

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Apolytikion Resurrection

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; for He has made a dominion, with His mighty arm, the Lord has trampled upon death by death. The first-born from the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and granted to the world His great mercy.

ὑψωθῆσθε τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθε τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν ἱραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion Of Pre feast Baptism of Christ

Jordan River once turned back when Elisha struck its stream with his mantle in the wake of Elias's ascent; and the water was parted to the one side and to the other. And thus the fluid stream became a dry way for him, a symbol and truly a type of Baptism, by which we now pass over the streaming passage of the present life. And Christ appeared at the Jordan River to sanctify the waters.

Ἀπεστρέφετό ποτε, ὁ Ἰορδάνης ποταμός, τῇ μηλωτῇ Ἐλισαιέ, ἀναληφθέντος Ἠλιοῦ, καὶ διηρεῖτο τὰ ὕδατα ἔνθεν καὶ ἔνθεν, καὶ γέγονεν αὐτῷ, ζῆρὰ ὁδὸς ἡ γηρά, εἰς τύπον ἀληθῶς τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, δι' οὗ ἡμεῖς τὴν ῥέουσαν, τοῦ βίου διαπερῶμεν διάβασιν, Χριστὸς ἐφάνη, ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ, ἀγιάσαι τὰ ὕδατα.

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.

Contakion

To the flowing streams today of River Jordan comes the Lord and cries aloud to John the Baptist, and He say, "Be not afraid to baptize me now; for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

Ἐν τοῖς ρεῖθροις σήμερον τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, γεγωνὸς ὁ Κύριος, τῷ Ἰωάννῃ κρυβῶ· Μὴ δειλιάσης βαπτίσει με· σῶσαι γὰρ ἤκω, Ἀδὰμ τὸν πρωτόπλαστον.

Epistle 2 Timothy 4:5–8

Timothy my child, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

PARISH NEWS

Happy New Year and Kali Xronia 2014

On the behalf of the Parish Council and Fr. Dimitrios Pappas wishes everyone and their families, a Blessed and Happy New Year 2014 filled with the warmth and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's birth, be in our hearts and lives.

Recycling for St. Elias

We have found another outlet for used toner cartridges and inkjet cartridges, and his company will pay us directly for what we give them. When it's time to get a new cartridge, please bring the used one to church, in its packing if possible, and we will recycle it. Every bit that we recycle means more funds for our parish. Please help with this free and painless way to raise money and protect the environment.

Albertson's Community Partners Cards

The new cards are available and are on the candle table. Please pick one up and use it whenever you shop for groceries at Albertson's. We get money back for each dollar we spend there when using our cards.

The Firstborn, Who was begotten according to His nature, underwent yet another birth outside His nature, so that we too would understand that after our natural birth, we must undergo another (birth) outside our nature. As a spiritual being, He was unable to become physical until the time of physical birth. And so too physical beings, unless they undergo another birth, cannot become spiritual. The Son, Whose birth is beyond investigation, underwent another birth which can be investigated. So, by the one we learn that His majesty is limitless, and by the other we realize that His goodness is boundless. For His majesty increases without bounds, Whose first birth cannot be imagined by any mind, and His goodness overflows without limit, Whose other birth is proclaimed by every mouth. *St. Ephrem the Syrian*

The first cause of the gift of healing is the merit earned by holiness. The grace of working miracles is to be found among specially chosen and just persons. It is quite evident that the apostles and many saints worked miracles and wonders. This was in accordance with what the Lord Himself had commanded when He said, “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, expel the demons. You have freely received. Give freely.” *St. John Cassian*

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

This Week's Liturgical Schedule

JAN 2014

5 Jan (Sunday) Vasilopita **Anna Patsalis**, prosforon and coffee hour **Mac Ennis**

6 Jan (Monday) prosforon **Mac Ennis**

7 Jan (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Anna Patsalis**

8 Jan (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Eugenia Parry**

9 Jan (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour, **April Dellas**

February 2014

1 Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Niki Constantaras**

2 Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Eva Kurtz**

3 Feb (Sunday) prosforon **Diane Tintor**, coffee hour **Judy Brophy**

4 Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **April Dellas**

Prosforon must be at the church by 9:00 a.m. To change your day YOU must find and give sufficient notice to someone to take your place. You're also responsible for coffee room CLEAN UP—rinse coffee urns, wipe down counters and tables, sweep floor, replace soiled table cloths, place bag of garbage in green bin outside and wheel it down to the church mailbox (important detail to avoid mice) Questions? Call Eugenia Parry 424-402

They are Done!

What exciting news for all of us. The Iconographers **Maria Sigala** and **Niko Spanopoulos** have completed the North and South wings and the back wall of the church. Now we have to wait for next year, until we can complete the rest of the church. We will be installing the Desert Fathers and Mothers and one saint from each Orthodox country like Serbia, Russia, China, Ethiopia, America, etc. Also on the ceiling the Dormition Assumption) of the Theotokos and Pentecost. Plus 70 half saints will be going around 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.

Welcome to all visitors: Please join us for fellowship immediately following the liturgy in the Social Hall. For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to Baptized or Chrismated orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, however, to partake of the antidoron (or blessed bread) which is distributed at the end of the service. Those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please feel free to see Fr. Dimitri Pappas after the service.