

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.

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

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

Nov 4 Prosforon Leslie Cook coffee hour Athina Christodoulou

Nov 11 Prosforon Mac Ennis , coffee hour Mac Ennis

Nov 16 Prosforon Eva Kurtz coffee hour Eva Kurtz

Nov 25 Prosforo and Coffee hour Anna and Iggy Patsalis

Dec. 2 Prosforo Jolana and coffee hour Helen Skinas

Dec. 9 prosforo and coffee hour Anna and Iggy Pastalis

Dec. 16 Prosforo and Coffee hour Maryanna Malone

Dec. 23 Prosforo Maryanna Malone and Coffee hour Michelle Armijo

Dec. 30 Prosforo Anna Patsalis and coffee hour Jance and Dionysios

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
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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. 21 - Righteous Philotheus

Oct. 21 - John the New Martyr of Peleponnesos

Oct. 21 - 6th Sunday of Luke

Oct. 26 - The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer

Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for Hilarion the Great in the Plagal Fourth Mode

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O Hilarion our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρῶν σου ροαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τό ἀγονον εγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἐκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ, τῆ οἰκουμένη λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασι, Ἰλαρίων Πατήρ ημῶν, Ὅσιε, Πρέσβευε Χριστῷ

τώ Θεώ, σωθήναι τάς ψυχάς ημών.

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 δεύτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἡλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἀνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ἐλισαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους ἀποδιώκει, καὶ λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διό καὶ τοῖς τιμώσιν αὐτὸν 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, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Psalm 103.24,1.

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20.

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Readings

6th Sunday of Luke

Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many

demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Wisdom of the Fathers

For if we, going about on the earth which is familiar and well known to us, being encompassed with a body, when we are journeying in a strange road, know not which way to go unless we have some one to lead us; how should the soul, being rent away from the body, and having gone out from all her accustomed region, know where to walk without one to show her the way?

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 28 on Matthew 8, 4th Century

Some say, 'Why do they [demons] possess people?' I answer those who wish to have this explained that the reason of these things is very deep. Somewhere one of His saints addressed God by saying, 'Your judgments are a vast abyss.' As long as we bear this in mind, we will perhaps not miss the mark.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Commentary on Luke, Homily 44. (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture; vol 3: Luke, Intervarsity Press)