

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Apolytikion Resurrection

From on high You came, O Merciful One. And condensed to Your Three-Day Burial; in order to free us from our passions. You are our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory to You.

Ἐξ ἠψους καταλθεις ἑσπλαγχνος, ταφῆν κατεδέξω
τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμῶς ἑλευθερώσῃς τῆν παθῆν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ
ἐνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion the Holy Fathers

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Ἦν πίστει τοῦ Προπάτορα ἡδικαίωσας, τῆν ἕξ ἠθῆν διὰ
ἀτῆν προμνηστευσάμενος ἡκκλησίαν. Καυχῶνται Ἦν δόξῃ οἱ
ἄγιοι, ἡτι ἡκ σπέρματος ἀτῆν, ἡπάρχει καρπῶς ἐκκληΐας, ἡ
ἡσπόρως τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῦς ἀτῆν ἡκεσίαις, Χριστῶ ἡ Θεός,
σῶσον τῶς ψυχῶς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion St. Eleftherios

You were fully adorned with the sacred priestly robes. You were dripping with streams of your own martyr's blood. In this state, you ran to Christ your Master, O Saint Eleftherius, destroyer of

Satan; you are wise. Therefore cease not interceding for us who honor your blessed contest of martyrdom.

Ἐρέων ποδήρει κατακοσμούμενος, καὶ ἀμάτων τοῦ εἴθροιο
πισταζόμενος, τῷ Δεσπότη σου Χριστῷ μάκαρ ἐνέδραμες,
ἡλευθέριε σοφέ, καθαιρέτα τῷ Σατῆν. Διὰ ἡμῶν παύσῃ
ρεσβέων, ἡπῶρ τῆν πίστει τιμώντων, τῆν μακαρίαν σου
ἡθλησιν.

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

The Virgin today, for the eternal Logos, to a cave she comes to ineffably give birth. Rejoice and dance, O Universe, to this Ye hearken; being glorified by the angels and the shepherds. Who willed to be beheld, as a young child who before the ages is God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τῆν προαιώνιον Λόγον, Ἦν σπηλαίῳ
ἡρχεται, ἡποτεκεῖν ἡποπῶτως. Χῆρευε, ἡ οἰκουμένη
ἡκουτισθεῖσα, δῆξασον, μετὰ ἡγγέλων καὶ Ποιμένων,
βουληθῆντα ἡποφθῆναι, Παιδῶν νῶν, τῆν πρὸ ἀῶνων
Θεῶν.

Epistle 2 Timothy 1:8-18

TIMOTHY, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not

ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelos and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me - may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesos.

Gospel Luke 14:16–24, Matthew 22:14

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.’”

PARISH NEWS

Poinsettias

Beautiful Poinsettia plants will be placed in our Church for Christmas. Please purchase one or more plants in memory of a

loved one, in honor of a loved one or as a gift for the church. Cost is \$15 per plant and the deadline to order is December 15.

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 will be 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.

On the Nativity I (Our Panaghia and the Magi)

"When the Virgin heard their experiences, she said to them: 'What did Herod, the King, and the Pharisees ask you?' 'First Herod, and the chiefs of thy nation, as thou did say, inquired in detail about the time of the appearance of this star; but the result was that they did not learn. They were not eager to see the One about Whom they asked. For those who search are bound to behold a newborn Babe, the God before time.'"

"Such were the words of the Magi, who did not stray. Their words were confirmed by the Virgin, while the Child approved: both of her, who - after childbirth - remained a mother without stain; and of the Magi, who - after their journey - show no fatigue of mind or body, for none of them felt weariness, just as Habakkuk did not weary when he went to Daniel. He Who appeared to the prophets, also appeared to the Magi a newborn Babe, the God before time." "Foolish people suspected us of being senseless, and they asked us, 'Whence and when did you come? How did you follow hidden paths?' But we answered by referring to things which they understood: 'How did you travel through the great desert which you traversed?' The One Who led them out of Egypt is the One Who has just guided the men from Chaldea to Him. Formerly, it

was with a pillar of fire (*Ex. 13:21*); now with a star to reveal a newborn Babe, the God before time.'

PICK-UP

Your Holiday pastries are ready for pick up after church

St.Elias Greek Church December 15 (11:30-1:30pm)_____

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

December 2013

15 Dec (Sunday) prosforon Diane Tintor, coffee hour Helen Skinas and Mary O'Brien

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

January 2014

5 Jan (Sunday) Vasilopita Anna Patsalis, prosforon Mac Ennis, coffee hour Frederika Vaupen

6 Jan (Monday) prosforon Mac Ennis

12 Jan (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour Anna Patsalis

19 Jan (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour Eugenia Parry

26 Jan (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour, April Dellas

February 2014

2 Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour Niki Constantaras

9 Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour Eva Kurtz

16 Feb (Sunday) prosforon Diane Tintor, coffee hour Judy Brophy

23 Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour April Dellas

Prosforon must be at the church by 9:00 a.m. To change your day YOU must find and give sufficient notice to someone to take your place. You're also responsible for coffee room CLEAN UP— rinse coffee urns, wipe down counters and tables, sweep floor, replace soiled table cloths, place bag of garbage in green bin outside and wheel it down to the church mailbox (important detail to avoid mice) Questions? Call Eugenia Parry 424-1402.

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.