



## St. Elias the Prophet Church

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### Services Schedule

Sundays: Orthros/Matins - 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Saturdays: Vespers - 5:00 pm

Weekdays (as announced): Orthros/Matins - 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## Hymns of the Day

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in Fourth Tone

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

### Apolytikion for Sunday of Orthodoxy in the Second Tone

We worship Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Thine own will Thou wast well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom Thou hadst fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to Thee thankfully: Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when Thou camest to save the world.

### Apolytikion for the Church

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.

### Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

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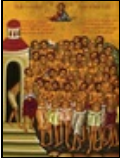
## Saints and Feasts



### March 09 Sunday of Orthodoxy

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

## Saints and Feasts



**March 09**  
**The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia**

These holy Martyrs, who came from various lands, were all soldiers under the same general. Taken into custody for their faith in Christ, and at first interrogated by cruel means, they were then stripped of their clothing and cast onto the frozen lake which is at Sebastia of Pontus, at a time when the harsh and freezing weather was at its worst. They endured the whole night naked in such circumstances, encouraging one another to be patient until the end. He that guarded them, named Aglaius, who was commanded to receive any of them that might deny Christ, had a vision in which he saw heavenly powers distributing crowns to all of the Martyrs, except one, who soon after abandoned the contest. Seeing this, Aglaius professed himself a Christian and joined the Martyrs on the lake, and the number of forty remained complete. In the morning,

when they were almost dead from the cold, they were cast into fire, after which their remains were thrown into the river. Thus they finished the good course of martyrdom in 320, during the reign of Licinius. These are their names: Acacius, Aetius, Aglaius, Alexander, Angus, Athanasius, Candidus, Chudion, Claudius, Cyril, Cyrion, Dometian, Domnus, Ecdicius, Elias, Eunoicus, Eutyches, Euty chius, Flavius, Gaius, Gorgonius, Helianus, Heraclius, Hesy chius, John, Lysimachus, Meliton, Nicholas, Philoctemon, Priscus, Sacerdon, Severian, Sisinius, Smaragdus, Theodulus, Theophilus, Valens, Valerius, Vivianus, and Xanthias.

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## Saints and Feasts



**March 09**  
**Caesarius the Righteous**

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## Gospel and Epistle Readings

### Matins Gospel Reading

**Fourth Orthros Gospel**  
**The Reading is from Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered in to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

### Epistle Reading

**The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-10**

BRETHREN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father.

### Gospel Reading

**Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
**The Reading is from John 1:43-51**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

## Wisdom of the Fathers

For in a contest there is much labor needed--and after the contest victory falls to some, to others disgrace. Is the palm ever given or the crown granted before the course is finished? ... Therefore no one can receive a reward, unless he has striven lawfully; nor is the victory a glorious one, unless the contest also has been toilsome.

**St. Ambrose of Milan**

*Chapter 15, Three Books on the Duties of the Clergy, 4th century*

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Moses... was himself saved by means of wood and water before the Law was given, when he was exposed to the Nile's currents, hidden away in an Ark (Exod. 2:3-10). And by means of wood and water he saved the people of Israel, revealing the Cross by the wood, Holy Baptism by water (Exod. 14:15-31). Paul, who had looked upon the mysteries, says openly, "They were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud" (1 Cor. 10:2). He also bears witness that, even before the events concerning the sea and his staff, Moses willingly endured Christ's Cross, "Esteeming", he says, "the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt" (Heb. 11:26). For the Cross is the reproach of Christ from the standpoint of foolish men. As Paul himself says of Christ, "He endured the cross, despising the shame" (Heb. 12:2).

