



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 Second Tone

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Sunday of the Holy Cross in the First Tone

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

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



Sunday of the Holy Cross

With the help of God, we have almost reached the middle of the course of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full difficulty of the labour set before us becomes apparent. Therefore our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Fast.

Saints and Feasts



March 23 Luke the New Martyr of Mytilene

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March 23 The Holy Righteous Martyr Nikon and His 199 Disciples

Saint Nikon was from Neapolis (Naples) in Italy. His father was an idolater and his mother a Christian. At first he was a soldier, but later he went to the East, where he was baptized and in time became a bishop. After some years, he returned to the West and came to Sicily, where he and many of his disciples were put to death by beheading because they would not worship the idols.

Saints and Feasts



March 23 Anatolios & Protoleon the Martyrs converted by the martyrdom of St. George

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading

Sixth Orthros Gospel

The Reading is from Luke 24:36-53

At that time, Jesus, having risen from the dead, stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Holy Cross

The Reading is from Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Wisdom of the Fathers

And see how He also makes His discourse unexceptionable: not saying at all, "whether you will, or no, you must suffer this," but how? "If any man will come after me."

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 55 on Matthew 16, 1. B#54, p.339., 4th Century

"I force not, I compel not, but each one I make lord of his own choice; wherefore also I say, 'If any man will.' For to good things do I call you, not to things evil, or burdensome; not to punishment and vengeance, that I should have to compel.

St. John Chrysostom

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When, on this day, we look at the precious Cross of Christ, in faith let us adore it, let us rejoice, and embrace it ardently, beseeching our Lord, who of His own choice gave Himself to be crucified on it, to make us worthy of adoring His most precious Cross so that, free from all defilement, we may attain the day of Resurrection.

Orthros for the Adoration of the Holy Cross

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/trisagioforandreaspnanagopoulos-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 Primates 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 Primates 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.

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)

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 Vesperal 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 Vesperal 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

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.

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, tsoureki, 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!