

# ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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### Resurrectional Apolitikion

When you descended to death, O Immortal life, then Hades You destroyed, by the light of Your divinity. And when the dead from the depths of the darkness You did raise, all of the heavenly powers did cry out to You. O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

### Apolitikion for Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

### 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

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

### EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are

afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God

### GOSPEL Matthew 22:35-46

At that time, a lawyer asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying "What do you think of Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## PARISH NEWS

### 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](mailto:sneakerz44@gmail.com). Full page \$50 and half page \$25.

### 2013 Stewardship

You should have received your Stewardship card recently in the mail. Please review the letter, fill out your Stewardship card and either mail it to the church office or bring it to church.

## **Greek Night!!!**

We would like to thank Mr. Leonardo Razatos, Plaza Cafe south side for sponsoring Greek Night last week. Once again it was a very successful event, full of fun, good food, and music.

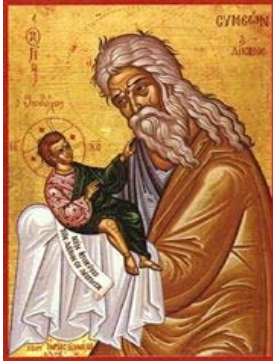
## **Iconography Project**

Donations are coming in daily for our upcoming project. The Iconographers will be coming this summer 2013 to complete the rest of the church. If you would like to be part of this historic endeavor please call and speak to Fr. Dimitrios or send in your donations to the church. Thank you for all those who have come forth.

## ***Holy, Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver***

*February 3*

Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver was, according to the testimony of the holy Evangelist Luke, a waiting for the consolation Spirit was upon him. God would not die until the Christ the Lord, came into historians tell us that the Ptolemy II Philadelphos to include texts of Holy Library at Alexandria. He Jerusalem, and the wise men. The Righteous seventy scholars who translate the Holy The completed work was called “The Septuagint,” and is the version of the Old Testament used by the Orthodox Church. St Simeon was translating a book of the Prophet Isaiah, and read the words: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive in the womb, and shall bring forth a Son” (Is.7:14). He thought that “virgin” was inaccurate, and he wanted to correct the text to read “woman.” At that moment an angel appeared to him and held back his hand saying, “You shall see these words fulfilled. You shall not die until you behold Christ the Lord born of a pure and spotless Virgin.” From this day, St Simeon lived in expectation of the Promised Messiah. One day, the righteous Elder received a revelation from the Holy Spirit, and came to the Temple. It was on the very day (the fortieth after the Birth of Christ) when the All-Pure Virgin Mary and St Joseph had come to the Temple in order to perform the ritual prescribed by Jewish Law. When St Simeon beheld their arrival, the Holy Spirit revealed to him that the divine Child



held by the All-Pure Virgin Mary was the Promised Messiah, the Savior of the world. The Elder took the Child in his arms and said, “Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel!” (Luke 2:29-32).

## SERVICES AND INFORMATION

### February

- 3** February Sunday prosforon **Fr. Dimitri Pappas**, coffee hour  
**Mac Ennis** Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**10** February Sunday prosforon and coffee hour **Mary O'Brien**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**17** February Sunday prosforon and coffee hour **Anna Patsalis**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**24** February Sunday prosforon **Fr. Dimitri Pappas** coffee hour  
**Frederika Vaupen** Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

### March

- 3** March Sunday **Prosforo and coffee hour**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy Saturday of the Souls  
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**9** March Saturday **Saturday of the Souls prosforo**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**10** March Sunday **Prosforo and coffee hour**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**16** March Saturday **Saturday of the Souls prosforo**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**17** March Sunday **Prosforo and coffee hour**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**20** March Wednesday Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:00pm  
**22** March Friday **1 st Xairetismoi** 6:00pm  
**23** March Saturday **Saturday of the Souls prosforo**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**24** March Sunday **Prosforo and coffee hour**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**25** March Monday **Annuciation** prosforo  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**27** March Wednesday **Pre-sanctified Liturgy** 6:00pm  
**29** March Friday **2nd Xairetismoi** 6:00pm  
**31** March Sunday **Prosforo and coffee hour**  
Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

### April

- 3** April Wednesday **Pre-sanctified Liturgy** 6:00pm  
**5** April Friday **Xairetismoi** 6:00pm  
**7** April Sunday **Prosforo and Coffee hour**  
9:00am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**10** April **Pre-sanctified Liturgy** 6:00pm  
**12** April Friday **Xairetismoi** 6:00pm  
**14** April Sunday **Prosforo and Coffee hour**  
9:00am Orthros and 10:00am Divine Liturgy