

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Apolytikion Resurrection

You did abolish death by Your Cross. You opened to the thief paradise. You did transform the myrrh bearers lamentation. And to Your Apostles You did bid to preach. That You are risen O Christ our God, granting to the world great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τὸ Σταυρὸν σου τὸν θάνατον· νέξας τὸ Λῶστρον τὸν Παράδεισον· τὸν Μυροφόρον τὸν θρῶνον μετέβαλες· καὶ τοὺς σοῦς ποστόλοις κηρύττειν πέταξας· τί νέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τὸ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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, τὸν προαΐνιον Ἄγγον, ἐν σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ὅποτεκεν ἁποκρίτως. Χόρευε, ὁ οἰκουμένην ἁκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον, μετὰ ἁγγέλων καὶ Ποιμένων,

βουληθῆντα ἁποφθῆναι, Παιδῶν υἱόν, τὸν πατέρα ἁπάντων Θεόν.

Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

PARISH NEWS

Poinsettias

Beautiful Poinsettia plants will to 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 12.

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. Also on the ceiling 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)

"Clearly he will explain all the things that he heard. Clearly he will report the things that he himself saw among the heavenly beings and mortals on earth --- how the shepherds sang songs and the shining ones sang with men of clay; how the star ran ahead of you Magi to light your way and to guide you. Then, passing by things foreordained, tell us the things that have happened to you. From where have you come? How have you gathered to see a newborn Babe, the God before time?" "When the radiant Virgin spoke unto them with these words, the lights of the East in answer replied: 'Dost thou wish to know from where we have come? From the land of the Chaldeans, where they do not say: *Lord, God of gods* (Deut. 10:17); from Babylon, where they do not know who is the maker of things that they worship; from this place there came and started us on our way thy Son's spark from the Persian fire. Having left behind the fire that is all-consuming, we shall behold

the fire that refreshes: a newborn Babe, the God before time." "So while we still had Him as Light, we journeyed through all of Jerusalem --- duly fulfilling the words of the prophesy; for we had heard that God threatened to search her (*Zeph. 1:12*). And by the star we went around, desiring to see a great judgment. But it was not found, because the Ark had been taken away ---the Ark with the beautiful things of old it contained (*IV[III] Kings 24:13*). Ancient things were set aside (*II Cor. 5:17*), and all things were renewed by a newborn Babe, the God before time."

PICK-UP

Your Holiday pastries are ready for pick up after church or at Tomasita's restaurant.

Tomasita's Restaurant (orders not picked up on designated day will be taken to the church for later pickup.)

Saturday, December 7 (9-noon) _____ Saturday, December 14 (9-noon) _____

St.Elias Greek Church

Sunday, December 8 11:30– 1:30pm) _____ Sunday, December 15 (11:30-1:30pm) _____

Parish Council After church today!

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

December 2013

8 Dec (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour Mac Ennis

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.