

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Apolytikion Resurrection

You did abolish death by Your Cross. You opened to the thief paradise. You did transform the myrrhbearers lamentation. And to Your Apostles You did bid to preach. That You are risen O Christ our God, granting to the world great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· ὧν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες· καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν πέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion Of the Presentation of the Lord 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.

ζαῖρε, κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σύ, πρεσβῦτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἰσχύει τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν ἀνάστασιν.

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.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίαςας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν ἀλογήσας, ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν, ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον βασιλεῖς, οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

Epistle Hebrews 7:7-17

BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood their need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the

one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the like (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and his man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

PARISH NEWS

Memorial Service

1 year memorial for Dimitrios Dellas father of Michael and April (Anna) Dellas
May his memory be eternal.
36 years memorial for Haralambos and 7 years memorial Merope Philipidis
father and mother of Nymphe Kefal. May their memory be eternal
7 year memorial for George and 2 year memorial for Magdaleni
Papadimitropoulos grandparents of Fr. Dimitrios Pappas may his memory be
eternal.

Church Meetings

Parish Council meeting Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014

Building Committee meeting Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014

Greek Festival meeting Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014

Life of Alexander the Great

Melissa and David Carl are taking a small group of adults to Macedonia this August where they will be leading a private seminar to study classical works about the Life of Alexander the Great. In addition to the seminar, there will be walking tours of the Orthodox churches and monasteries, visits to the local bazaar, and other cultural activities. If anyone is interested in taking part in the trip, please contact Melissa Carl at 505.670.3782 or at melissa.carl@curiousoysterseminars.com.

The Dates: **11 - 15 August 2014**

Price: \$2000 for an individual and \$3300 for a couple. This includes hotel accommodation, breakfasts and dinners, tours, cultural activities, and the seminar.

Thank you,
Melissa

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

This Week's Liturgical Schedule

February 2014

- Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Niki Constantaras**
- Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Eva Kurtz**
- 6 Feb (Sunday) prosforon **Diane Tintor**, coffee hour **Djuro Zrilic**
- 3 Feb (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Frederika Vaupen**

March 2014

- 2 March (Sun) 2 prosfora **Mary O'Brien**, coffee hour **Mary O'Brien** and **Betsy Tobeson**
- 9 March (Sun) 2 prosfora and coffee hour **April Dellas**
- 16 March (Sun) 2 prosfora and coffee hour **Anna Patsalis**
- 23 March (Sun) 2 prosfora **Fr. Dimitri Pappas**, coffee hour **Susan Proestos**
- 25 March (Tues) 1 prosforon **Mary Santikos**
- 30 March (Sun) 2 prosfora **Diane Tintor**, coffee hour **Alexia Constantaras** and **Cris Knutson**
- 6 April (Sun) 2 prosfora and coffee hour **Anastasia Stevens**
- 12 April (Lazarus Saturday) 1 prosforon **Leslie Cook**
- 13 April (Palm Sunday) 1 prosforon **Leslie Cook** Pot Luck Luncheon (fish permitted)
Sign-up Sheet in Coffee Room
- 17 April (Holy Thursday) 1 prosforon **Fr. Dimitri Pappas**
- 19 April (Holy Saturday Morning) 1 prosforon **Diane Tintor**
- 19-20 April (Pascha Holy Saturday Night) 1 prosforon **Diane Tintor**
Anastasi meal. Sign-up Sheet in Coffee Room
- 20 April (Pascha Sunday) *Agapi* meal. Sign up Sheet in Coffee Room
- 27 April (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Niki Constantaras**

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 424-1402.

Annual Patrino Karnavali is Coming!!

Join GOYA as they sponsor their annual Patrino Karnavali on Saturday, February 22, in the Parish hall – Vespers will begin at 5pm, Cocktails/Appetizers 6 pm and Dinner 7 pm. There will be delicious food, music and dancing. There will also be a costume gala and silent auction. Tickets for adults are \$50, Seniors 60+ and students 25 and under are \$35. A portion of the proceeds will go to a local charity. Tickets are available from any GOYA member each Sunday after Divine Liturgy!

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.