

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Apolytikion Resurrection

When you descended to death, O Immortal life, then Hades You destroyed, by the light of Your divinity. And when the dead from the depths of the darkness You did raise, all of the heavenly powers did cry out to You. O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Ότε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην νέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν πουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion Birth of Christ

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to arise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the very Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Lord, Glory to You.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως· ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος διδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γνώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of the miracle of David

Annunciate the miracles to David the ancestor of God, O Joseph. You saw the Virgin pregnant. You glorified with the shepherds. You worshipped with the Magi. And you were warned by an Angel. Entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

Ἐπαγγελίζου Ἰωσήφ, τῷ Δαυὶδ τὰ θαύματα τῷ Θεοπάτορι· Παρθένον Ἰδὲς κυφορήσασαν· μετὰ Μάγων προσεκύνησας· μετὰ Ποιμένων δοξολόγησας· δι' Ἀγγέλου χρηματισθείς, Ἰκέτευε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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.

Contakion

The Virgin today, beareth the Transcendent in essence; to the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave; Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory; with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; for our sakes is born a young Child, He that existed before the ages as God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Ὑπερούσιον τίκτει, καὶ ἡ γῆ τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῷ προσίτῳ προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι, μετὰ Ποιμένων δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δέ, μετὰ ἀστέρος ὁδοιποροῦσι· δι' ἡμᾶς γὰρ γεννήθη, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰῶνων Θεόν.

Epistle Galatians 1:1-19

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being

vared in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

PARISH NEWS

Housing Wanted

Alyam Moser, a quiet, responsible artist, seeks guest house and/or property caretaking situation. 12 years experience in property enhancement, landscaping and animal care. References available. Alyam volunteers weekly helping to care for our church property and gardens.] Any leads? Please call him at **466-4115**

Happy New Year and Kali Xronia 2014

On the behalf of the Parish Council and Fr. Dimitrios Pappas wishes everyone and their families, a Blessed and Happy New Year 2014 filled with the warmth and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's birth, be in our hearts and lives.

Birth of Jesus Christ

The Firstborn, Who was begotten according to His nature, underwent yet another birth outside His nature, so that we too would understand that after our natural birth, we must undergo another (birth) outside our nature. As a spiritual being, He was unable to become physical until the time of physical birth. And so too physical beings, unless they undergo another birth, cannot become spiritual. The Son, Whose birth is beyond investigation, underwent another birth which can be investigated. So, by the one we learn that His majesty is limitless, and by the other we realize that His goodness is boundless. For His majesty increases without bounds, Whose first birth cannot be imagined by any mind, and His goodness overflows without limit, Whose other birth is proclaimed by every mouth.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

This Week's Liturgical Schedule

December 2013

29 Dec (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **April Dellas**

January 2014

5 Jan (Sunday) Vasilopita **Anna Patsalis**, prosforon and coffee hour **Mac Ennis**

6 Jan (Monday) prosforon **Mac Ennis**

2 Jan (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Anna Patsalis**

9 Jan (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Eugenia Parry**

16 Jan (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour, **April Dellas**

February 2014

1 Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Niki Constantaras**

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

13 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 424-402

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 and Pentecost. 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.

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 antidoron (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.