



# St. Elias the Prophet Church

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## Services Schedule

Sundays: Orthros/Matins - 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Saturdays (as announced): Vespers - 5:00 pm

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## Saints and Feasts



**March 14**

### **Benedict the Righteous of Nursia**

This Saint, whose name means "blessed," was born in 480 in Nursia, a small town about seventy miles northeast of Rome. He struggled in asceticism from his youth in deserted regions, where his example drew many who desired to emulate him. Hence, he ascended Mount Cassino in Campania and built a monastery there. The Rule that he gave his monks, which was inspired by the writings of Saint John Cassian, Saint Basil the Great, and other Fathers, became a pattern for monasticism in the West; because of this, he is often called the first teacher of monks in the West. He reposed in 547.



**March 14**

### **Eusechmon the Confessor, Bishop of Lampasakos**



**March 14**

### **Third Saturday of Lent**

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## Hymns of the Day

### **Apolytikion for Third Sat. of Lent in the Second Mode**

O Apostles, martyrs, prophets, hierarchs, righteous, and just ones, who have finished your course well and have kept the Faith: seeing ye have boldness with the Saviour, beseech Him for us, since He is good, that our souls be saved, we pray.

Ἀπόστολοι, Μάρτυρες, καὶ Προφῆται, Ἱεράρχαι, Ὅσοι καὶ Δίκαιοι, οἱ καλῶς τὸν ἀγῶνα τελέσαντες, καὶ τὴν Πίστιν τηρήσαντες, παρρησίαν ἔχοντες πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα, ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν αὐτῶν ἱκετεύσατε, σωθῆναι δεόμεθα τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## Apolytikion for Third Sat. of Lent in the Second Mode

Keep Thy servants in remembrance, O Lord, since Thou art good; and do Thou forgive their every sin in this life; for no man is without sin, except for Thee Who art able to grant rest even unto those that have departed hence.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

## Apolytikion for St. Elias in the First Mode

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.

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Ὁ ἐνσαρκὸς ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπίς, ὁ δεῦτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἠλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἀνωθεν καταπέμψας, Εἰσαίω τὴν χάριν, νόσους αποδιώκει, καὶ λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διὸ καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτὸν βρῦει ἰάματα.

## Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

As the first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquillity, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθεῖα, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

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## Gospel and Epistle Readings

### Matins Gospel Readings

### Epistle Reading

#### The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38

Brethren, recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on the prisoners, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that you may do the will of God and receive what is promised. "For yet a little while, and the coming one shall come and shall not tarry; but my righteous one shall live by faith."

#### Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 10:32-38

Ἀδελφοί, ἀναμνησθεσθε δὲ τὰς πρότερον ἡμέρας, ἐν αἷς φωτισθέντες πολλὴν ἄθλησιν ὑπεμείνατε παθημάτων· τοῦτο μὲν, ὀνειδισμοῖς τε καὶ θλίψεσιν θεατριζόμενοι· τοῦτο δέ, κοινωνοὶ τῶν οὕτως ἀναστρεφόμενων γεννηθέντες. Καὶ γὰρ τοῖς δεσμοῖς μου συνεπαθήσατε, καὶ τὴν ἀρπαγὴν τῶν ὑπαρχόντων ὑμῶν μετὰ χαρᾶς προσεδέξασθε, γινώσκοντες ἔχειν ἑαυτοῖς κρείττονα ὑπαρξιν ἐν οὐρανοῖς καὶ μένουσαν. Μὴ ἀποβάλητε οὖν τὴν παρρησίαν ὑμῶν, ἣτις ἔχει μισθαποδοσίαν μεγάλην. Ὑπομονῆς γὰρ ἔχετε χρεῖαν, ἵνα τὸ θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ ποιήσαντες κομίσθητε τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν. Ἔτι γὰρ μικρὸν ὅσον ὅσον, ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἔξει, καὶ οὐ χρονιεῖ. Ὁ δὲ δίκαιος ἐκ πίστεως ζήσεται· καὶ ἐὰν ὑποστεύληται, οὐκ εὐδοκεῖ ἡ ψυχὴ μου ἐν αὐτῷ.

