

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Epistle

Hebrews 11:9–10, 32–40

BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel

Matthew 1:1–25

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father

of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord

O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened unto all. And be ready, Ephratà, for the Tree of life has in the grotto blossomed forth from the Virgin. Indeed her womb is shown to be spiritually a Paradise, in which is found the God-planted Tree. And if we eat from it we shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of old Christ is born, so that He might raise up the formerly fallen image.

Ton Pateron

Magnificent are Faith's accomplishments! The three holy Youths exultingly stood in the fountain of fire as if beside the still waters of rest. And Daniel the Prophet was shown to be a shepherd of lions. At their entreaty, O Christ God, save our souls.

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

On this day the Virgin cometh to a cave to give birth to God the Word ineffable, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND KALA XRISTOUGENNA!!!

On the behalf of the Parish Council and Fr. Dimitrios Pappas wishes everyone and their families, a Blessed Christmas filled with the warmth and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's birth, be in our hearts and lives.

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

December:

23 December Sunday prosforon and coffee hour **Eugenia Parry**

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy

25 December **Tuesday Christmas Day** prosforon **Eugenia Parry**

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy

30 December Sunday prosforon **Leslie Cook** coffee Hour **Niki**

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Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy

January

5 January Saturday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri**

Vespertal Liturgy 10:00 am and Blessing of the Holy Water

6 January Sunday Blessing of the Holy water

prosforo **Mary Santikos** and coffee hour **Judy Brophy**

Orthros 9:00 am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

13 January Sunday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri** and coffee hour

Frederika Vaupen

Orthros 9:00 am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

20 January Sunday prosforo **Mary Santikos** and coffee hour **Eva**

Kurtz

Orthros 9:00am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

27 January Sunday prosforo and coffee hour **Mac Ennis**

Orthros 9:00am and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

February

2 February Saturday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri**

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy

3 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy

10 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy

17 February Sunday prosforo **Fr. Dimitri** and coffee hour

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy

24 February Sunday prosforo and coffee hour

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν σπηλαίῳ
ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε, ἡ οἰκουμένη
ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον, μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ Ποιμένων,
βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.