



St. Elias the Prophet Church

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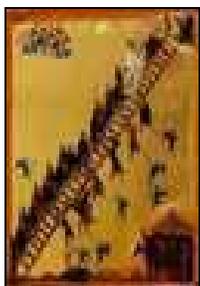
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

03/21/2015

Saints and Feasts

March 22



Sunday of St. John Climacus

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast.

March 21



James the Confessor

This Saint took up the monastic life from his youth in the Monastery of Studium, where he became a disciple of Saint Theodore the Studite. Later he became bishop and suffered many afflictions and torments at the hands of the Iconoclasts. Saint Theodore composed a homily in honour of this Saint James (PG 99, 1353-1356).

March 21



Thomas I, Patriarch of Constantinople



March 21

Fourth Saturday of Lent

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion for Fourth Sat. of Lent in the Second Mode

O Apostles, martyrs, prophets, hierarchs, righteous, and just ones, who have finished your course well and have kept the Faith: seeing ye have boldness with the Saviour, beseech Him for us, since He is good, that our souls be saved, we pray.

Απόστολοι, Μάρτυρες, καὶ Προφῆται, Ἱεράρχαι, Ὅσοι καὶ Δίκαιοι, οἱ καλῶς τὸν ἀγῶνα τελέσαντες, καὶ τὴν Πίστιν τηρήσαντες, παρρησίαν ἔχοντες πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα, ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν αὐτὸν ἱκετεύσατε, σωθῆναι δεόμεθα τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for Fourth Sat. of Lent in the Second Mode

Keep Thy servants in remembrance, O Lord, since Thou art good; and do Thou forgive their every sin in this life; for no man is without sin, except for Thee Who art able to grant rest even unto those that have departed hence.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Apolytikion for St. Elias in the First Mode

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.

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Ὁ ἐνσαρκὸς ἀγγελὸς, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπὶς, ὁ δεῦτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἠλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἀνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ελισαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους αποδιώκει, καὶ λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διὸ καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτὸν βρῦει ἰάματα.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

As the first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquillity, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθεῖα, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

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Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Readings

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:9-12

BRETHREN, we feel sure of better things that belong to salvation. For God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love which you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 6:9-12

Ἀδελφοί, πεπεσμεθα δὲ περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀγαπητοί, τὰ κρείσσονα καὶ ἐχόμενα σωτηρίας, εἰ καὶ οὕτως λαλοῦμεν· οὐ γὰρ ἄδικος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιλαθέσθαι τοῦ ἔργου ὑμῶν, καὶ τοῦ κόπου τῆς ἀγάπης ἧς ἐνεδειξασθε εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, διακονήσαντες τοῖς ἀγίοις καὶ διακονοῦντες. Ἐπιθυμοῦμεν δὲ ἕκαστον ὑμῶν τὴν αὐτὴν ἐνδεικνυσθαι σπουδὴν πρὸς τὴν πληροφορίαν τῆς ἐλπίδος ἄχρι τέλους· ἵνα μὴ νωθροὶ γένησθε, μμηταὶ δὲ τῶν διὰ πίστεως καὶ μακροθυμίας κληρονομοῦντων τὰς ἐπαγγελίας.

Gospel Reading

Fourth Saturday of Lent The Reading is from Mark 7:31-37

At that time, Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of Dekapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And he charged them to tell no one; but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well: he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

Fourth Saturday of Lent Κατὰ Μάρκον 7.31-37

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκ τῶν ὀρίων Τύρου καὶ Σιδῶνος ἦλθε πρὸς τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας ἀνὰ μέσον τῶν ὀρίων Δεκαπόλεως. καὶ φέρουσιν αὐτῷ κωφὸν μογιγᾶλον καὶ παρακαλοῦσιν αὐτὸν ἵνα ἐπιθῆ αὐτῷ τὴν χεῖρα. καὶ ἀπολαβόμενος αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου κατ' ἰδίαν ἔβαλε τοὺς δακτύλους αὐτοῦ εἰς τὰ ὦτα αὐτοῦ, καὶ πύσας ἤψατο τῆς γλώσσης αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀναβλέψας εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐστέναξε καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἐφφαθά, ὃ ἐστι διανοίχθητι. καὶ εὐθέως διηνοιχθήσαν αὐτοῦ αἱ ἄκοαὶ καὶ ἐλύθη ὁ δεσμὸς τῆς γλώσσης αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐλάλει ὀρθῶς. καὶ διεστείλατο αὐτοῖς ἵνα μηδενὶ εἰπωσιν· ὅσον δὲ αὐτὸς αὐτοῖς διεστέλλετο, μᾶλλον περισσότερον ἐκήρυσσον. καὶ ὑπερπερισσῶς ἐξεπλήσσοντο λέγοντες· καλῶς πάντα πεποίηκε· καὶ τοὺς κωφοὺς ποιεῖ ἀκούειν καὶ τοὺς ἀλάλους λαλεῖν.