### Gospel Reading

#### Third Saturday of Lent

#### The Reading is from Mark 2:14-17

At that time, as Jesus passed on, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were sitting with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

#### Third Saturday of Lent

#### Κατὰ Μάρκον 2.14-17

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, παράγων ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδε Λευὶν τὸν τοῦ Ἀλφαίου, καθήμενον ἐπὶ τὸ τελώνιον, καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἠκολούθησεν αὐτῷ. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ κατακεῖσθαι αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ αὐτοῦ, καὶ πολλοὶ τελῶναι καὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ συνανέκειντο τῷ Ἰησοῦ καὶ τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· ἦσαν γὰρ πολλοί, καὶ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. καὶ οἱ γραμματεῖς καὶ οἱ Φαρισαῖοι ἰδόντες αὐτὸν ἐσθίοντα μετὰ τῶν τελωνῶν καὶ ἁμαρτωλῶν ἔλεγον τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· τί ὅτι μετὰ τῶν τελωνῶν καὶ ἁμαρτωλῶν ἐσθίει καὶ πίνει; καὶ ἀκούσας ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οὐ χρειάν ἔχουσιν οἱ ἰσχύοντες ἰατροῦ, ἀλλ' οἱ κακῶς ἔχοντες· οὐκ ἦλθον καλέσαι δικαίους, ἀλλὰ ἁμαρτωλοὺς εἰς μετάνοιαν.

## Wisdom of the Fathers

It is better for us to die in our struggle than to live in our fall.

**St. Isaac of Syria**

*Homilies 73, in Ascetical Homilies, p. 359, 7th century*

Let them hear, as many as are striving to deck themselves with great honor for fasting, and let them consider that our Lord was called "a man gluttonous and a winebibber," and He was not ashamed, but overlooked all these things, that he might accomplish what He had set before him; which indeed was accordingly done. For the publican was actually converted, and thus became a better man....See how He turned their reasoning to the opposite conclusion. That is, while they made it a charge against Him that He was in company with these men: He on the contrary said, that His not being with them would be unworthy of Him, and of His love of man.

**St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 30 on Matthew 9, 4th Century*

## Services and Information

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 and chrismated Orthodox Christians. However, all present are welcome 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 see Fr. Dimitri Pappas after the service.

Visit the church web site: <http://steliasnm.org/>.

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### March 2015

Coffee hours from March 1 through Palm Sunday must be Lenten (wine and oil allowed on weekends). On Palm Sunday, fish is also allowed.

14 March (Third Saturday of Lent)

15 March (Sunday of the Holy Cross) 2 prosphora and coffee hour, April Dellas.

18 March (Fourth Wednesday of Lent, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)

21 March (Fourth Saturday of Lent)

22 March (Sunday of St. John Climacus) 2 prosphora, Mac Ennis, coffee hour, Bonnie Hardwick.

25 March (Wednesday, Annunciation of the Theotokos, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)

28 March (Fifth Saturday of Lent: The Akathist Hymn)

29 March (Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt) 2 prosphora and coffee hour, Irene Souris Guilbeault & April Dellas.

### GOC Links

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver <<http://www.denver.goarch.org>>

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America <<http://www.goarch.org>>

Orthodox Calendar <<http://www.goarch.org/chapel/calendar>>

Orthodox Observer <<http://www.goarch.org/news/observer>>

### Parish News and Events

#### Church Meetings

Parish Council meeting — The next Parish Council meeting will be on Sunday, April 19, after the Divine Liturgy.

Building Committee meeting—The meeting will be on March 22. Other parish members may attend, but not participate.