**St. Gregory Palamas**

*Homilies Vol. 1, Homily Eleven para. 14; Saint Tikhon's Seminary Press pg. 123, 14th century*

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## Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America News



### Sunday of Orthodoxy: Message of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox03/07/2014 Bishops of North and Central America

<http://www.goarch.org/news/sundayoforthodoxy-assembly-03072014>

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### Patriarchal Catechetical Homily on the occasion of the beginning of Great Lent 02/27/2014

<http://www.goarch.org/news/lentenpatriarchal-02272014>

Our Orthodox Church recommends that, during this period of Great Lent, we focus our attention toward sincere repentance, "the melting pot of sin," according to St. John Chrysostom. Repentance is the first topic of our Lord Jesus Christ's preaching and the very essence of the Christian teaching. It is the Church's daily invitation to us all.

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### Encyclical of Archbishop Demetrios for the Beginning of Great Lent 02/27/2014

<http://www.goarch.org/news/encyclicallent2014>

On this journey we are led by the prayers and services of the Church to reflect on our struggles and our spiritual challenges. We are called into the holiness of worship and the presence of God, so that we might see our weaknesses and the aspects of our lives that are contrary to His divine and saving will. However, Lent is not a time of despair, hopelessness and defeat. It is a season of grace.

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### Schedule of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios for Feb. 28 - Mar. 10, 02/26/2014

<http://www.goarch.org/news/adschedule-02-26-2014>

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### Archdiocese supports the earthquake stricken Kefalonia and a day-care center for children in Cyprus 02/25/2014

<http://www.goarch.org/news/kefalonia-and-cyprus-02252014>

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America has sent on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$25,000 of financial assistance to the Holy Metropolis of Kefalonia, for the relief of those adversely affected by the catastrophic earthquakes of Jan. 26 and Feb. 3, 2014 and the many aftershocks that still continue on the island.

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### Archdiocese Supports Recovery Efforts in the Philippines 02/25/2014

<http://www.goarch.org/news/archdiocesesupportsrecoveryeffortsinthephilippines02252014>

NEW YORK – Through a recent grant to IOCC, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is providing financial support to people in the Philippines who have suffered extensive damage to their homes as a result of Typhoon Haiyan.

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## Message from Archbishop Demetrios



### Encyclical of Archbishop Demetrios for the Beginning of Great Lent 02/27/2014

<http://www.goarch.org/news/encyclicallent2014>

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## Services and Information

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 and chrismated Orthodox Christians. However, all present are welcome to partake of the antidoron (or blessed bread) which is distributed at the end of the service. Those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please see Fr. Dimitri Pappas after the service.

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Weekdays (as announced): Orthros/Matins - 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

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Other services as announced.

#### March & April (preceding Holy Week)

7 March (Fri) 11:00 am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

7 March (Fri) 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn—Part 1.

8 March (Saturday of Souls) 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. 1 prosforon Fr. Dimitri.

9 March (Sun) 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, 2 prosfora and coffee hour, April Dellas.

14 March (Fri) 11:00 am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

14 March (Fri) 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn—Part 2.

16 March (Sun) 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, 2 prosfora and coffee hour Anna Patsalis.

21 March (Fri) 11:00 am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

21 March (Fri) 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn—Part 3.

23 March (Sun) 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, 2 prosfora Fr. Dimitri Pappas, coffee hour Susan Proestos.

25 March (Tues) Annunciation of the Theotokos, 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. 1 prosforon Mary Santikos.

28 March (Fri) 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn—Part 4.

30 March (Sun) 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, 2 prosfora Diane Tintor, coffee hour Alexia Constantaras and Kris Knutson.

4 April (Fri) 11:00 am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

4 April (Fri) 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn—All.

6 April (Sun) 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, 2 prosfora and coffee hour Anastasia Stevens.

#### Holy Week

12 April (Saturday of Lazarus) 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. 1 prosforon Leslie Cook.

13 April (Palm Sunday morning) 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. 1 prosforon Leslie Cook.

Potluck luncheon (fish permitted), sign-up sheet in coffee room.

