



St. Elias the Prophet Church

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Services Schedule

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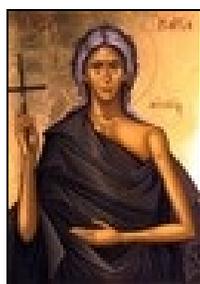
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Saints and Feasts



April 01

Mary of Egypt

When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition. Desiring to go into the church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhindered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile herself to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world. And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; alone, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year on Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me." Her death is reckoned by some to have taken place in 378, by some, in 437, and by others, in 522. She is commemorated also on the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. Her life was recorded by Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem.



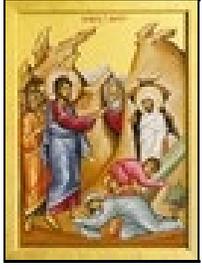
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Gerontios & Vasilides the Martyrs



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Euthemios of Suzdal



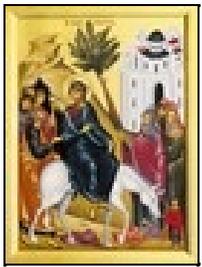
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Lazarus Saturday

Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary, the friends of the Lord Jesus, had given Him hospitality and served Him many times (Luke 10:38-42; John 12:2-3). They were from Bethany, a village of Judea. This village is situated in the eastern parts by the foothills of the Mount of Olives, about two Roman miles from Jerusalem. When Lazarus - whose name is a Hellenized form of "Eleazar," which means "God has helped," became ill some days before the saving Passion, his sisters had this report taken to our Saviour, Who was then in Galilee. Nonetheless, He tarried yet two more days until Lazarus died; then He said to His disciples, "Let us go into Judea that I might awake My friend who sleepeth." By this, of course, He meant the deep sleep of death. On arriving at Bethany, He consoled the sisters of Lazarus, who was already four days dead. Jesus groaned in spirit and was troubled

at the death of His beloved friend. He asked, "Where have ye laid his body?" and He wept over him. When He drew nigh to the tomb, He commanded that they remove the stone, and He lifted up His eyes, and giving thanks to God the Father, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he that had been dead four days came forth immediately, bound hand and foot with the grave clothes, and Jesus said to those standing there, "Loose him, and let him go." This is the supernatural wonder wrought by the Saviour that we celebrate on this day.

According to an ancient tradition, it is said that Lazarus was thirty years old when the Lord raised him; then he lived another thirty years on Cyprus and there reposed in the Lord. It is furthermore related that after he was raised from the dead, he never laughed till the end of his life, but that once only, when he saw someone stealing a clay vessel, he smiled and said, "Clay stealing clay." His grave is situated in the city of Kition, having the inscription: "Lazarus the four days dead and friend of Christ." In 890 his sacred relics were transferred to Constantinople by Emperor Leo the Wise, at which time undoubtedly the Emperor composed his stichera for Vespers, "Wishing to behold the tomb of Lazarus . . ."



April 05

Palm Sunday

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion for Mary of Egypt in the Plagal Fourth Mode

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

Εν σοί Μήτηρ ακριβώς διεσωθή τό κατ' εικόνα, λαβών γάρ τόν σταυρόν, ηκολούθησας τώ Χριστώ, καί πράττων εδίδασκες, υπεροράν μέν σαρκός, παρέρχεται γάρ επιμελείσθαι δέ ψυχής, πράγματος αθανάτου, διό καί μετά Αγγέλων συναγάλλεται, οσία Μαρία τό πνεύμά σου.

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 ἑνσαρκος ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπίς, ὁ δεῦτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ηλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἄνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ελισαίω τήν χάριν, νόσους αποδιώκει, καί λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διό καί τοῖς τιμῶσι αὐτόν βρῦει ἰάματα.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

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Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Readings

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 and April 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.

