small exhibit on this subject, and would like it modernized. The centerpiece of this new

exhibit would be a large-screen video comprising interviews, a modern-day church service, and images of these catastrophes.

The museum is also preparing an event/observance in April 2015 in Albuquerque on Armenians, Greeks, and Assyrian genocides. Invitations to this historic event will be sent to political figures, the media, distinguished scholars such as from the Pontian Greek Society of Chicago, and others.

If you would like to donate funds to support this exhibit and activities, please contact Dr. Dimo Pappas at 505 837 2669. If you have any stories about genocide or know of anyone who has related family stories, please contact Katherine Pomonis 505 867 6115.

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

November

- 3 Nov** (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **April Dellas**
10 Nov (Sunday) prosforon **Mary Santikos**, coffee hour **Shirley Denko**
17 Nov (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Eva Kurtz**
21 Nov (Thursday, Entrance of the Theotokos) prosforon **Fr. Dimitri Pappas**
24 Nov (Sunday) prosforon **Diane Tintor**, coffee hour **Susan Proestos**

December

- 1 Dec** (Sunday) prosforon **Leslie Cook**, coffee hour **Bonnie Hardwick**
8 Dec (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Mac Ennis**
15 Dec (Sunday) prosforon **Diane Tintor**, coffee hour **Helen Skinas** and **Marcia Baker**
22 Dec (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Eugenia Parry**
25 Dec (Wednesday, Christmas Day) prosforon **Fr. Dimitri Pappas**
29 Dec (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **April Dellas**

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.