

## **Parish News and Events**

### **Parish Council meeting**

- The next Parish Council meeting will be on Sunday, October 14, after the Divine Liturgy.
- The St. Elias the Prophet Parish Fall **General Assembly will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2018**, shortly after the Divine Liturgy. Father has sent out the details and agenda in his monthly bulletin; In order to proceed with discussion of the agenda, we must have a quorum of at least 25% of the total number of Parish members who are in good standing by having met their financial obligations as Stewards of the Parish as of Sept. 30, 2018.

### **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.

30 Sep. (2nd Sunday of Luke) Prosforon Michael Shea & Gael Levings, coffee hour Kerry Tramontanas.

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.

***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**

September 30 - 2nd Sunday of Luke

September 30 - Mardonios & Stratonikos the Martyrs

September 30 - Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia

Oct. 01 - The Holy Protection of the Theotokos

*The Feast of the Protection commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the early sixth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in church, Epiphanius, the friend of Saint Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.*

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

### **Hymns of the Day**

#### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

#### **Apolytikion for Gregory the Illuminator in the Fourth Mode**

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Gregory. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Καί τρόπων μέτοχος, καί θρόνων διάδοχος, τών Αποστόλων γενόμενος, τήν πράξιν εύρες Θεόπνευστε, εις θεωρίας επίβασιν, διά τούτο τόν λόγον τής αληθείας ορθοτομών, καί τή πίστει ενήθλησας μέχρις αίματος, Ιερομάρτυς Γρηγόριε, πρέσβευε Χριστώ 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 ένσαρκος άγγελος, τών Προφητών η κρηπίς, ο δεύτερος Πρόδρομος τής παρουσίας Χριστού, Ηλίας ο ένδοξος, άνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ελισαίω τήν χάριν, νόσους αποδιώκει, καί λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διό καί τοίς τιμώσιν αυτόν βρύει ιάματα.

#### **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 τών Χριστιανών άκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρòς τόν Ποιητήν άμετάθετε. Μή παρίδης άμαρτωλών δεήσεων φωνάς, άλλά πρόφθασον, ώς άγαθή, εις τήν βοήθειαν ήμών, τών πιστώς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εις πρεσβείαν, καί σπεύσον εις ίκεσίαν, ή προστατεύουσα άεί, Θεοτόκε, τών τιμώντων σε.

### **Epistle and Gospel Readings**

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##### **Prokeimenon. First Mode. Psalm 32.22,1.**

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

##### **The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11.**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

#### **Gospel Readings**

##### **2nd Sunday of Luke**

##### **Luke 6:31-36**

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But

love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

### **Wisdom of the Fathers**

The sign that thou lovest God, is this, that thou lovest thy fellow; and if thou hatest thy fellow, thy hatred is towards God. For it is blasphemy if thou prayest before God while thou art wroth. For thy heart also convicts thee, that in vain thou multipliest words: thy conscience rightly judges that in thy prayers thou profitest nought.

### **St. Ephraim the Syrian**

*ON ADMONITION AND REPENTANCE.*

Let us then, bearing in mind all the things which have been said, show forth great love even towards our enemies; and let us ease away that ridiculous custom, to which many of the more thoughtless give way, waiting for those that meet them to address them first.

### **St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 18 on Matthew 5, 4th Century*