

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN
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Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27

BRETHREN, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17 10th Sunday of Luke

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"

As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Resurrectional Apolytikion Second Tone

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then, the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, "Glory to You our Christ, the Giver of Life."

Apolytikion for The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos

Against all hope, the bonds of barrenness are loosed today. For, God has hearkened unto Joachim and Anna clearly promising that they would bear a godly maiden. He who commanded the angel to cry out to her, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you," will be born of her, the infinite One Himself, becoming man.

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.

Kontakion

Today the world rejoices in the conception of Anna, wrought by God. For she bore the One who beyond comprehension conceived the Logos.

PARISH NEWS

Poinsettias

Beautiful Poinsettia plants will to be placed in our Church for Christmas. Please purchase one or more plants in memory of a loved one, in honor of a loved one or as a gift for the church. Cost is \$15 per plant and the deadline to order is December 12.

Directory 2013

We are collecting Ads for our 2013 phone Directory. You may send your ad by sending your information to Marcia Baker at **sneakerz44@gmail.com**. Full page \$50 and half page \$25.

Election!!!!

After church today you may vote for only three people. There are only three seats available for the Parish Council. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

Peter Manos, Eugenia Parry, Susan Proestos, and Anastasia Stevens

Directory of St. Elias the Prophet

We are planning to make a new Directory (2012-2013) of our Church. Please return your paper with your correct information so that we can update our Church directory.

2012 St. Elias Parish Directory Information

If you would like to be included in the new parish directory, please complete the following and place in the offering tray:

Surname

First name(s) (single or husband's and wife's first names -- please indicate H or W)

Names of children residing with you

Address

Phone (please indicate if this is a cell number or land line)

Email address

DEADLINE: December 9, 2012



SERVICES AND INFORMATION

December:

9 December Sunday prosforon and coffee hour Nympe Kefal
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
16 December Sunday prosforon and coffee hour Anastasia Stevens
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
23 December Sunday prosforon and coffee hour Eugenia Parry
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
25 December Tuesday Christmas Day prosforon Eugenia Parry
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
30 December Sunday prosforon Leslie Cook coffee Hour Niki
Constantaras
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy

January

5 January Saturday prosforo
Vesperal Liturgy 10:00 am and Blessing of the Holy Water
6 January Sunday Blessing of the Holy water
prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
13 January Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
20 January Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
27 January Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

February

2 February Saturday prosforo
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
3 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
10 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
17 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy
24 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour
Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy

Announcement

Mr. Peter Manos had surgery last week and he is doing well. He will be at the VA hospital in Albuquerque. May God grant him strength and a quick recovery. You may send cards to:

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