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.

Visit the church web site: <http://steliasnm.org/>.

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March 2015

Coffee hours from March 1 through Palm Sunday must be Lenten (wine and oil allowed on weekends). On Palm Sunday, fish is also allowed.

21 March (Fourth Saturday of Lent)

22 March (Sunday of St. John Climacus) 2 prosphora, Mac Ennis, coffee hour, Bonnie Hardwick.

25 March (Wednesday, Annunciation of the Theotokos, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)

28 March (Fifth Saturday of Lent: The Akathist Hymn)

29 March (Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt) 2 prosphora and coffee hour, Irene Souris Guilbeault & April Dellas.

GOC Links

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver <<http://www.denver.goarch.org>>

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America <<http://www.goarch.org>>

Orthodox Calendar <<http://www.goarch.org/chapel/calendar>>

Orthodox Observer <<http://www.goarch.org/news/observer>>

Parish News and Events

Church Meetings

Parish Council meeting — The next Parish Council meeting will be on Sunday, April 19, after the Divine Liturgy.

Building Committee meeting—The meeting will be on March 22. Other parish members may attend, but not participate.

Cash Donations Needed for Ingredient Costs for Easter Pitas

Prices for ingredients have sky-rocketed. In order to reach our fund-raising goal, we are asking our fellow parishioners for small cash donations to defray the cost of making the pies for the Easter Bake Sale. Please help. We can't succeed without you!

Help Make the Pies for the Easter Pita Bake Sale

Help make cheese pies and green chile cheese pies on Saturday, March 14. We will start at 9:00 am in the coffee room at the church.

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 March 25.

Chrysostom Scholarship

NEW! Beginning with the 2015 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, each Senior and Junior division 1st-3rd place finalist in each category (Oratory, Poetry, and Essay) at the parish, district, metropolis, and national levels of competition is eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College.

This scholarship has been amended to provide awards ranging from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year. Students must matriculate to Hellenic College from high school and be accepted to take advantage of their scholarship. Please see Hellenic College Terms and Conditions for scholarship amounts and more detailed information at: www.hchc.edu/admissions/scholarships

Annual Greek Festival

Mark your calendars! Friday and Saturday, 19 and 20 June. The Festival will be held at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center, downtown Santa Fe. Come enjoy Greek food, dancing, auction, raffle, fun for all!

Donations Needed for Silent Auction

Items are needed for the silent auction at our 2015 Santa Fe Greek Festival. Any item is appreciated—gift certificates, art, pottery, home accessories, vacations, appliances, wine tastings, etc. Please think not only of items you might have, but items friends might donate. Ask restaurants and shops you frequent for items or gift certificates. The church is a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible. Contact Tonya Boone at tboone@ekkoranch.com for silent auction donation forms and information.

2015 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 2015 pledge card for the New Year and return it to the church at your convenience.

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.

The iconographers have completed their work for this year

Next summer the iconographers Maria Sigala and Niko Spanopoulos will complete the beautiful iconography begun years ago. If you would like to be part of this historic endeavor please call Fr. Dimitrios or send your donations to the church. Thank you to all of those who have already donated.

Bulletin Inserts



Please Donate Items for the Silent Auction

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America News

Archbishop's Encyclical for Greek Independence Day Parade

03/16/2015

<http://www.goarch.org/news/greekparadeencyclical-03162015>

Our annual gathering for the Greek Independence Day Parade is a celebration of our cherished ideals, a commemoration of those who sacrificed for the sake of liberty, and a witness of the strength of our faith and heritage. This year, as you probably know, our Parade will be held on Sunday, March 29, and I invite you to join with us as we march down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, New York.

Schedule of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios for Mar. 12-17, 2015

03/11/2015

<http://www.goarch.org/news/mediaadvisory03102015-en>

In Selma, A day of honor and tribute to the legacy of struggle and sacrifice, equality and freedom

03/09/2015

<http://www.goarch.org/news/selmarally-03082015>

Thousands of people attended the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 National Voting Rights Act and “Bloody Sunday,” that concluded today, March 8, 2015, with a long service at the historic Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and a final march through the town of Selma and across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Message from Archbishop Demetrios

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AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!

2015 GREEK FESTIVAL

WHEN: JUNE 19TH & 20TH

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