1 April (6th Wednesday of Lent, pre-sanctified liturgy)

4 April (Lazarus Saturday) 1 prosphoron, Diane Tintor.

5 April (Palm Sunday morning) 1 prosphoron, Leslie Cook. Potluck luncheon, fish, wine, and oil permitted, sign-up sheet posted in coffee room.

5 April (Palm Sunday evening) 7:00 pm, Bride Groom Service.

6 April (Holy Monday) 7:00 pm, Bride Groom Service.

7 April (Holy Tuesday) 7:00 pm, Bride Groom Service.

8 April (Holy Wednesday) 7:00 pm, Holy Unction Service.

9 April (Holy Thursday) 10:00 am, Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 1 prosphoron, Fr. Dimitri Pappas.

9 April (Holy Thursday) 7:00 pm, The 12 Gospels and Nailing on the Holy Cross.

10 April (Holy Friday) 8:00 am, The Great and Royal Hours.

10 April (Holy Friday) 10:00 am, Decorating the Kouvouklion.

10 April (Holy Friday) 3:00 pm, The Apokathelosis (Un-nailing).

10 April (Holy Friday) 7:00 pm, The Lamentation.

11 April (Holy Saturday morning) 10:00 am, Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 1 prosphoron, Niki Constantaras.

11-12 (Holy Saturday night — Pascha) 11:00 pm Orthros, 12:00 am Divine Liturgy, 1 prosphoron, Niki Constantaras. Anastasi meal after service, sign-up sheet in coffee room.

12 April (Pascha) 12:00 pm, Agape Service. Agape meal after service, sign-up sheet in coffee room.

19 April (Thomas Sunday) 1 prosphoron and coffee hour, Helen Skinas & April Dellas.

26 April (Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women) prosphoron and coffee hour, Frederika Vaupen.

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.

Order Lilies for Pascha

Please fill out forms, available in the back of the church, to order Lily plants for Pascha. Each Lily plant is \$15. Purchase in memory of a loved one. Deadline for orders is Sunday, 5 April.

Tsourekia Bake sale

Our traditional Paschal sweet bread, tsourekia, will be on sale after church on Palm Sunday, 5 April, 2014 for \$10.00 each.

Palm Crosses and Church Cleaning

Saturday of Lazaros, April 4, after the Divine Liturgy, please stay to make Palm Crosses and to clean the church in preparation for Holy Week and Pascha.

Sign-up Sheets are in the coffee room for upcoming celebratory meals at the church:

5 April, Palm Sunday meal, fish OK

11 - 12 April, Anastasi meal

12 April, Agape meal

Father needs readers

Father needs readers to read the Gospel in different languages for the Agape service on April 12th.

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 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.

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America News

Archdiocese Co-Sponsors Event at U.N. for the 59th Commission on the Status of Women

03/23/2015

<http://www.goarch.org/news/panelon%20women%20atun-03232015>

A panel discussion titled, Trafficking & Migration, Girls & Women: Human Rights Have No Borders, took place March 9, 2015, at the United Nations and brought together migration and trafficking experts. The event was co-sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council (the Greek Orthodox presence in the United Nations) and the Salesians of Don Bosco (Society of St. Francis de Sales, a Roman Catholic religious institute).

Schedule of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios for Mar. 20 - April 2, 2015

03/20/2015

<http://www.goarch.org/news/adschedule-03-20-2015>

Encyclical of Archbishop Demetrios for the Feast of the Annunciation and Greek Independence Day

03/19/2015

<http://www.goarch.org/news/annunciationencyclical2015>

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Archbishop's Encyclical for Greek Independence Day Parade

03/16/2015

<http://www.goarch.org/news/greekparadeencyclical-03162015>

Our annual gathering for the Greek Independence Day Parade is a celebration of our cherished ideals, a commemoration of those who sacrificed for the sake of liberty, and a witness of the strength of our faith and heritage. This year, as you probably know, our Parade will be held on Sunday, March 29, and I invite you to join with us as we march down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, New York.

Message from Archbishop Demetrios

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