

Parish News and Events

Parish Council meeting

- The next Parish Council meeting will be on Sunday, November 04, 2018, after the Divine Liturgy.

The new membership directory is ready!

The new membership directory is ready! Pick one up at church today. The first one is free to parish members. If you want another, they are \$6 each.

Help! Volunteers Are Needed to Help Maintain the Church's Landscaping

Volunteers are needed to help with watering and attend to minor maintenance of the grounds. Contact Fr. Dimitri at (505) 204-4655 or by email at paradosi@msn.com for details.

Volunteers are needed bake prosfora and to host coffee hours

Please get in touch with Fr. Dimitri or sign up in the coffee room to volunteer to bake prosforon and to host a simple coffee hour: some cookies, a pastry, pie, or coffee cake, some bagels—two or three items of your choice.

Services — September through October 2018

Please join us in the Coffee Room for fellowship after the service.

We ask visitors to be considerate of our practice of offering communion only to baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome to partake of the antidoron distributed after the service. Interested in the Orthodox Christian faith? Please talk with Fr. Dimitrios Pappas after the service.

7 Oct. (3rd Sunday of Luke) Prosforon TBD, coffee hour Maryanne Malone.

14 Oct. (4th Sunday of Luke (Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council)) Prosforon & coffee hour Anastasia Stevens.

21 Oct. (6th Sunday of Luke) Prosforon TBD, coffee hour Judy Brophy & Linda Shaw.

28 Oct. (7th Sunday of Luke) Prosforon Kerry Tramontanas, coffee hour TBD.

November list will be posted next week.

Prosforon bakers: please have the Prosforon to Fr. Dimitri by 9:00 a.m.

Coffee hour hosts: please stay after the coffee hour to help clean up.

St. Elias the Prophet Church Parish Bulletin for October 07, 2018

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Services Schedule (unless otherwise noted)

Sundays: Orthros|Matins–9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy–10:00 a.m.

Saturdays: Vespers–5:00 p.m.

Weekdays & Sat. (as announced): Orthros|Matins–9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy–10:00 a.m.

Saints and Feasts Commemorated This Week

Oct. 07 - 3rd Sunday of Luke

Oct. 07 - Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria

These holy Martyrs were Romans of high rank in the service of the Emperor Maximian, to whom it was reported that they did not take part in the festivals of the idols. When he called them into his presence, they confessed their Faith in the one God. He had them arrayed in women's clothes and paraded through the streets in mockery. They were afterwards scourged, from which Saint Bacchus died. This was about the year 296. Saint Sergius was then taken to Resapha in Syria, where he was tortured and beheaded. His tomb in Resapha became a very famous shrine, to which pilgrims came from as far away as Western Europe; Resapha was later renamed Sergiopolis in his honour.

Oct. 07 - Polychronios the Martyr

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

“Οτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in the Fourth Mode

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς αφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἐθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταίς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σώσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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.

Ὁ ἑνσαρκος ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπίς, ὁ δεῦτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἡλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἄνωθεν καταπέμψας, Εἰσαίω τὴν χάριν, νόσους ἀποδιώκει, καὶ λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διό καὶ τοῖς τιμώσιν αὐτόν βρῦει ἰάματα.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἣ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Second Mode. Psalm 117.14,18.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9.

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel Readings

3rd Sunday of Luke

Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was

with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Wisdom of the Fathers

That dead man was being buried, and many friends were conducting him to his tomb. But there meets him Christ, the Life and Resurrection, for He is the destroyer of death and of corruption; He it is "in Whom we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28); He it is Who has restored the nature of man to that which it originally was; and has set free our death-fraught flesh from the bonds of death.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Commentary on the Gospel of St. Luke, Homily 36.42, p. 153., 5th Century

The virgin's son met the widow's son. He became like a sponge for her tears and as life for the death of her son. Death turned about in its den and turned its back on the victorious one.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

Commentary on Tatian's Diatessaron, 6.23. (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. vol. 3: Luke, Intersity Press)