



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

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Plagal of the First Tone

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Apolytikion for Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Light of Orthodoxy, pillar and teacher of the Church, adornment of monastics, invincible champion of theologians, O Gregory thou wonderworker, boast of Thessalonica, herald of grace: ever pray that our souls be saved.

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 16 Christodulus the Wonderworker of Patmos

Saint Christodulus, who was from the region of Nicaea of Bithynia, was the son of Theodore and Anna, and was given the name John. He assumed the monastic habit in his youth and was renamed Christodulus ("slave of Christ" in Greek). At first, he lived the ascetical life in various places, then he received permission and monetary aid from the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus (reigned 1081-1118), and built on the island of Patmos a church and monastery named in honour of Saint John the Evangelist. These buildings stand to this day. However, when the Arabs attacked that place, he fled with his disciples and went to Euboia (Euripus), where also he completed the course of his life about the end of the eleventh century on the 16th of March.

The disciples of this righteous man took his sacred incorrupt remains and transferred them to his own monastery, where they repose to this day for the sanctification of those who have recourse to them with faith.

Saints and Feasts



March 16
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

This divine Father, who was from Asia Minor, was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Beroea. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Acindynus, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Acindynus claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated energies of God

which are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years, and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359.

His holy relics are kept in the Cathedral of Thessalonica. A full service was composed for his feast day by the Patriarch Philotheus in 1368, when it was established that his feast be celebrated on this day. Since works without right faith avail nothing, we set Orthodoxy of faith as the foundation of all that we accomplish during the Fast, by celebrating the Triumph of Orthodoxy the Sunday before, and the great defender of the teachings of the holy Fathers today.

Saints and Feasts



March 16
Julian the Martyr

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading

Fifth Orthros Gospel

The Reading is from Luke 24:13-35

At that time, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

"IN THE BEGINNING, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
The Reading is from Mark 2:1-12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Wisdom of the Fathers

For though in the beginning He Himself went about, and did not require so much faith of them that came unto Him; yet in this case they both approached Him, and had faith required on their part. For, "Seeing," it is said, "their faith;" that is, the faith of them that had let the man down.

St. John Chrysostom
Homily 29 on Matthew 9, 1. B#54, pp. 195, 196, 4th Century

Forasmuch then as they had evinced so great faith, He also evinces His own power ... He healed first that which is invisible, the soul, by forgiving his sins; ... He, in fact, in His abundance of counsel, made use of their envy for the manifestation of the miracle.

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Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America News

Trisagion Memorial Service for the Repose of the soul of Andreas Panagopoulos 03/14/2014
<http://www.goarch.org/news/trisagioforandreaspanagopoulos-en>

Schedule of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios for Mar. 14-25, 2014 03/13/2014
<http://www.goarch.org/news/adschedule-03-14-2014>

Synaxis of the Primate of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches concludes 03/10/2014
<http://www.goarch.org/news/synaxis-concludes-03102014>

The Ecumenical Patriarchate issued yesterday March 9, 2014, Sunday of Orthodoxy, a Communiqué upon the conclusion of the Synaxis of the Primate of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches and released the official Message of the Hierarchs of the Synaxis. Following are both texts as released by the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Abducted Nuns in Syria are reportedly freed today 03/10/2014
<http://www.goarch.org/news/nuns-are-free-03092014>

According to a report by the Associated Press and numerous reports appearing in other news outlets, the group of nuns that had been abducted by Syrian rebels back in late November or December 2013, were freed today ...

Sunday of Orthodoxy: Message of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America 03/07/2014
<http://www.goarch.org/news/sundayoforthodoxy-assembly-03072014>

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Gathering in our Churches as members of the undivided Body of Christ to celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy, we call to mind the holy men and women who defended holy icons, succeeded in restoring them, and pronounced the authentic faith and worship of the Church. Among these heroes of our faith, we commemorate the blessed emperors: Michael, Theodora, and Irene, the holy patriarchs and confessors: Germanos, Nikephoros, and Methodius, and the holy ascetics: John Damaskenos and Theodore the Studite.

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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Other services as announced.

March & April (preceding Holy Week)

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

This 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!