

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Resurrectional Apolitikion

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.

Apolitikion of the Day

With the rivers of your tears you cultivated the barrenness of the desert; and with your sighs from deep within, painstaking labors produced their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world with your miracles, O John our devout father. Do ever supplicate the Lord, entreating that our souls be saved.

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

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the

terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

Τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς Στρατηγῆς τῆς νικητικῆς, ἡς λυτρωθεῖσα τὸν δεινὸν ἐχαρακτῆρα, ἡναγρῶσόν σοι ἡ Πῶλις σου Θεοτόκε. ἡλλοὺς ἡ χουσα τὸ κρῖτος ἡπροσμηχίτον, ἡκ παντοῶν με κινδύνων ἡλευθῶσον, ἡνα κρῖζω σοι· Χαῖρε, Νῆμφη ἡνῆμφευτε.

Epistle Reading Hebrews 6:13–20

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into

the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have anyone know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”

PARISH NEWS

Directory 2013

Our new 2013 directory is here . We will be passing them out at Church. If you have not received your new directory, you may pick one up at church or call the office at 505 466 0015. One copy per person. Second copy is \$5.00 each.

Thank you!

Father Dimitrios and the Parish Council we like to thank all who donated the items to make the pies and those who helped out making the pies for the bake sale. May God continue to grant you good health and happiness.

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.

Red Onion Skins

Before commercial red dye for Greek Easter eggs, people used red plants, like dry red onion skins. Nia Parry has been collecting the skins all year. She has plenty to share. She will bring them to church in plastic bags for anyone who wants to experiment with the gorgeous color. Instructions included.

Church Cleaning

Please come and help to prepare our church for Holy Week, Saturday of Lazaros, **April 27:** 9:00 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

We need all people to Stay after the Divine Liturgy to help make the Palm Crosses and to clean the church for Holy Week and for Pascha.

Reviving a Tradition

Photos of the Departed on the Good Friday Kouvouklion
On the island of Karpathos it is customary to place framed photographs of departed loved ones on the Kouvouklion along with the flowers. The gesture indicates that those who have fallen asleep are with Christ in the tomb and await the day of the Resurrection.

To honor of this beautiful and solemn tradition, you are invited to do the same.

Please use a small photograph (wallet-size, or no larger, say than 6" x 8"). No need to use the original. A photo-copy will do. Glue it to a piece of cardboard. Decorate it with a paper frame, and don't forget to attach a ribbon to hang it from.

Give it to Fr. Dimitri before Good Friday.

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

April

14 April Sunday 2 prosfora and coffee hour **Anastasia Stevens**

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

17 April Wednesday Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:00pm

19 April Friday Akathist hymn 6:00pm

21 April Sunday 2 prosfora **Fr. Dimitri Pappas**, coffee hour **Frederika Vaupen** Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy

27 April Saturday (Raising of Lazarus) prosforon, **Fr. Dimitri Pappas**

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

28 April (Palm Sunday) prosforon **Fr. Dimitri Pappas** Orthros 9:00am and 10:00am Divine Liturgy **Pot Luck Luncheon** (sign-up sheet posted in coffee room) wine, olive oil, and fish with backbones permitted.

Bride groom service 7:00pm

29 April (Holy Monday) Bride groom service 7:00pm

30 April (Holy Tuesday) Bride groom service 7:00pm

MAY

1 May (Holy Wednesday) Holy Unction 7:00pm

2 May (Holy Thursday) 1 prosforon **Mary Santikos** 10:00am **Vesperal Divine Liturgy**

The reading of the Twelve Gospels / Passion of the Cross 7:00pm

3 May (Holy Friday) 9:00am Royal Hours 10:00am **Docareting the Kouvoukleon**

3:00pm **Apokathelosis** 7:00pm **Lamentation**

4 May (Holy Saturday morning and evening) 2 prosfora **Mac Ennis**

10:00am **Vesperal Divine Liturgy** and **Orthros** 11:00 p.m. **with Mid-night Divine Liturgy** to follow **Paschal Pot Luck Meal** (sign-up sheet posted in coffee room)

5 May (Pascha) Agape Service 1:00 p.m. and **Pot Luck Picnic** (sign-up sheet posted in coffee room)

10 May Friday Live-giving Spring prosforo **Fr. Dimitri Pappas**

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

12 May Sunday Mother's Day prosforo and coffee hour

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

19 May Sunday prosforo and coffee hour

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

21 May Tuesday SS. Constantine and Helen prosforo

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

26 May Sunday prosforo and coffee hour

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

JUNE

2 June Sunday prosforo and coffee hour

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

9 June Sunday prosforo and coffee hour

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

16 June Sunday prosforo and coffee hour

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

21 - 22 June GREEK FESTIVAL

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

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