13 April (Palm Sunday evening) 7:00 pm Bride Groom Service.

14 April (Holy Monday) 7:00 pm Bride Groom Service.

15 April (Holy Tuesday) 7:00 pm Bride Groom Service.

16 April (Holy Wednesday) 7:00 pm Holy Unction Service.

17 April (Holy Thursday) 10:00 am Vespers Divine Liturgy. 1 prosforon Mac Ennis.

17 April (Holy Thursday) 7:00 pm The 12 Gospels and Nailing on the Holy Cross.

18 April (Holy Friday) 8:00 am The Great and Royal Hours.

18 April (Holy Friday) 10:00 am Decorating the Kouvouklion.

18 April (Holy Friday) 3:00 pm The Apokathelosis (Un-nailing).

18 April (Holy Friday) 7:00 pm The Lamentation.

19 April (Holy Saturday morning) 10:00 am Vespers Divine Liturgy. 1 prosforon Diane Tintor.

19-20 April (Holy Saturday night — Pascha) 11:00 pm Orthros, 12:00 am Divine Liturgy. 1 prosforon Diane Tintor.

Anastasi meal after service, sign-up sheet in coffee room.

20 April (Pascha) 12:00 pm Agape Service. Agape meal after service, sign-up sheet in coffee room.

#### April (following Holy Week)

27 April (Sun) 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, 1 prosforon and coffee hour Niki Constantaras.

Prosfora must be at the church by 9:00 am of the day they are needed. If you will be unable to provide prosfora or the coffee hour refreshments on your assigned day, you must give sufficient notice and find someone to perform the task(s) for you. If you are doing the coffee hour, you are 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 outside green bin, and wheel it down to the church mailbox (important detail to avoid mice). Questions? Call Eugenia Parry 424-1402.

#### Parish News and Events

##### Church Meetings

Building Committee meeting: after church Sunday 9 March 2014.

Greek Festival meeting: after church Sunday 23 March 2014.

Help make cheese and spinach pies for the pie sale: starting at 10:00 am on Saturdays 22 and 29 March 2014, in the coffee room at the church.

Parish Council meeting: after church Sunday 6 April 2014.

##### 2014 Stewardship

We thank all of our members who have made a stewardship pledge to our parish of St. Elias the Prophet. Through your continued and loving support, the Parish Council and Fr. Dimitrios Pappas are able to serve as caretakers and deal with the needs and priorities that face our church. We ask that you complete your 2014 pledge card for the New Year and return it to the church at your convenience.

##### Saturday of Souls, March 8th

Every year, the Saturday of Souls Liturgies are on 22 February, 1 March, and 8 March. Saturday of Souls services are done in Greek Orthodox parishes at the beginning of Lent. We do these services on three consecutive Saturdays, starting with the Saturday before Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday). At these services, we offer a special Memorial Service the departed loved ones of parish members. Before the service, please give Fr. Dimitri a list of those whom you wish him to remember during the service.

##### Easter Pita Bake Sale

Order forms for our delicious, homemade Spinach Pies, Cheese Pies, and Greco/New Mexican Green Chile Cheese Pies are on the table in the back of the church. Order pitas for your family and give forms to your friends, so they can order some for theirs! Deadline for orders is April 1.

##### Tsourekia Bake sale

Our traditional Paschal sweet bread, tsourekia, will be on sale after church on Sunday 13 April 2014 for \$10.00 each.

##### Recycling for St. Elias

The church can recycle your used toner cartridges and inkjet cartridges and receive a donation for their value. When it's time to get a new cartridge, please bring the used one to church, in its packing if possible, and we will recycle it. Every bit that we recycle means more funds for our parish. Please help with this free and painless way to raise money and protect the environment.

**Albertson's Community Partners Cards**

Wallet and key-ring size Albertson's Community Partners cards are available on the table in the back of the church. When you shop at Albertson's, give the checker your card to scan, and the church will get money back for every dollar you spend.

**Annual Greek Festival**

Mark your calendars! Saturday and Sunday, 12 and 13 July, the same weekend as the International Folk Art Market. The Festival will be held at the El Dorado Hotel, downtown Santa Fe. Come enjoy Greek food, dancing, raffle, fun for all!