#### Cash Donations Needed for Ingredient Costs for Easter Pitas

Prices for ingredients have sky-rocketed. In order to reach our fund-raising goal, we are asking our fellow parishioners for small cash donations to defray the cost of making the pies for the Easter Bake Sale. Please help. We can't succeed without you!

#### Help Make the Pies for the Easter Pita Bake Sale

Help make cheese pies and green chile cheese pies on Saturday, March 14. We will start at 9:00 am in the coffee room at the church.

#### Easter Pita Bake Sale

Order forms for our delicious, homemade Spinach Pies, Cheese Pies, and Greco/New Mexican Green Chile Cheese Pies are on the table in the back of the church. Order pitas for your family and give forms to your friends, so they can order some for theirs! Deadline for orders is March 25.

#### Chrysostom Scholarship

NEW! Beginning with the 2015 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, each Senior and Junior division 1st-3rd place finalist in each category (Oratory, Poetry, and Essay) at the parish, district, metropolis, and national levels of competition is eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College. This scholarship has been amended to provide awards ranging from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year.

Students must matriculate to Hellenic College from high school and be accepted to take advantage of their scholarship. Please see Hellenic College

Terms and Conditions for scholarship amounts and more detailed information at: [www.hchc.edu/admissions/scholarships](http://www.hchc.edu/admissions/scholarships)

### **Annual Greek Festival**

Mark your calendars! Friday and Saturday, 19 and 20 June. The Festival will be held at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center, downtown Santa Fe. Come enjoy Greek food, dancing, auction, raffle, fun for all!

### **Donations Needed for Silent Auction**

Items are needed for the silent auction at our 2015 Santa Fe Greek Festival. Any item is appreciated—gift certificates, art, pottery, home accessories, vacations, appliances, wine tastings, etc. Please think not only of items you might have, but items friends might donate. Ask restaurants and shops you frequent for items or gift certificates. The church is a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible. Contact Tonya Boone at [tboone@ekkoranch.com](mailto:tboone@ekkoranch.com) for silent auction donation forms and information.

### **2015 Stewardship**

We thank all of our members who have made a stewardship pledge to our parish of St. Elias the Prophet. Through your continued and loving support, the Parish Council and Fr. Dimitrios Pappas are able to serve as caretakers and deal with the needs and priorities that face our church. We ask that you complete your 2015 pledge card for the New Year and return it to the church at your convenience.

### **Recycling for St. Elias**

The church can recycle your used toner cartridges and inkjet cartridges and receive a donation for their value. 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**

Wallet and key-ring size Albertson's Community Partners cards are available on the table in the back of the church. When you shop at Albertson's, give the checker your card to scan, and the church will get money back for every dollar you spend.

### **The iconographers have completed their work for this year**

Next summer the iconographers Maria Sigala and Niko Spanopoulos will complete the beautiful iconography begun years ago. If you would like to be part of this historic endeavor please call Fr. Dimitrios or send your donations to the church. Thank you to all of those who have already donated.

## Bulletin Inserts



Donate Items for the 2015 Greek Festival Auction

## Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America News

**Schedule of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios for Mar. 12-17, 2015**

**03/11/2015**

<http://www.goarch.org/news/mediaadvisory03102015-en>

**In Selma, A day of honor and tribute to the legacy of struggle and sacrifice, equality and freedom**

**03/09/2015**

<http://www.goarch.org/news/selmarally-03082015>

Thousands of people attended the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 National Voting Rights Act and "Bloody Sunday," that concluded today, March 8, 2015, with a long service at the historic Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and a final march through the town of Selma and across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

## **Archbishop Demetrios of America Crosses Edmund Pettus Bridge with President Obama**

**03/08/2015**

<http://www.goarch.org/news/selmarally-03072015>

Archbishop Demetrios of America, together with President Barack Obama and other major civic and religious leaders, walked today, March 7, 2015, the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."



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## **AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!**

### ***2015 GREEK FESTIVAL***

**WHEN: JUNE 19TH & 20TH**

*Afraid to ask for donations?*

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