

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Apolytikion Resurrection

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting to the world life. Wherefore, do the powers of heaven cry out to You, O Giver of life. Glory to Your Resurrection O Christ, glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of Mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἕλκρυτον σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, κρυπόμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοὶ ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ ἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

Apolytikion the Joseph marveled.

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.

Ἐπομάζου Βηθλεέμ· ἡνοικτα πᾶσιν ἡ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθᾶ, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνηθη ἐκ τῆς Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ κείνης γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη σοι, ἐν ᾧ τὸ θεῖον φυτόν· ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δὲ ὡς ὁ Ἀδάμ ἐθνηξόμεθα. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται, τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἡγιασμένων εἰκόνα.

Apolytikion Of the Fathers.

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.

Μεγάλα τὰ τῆς Πίστεως κατορθώματα! ἐν τῇ πηγῇ τῆς φλογός, ὡς ἐπὶ ὕδατος ἡσυχασέως, οἱ Ἅγιοι τρεῖς Παῖδες ἠγάλλοντο· καὶ ὁ Προφήτης Δανιήλ, λέοντων ποιμὴν, ὡς προβάτων ἐδείκνυτο. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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

The Virgin today, for the eternal Logos, to a cave she comes to ineffably give birth. Rejoice and dance, O Universe, to this Ye hearken; being glorified by the angels and the shepherds. Who willed to be beheld, as a young child who before the ages is God.

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

Epistle Hebrews 11:9–10, 32–40

ABRAHAM, 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 Jideon, 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 part 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.

PARISH NEWS

Housing Wanted

Alyam Moser, a quiet, responsible artist, seeks guest house and/or property caretaking situation. 12 years experience in property enhancement, landscaping and animal care. References available. Alyam volunteers weekly helping to care for our church property and gardens.] Any leads? Please call him at **466-4115**

Memorial service

10 day memorial for Thrassos Averkiou father of Chris Averkiou offered by Mary O'Brien. May his memory be eternal.

On the Nativity I (Our Panaghia and the Magi)

"In a crib of senseless beasts, the blameless Virgin places Thee, beginningless Word of God, Who has yet begun in time, passing mind and thought. For Thou didst come to end my brute lack of reason, which came upon me through the serpent's guile; and Thou art swaddled around, that Thou mightest rip apart the bands of sin with which I have been wrapped about --- O Thou Friend of Man, Who alone art good. Therefore, I glorify Thee, I worship and I joyfully extol Thy coming to us in the flesh, whereby I have been made free."

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

This Week's Liturgical Schedule

December 2013

- 22 Dec** (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **Eugenia Parry**
 - 25 Dec** (Wednesday, Christmas Day) prosforon **Fr. Dimitri Pappas**
 - 29 Dec** (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour **April Dellas**
- January 2014**
- 5 Jan** (Sunday) Vasilopita Anna Patsalis, prosforon Mac Ennis, coffee hour Frederika Vaupen
 - 6 Jan** (Monday) prosforon Mac Ennis
 - 2 Jan** (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour Anna Patsalis
 - 9 Jan** (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour Eugenia Parry
 - 16 Jan** (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour, April Dellas
- February 2014**
- 1 Feb** (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour Niki Constantaras
 - 1 Feb** (Sunday) prosforon and coffee hour Eva Kurtz
 - 6 Feb** (Sunday) prosforon Diane Tintor, coffee hour Judy Brophy
 - 13 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 antidoro (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.