



SAINT ELIAS

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SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008

PENTECOST SUNDAY: THE FIFTIETH DAY AFTER PASCHA
Prophet Amos; Apostles Achaikos, Stephen and Fourtunatos of the Seventy;
Venerable Jerome of Stridonium and Augustine, bishop of Hippo; Jonah,
metropolitan of Moscow; Martyr Lazarus, Serbian prince

WELCOME...to all our visitors worshipping with us!

Please be sure to fill out a Visitor's Card and drop it in the collection plate (or give it to a greeter). And we would like you to be our guest downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments after the service is over this morning. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Saint Elias. *We're glad you're here!*

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday–Friday

10:00 AM–3:00 PM

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Thursday at 10:00 AM

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Check out www.sainteliaschurch.org for information!

Our web page has updated messages and calendars as well as downloadable versions of current and past Sunday bulletins. Check it out!

Sacraments: Baptism, Matrimony, Adult Initiation

Contact the Church Office and set up an appointment with the Pastor to discuss the arrangements for these sacraments.

Become a Member of St. Elias

We would love to have you be a part of our community! Please talk to the Pastor or call the Church Office to get an information packet on becoming a member of the parish.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office with names of the sick and hospitalized of the parish so they can receive proper pastoral care.

Times for Confession:

Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during Matins (Orthros) prior to 10:15 AM, before or after Vespers on Wednesday evenings, on Saturday evenings following Great Vespers and by appointment during the week. To indicate your desire to go to Confession on Sunday morning during Orthros, come to the front right pew and wait for the priest.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The Divine Liturgy begins in the red Service Book on page 91 or use one of the new white Visitor's Liturgy books. When we reach the point in the service for Antiphons and hymns, the ones for today's service are listed below and on the next page.

1st Antiphon (from Psalm 19:1,2,4) — page 94

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Day unto day poureth forth speech, and night unto night proclaimeth knowledge.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

There are no tongues nor words in which their voices are not heard.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

2nd Antiphon (from Psalm 20:1-3) — page 95

The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

O Good Comfortor, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Let Him send forth unto thee help from His sanctuary, and out of Sion let Him help thee.

O Good Comfortor, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Let Him remember every sacrifice of thine, and thy whole-burnt offering let Him fatten.

O Good Comfortor, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

The Lord grant thee according to thy heart, and fulfill all thy purposes.

O Good Comfortor, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

and "Only-begotten Son..." — page 95

3rd Antiphon — Troparion of Pentecost & Psalm 21— page 96

O Lord, in Thy strength the king shall be glad, and in Thy salvation shall he rejoice exceedingly.

Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; and through them thou didst draw the world into thy net. O Lover of mankind, glory to thee!

The desire of his heart hast Thou granted unto him, and hast not denied him the requests of his lips.

Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; and through them thou didst draw the world into thy net. O Lover of mankind, glory to thee!

Thou wentest before him with blessings of goodness, Thou hast set upon his head a crown of precious stone.

Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; and through them thou didst draw the world into thy net. O Lover of mankind, glory to thee!

He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him length of days unto ages of ages.

Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; and through them thou didst draw the world into thy net. O Lover of mankind, glory to thee!

Entrance Hymn (Psalm 21:13) — page 97

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we will sing and chant of Thy mighty acts. O Good Comfortor, save us who sing to thee: Alleluia!

The Daily Hymns — page 98

The Troparion of Pentecost (Tone 8)

Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; and through them thou didst draw the world into thy net. O Lover of mankind, glory to thee!

Kontakion for Pentecost (Tone 8)

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when he distributed the tongues of fire, he called all to unity, and with one voice, we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

Instead of the Trisagion - Galatians 3:27 — page 98

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3 times)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Prokeimenon from Psalm 19

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the end of the universe.

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly, a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, and Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Alleluia Verses in Tone 1 (from Psalm 33)

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.

The Lord looks down upon the earth from heaven.

The Holy Gospel — St. John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever

spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The Sermon: Father Meletios Webber

Today's Commemorations

Prayers are requested for the repose of newly departed Khouria Joanne Abdalah. May her memory be eternal.

Prayers are requested for the repose of Tom Moses Attal (†6/15/1982) and James John Psaludis (†6/18/1944). These names are from the parish dyptichs—the record of those who have been buried from St. Elias. May their memory be eternal.

At the Divine Liturgy during the Great Entrance, we normally commemorate only Orthodox Christians by name among the living and departed since this is the Church praying for the Church. Non-Orthodox are remembered liturgically in prayers at Vespers and other intercessory services of the Church.

REMEMBER...there is no kneeling (or prostrations) between Pascha and Pentecost. Kneeling is reintroduced to our piety at the conclusion of the liturgy.

The Hymn to the Theotokos — page 115

Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:

O Mother, who have not known man, you have conceived in all purity. You have given flesh to the Word, who created all. You contained the uncontainable. O abode of the boundless Creator, Virgin Theotokos, we magnify you!

The Communion Hymn — from Psalm 142 — page 120

Refrain: Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness.

Verse 1: For Thy name's sake, O Lord, shalt Thou quicken me.

Verse 2: In Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction.

Verse 3: In Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies.

Alleluia.

On Receiving Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church:

Only Orthodox Christians who are prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent sacramental confession should approach the Chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice “open communion” and has no intercommunion with other churches (non-Orthodox). If you have any questions concerning this, please talk to one of the priests before taking communion.

And Remember...

...to receive Holy Communion, one should be present at the Divine Liturgy no later than the time for the Epistle and Gospel readings. We feed both our minds and our hearts as part of the Orthodox Christian life. To feast on the Lord without listening to his words is disrespectful.

Instead of “*We have seen the true light...*” — page 123

Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; and through them thou didst draw the world into thy net. O Lover of mankind, glory to thee!

Prayers of Kneeling said on the Day of Pentecost

Following “Blessed be the Name of the Lord...,” the three prayers of kneeling prescribed for the Vespers on the Day of Pentecost will be read as we reintroduce kneeling into our piety and liturgical practice following the 50 days of Pascha.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Our Greeter this morning is...

... Barbara Kounelias. *Next week's greeter is Martha Dent.*

Please Join us for Coffee Hour...

...in the Church Hall after the Liturgy. Our guests are welcome to take whatever they would like and not feel like they need to make a donation.

Welcome Father Meletios Webber!

We welcome Father Meletios Webber to St. Elias. Fr. Meletios has been here leading a workshop based on his new book, *Bread & Water, Wine & Oil: An Orthodox Experience of God.*

We Still Need Help for Coffee Hour!

Would you be willing to help set up for Coffee Hour? We need several volunteers to help set out the snacks and put them up afterwards. Please call the Church Office and speak to Eleni. She will put you on a rotating list of volunteers and give you a list of what needs to be done. Thanks!

Return your Alms Boxes

Remember to return your FULL Lenten Alms Box for the Food For Hungry People program and/or Orthodox Christian Missions Center. We would like to have all in within the next couple of weeks. What? You forgot to fill one up? Checks are also welcome.

We need Holy Bread!

Sign up to make Holy Bread on the Bulletin Board in the Church Hall.

St. Elias Day Celebration: July 19-20

The celebration of St. Elias Day will begin with Festal Great Vespers at 6:00 PM on Saturday, July 19 followed by the pot luck barbecue dinner and conclude on Sunday, July 20 with the Divine Liturgy. Watch for more details!

Announcing:

Father David Lewis assigned to St. Elias effective Today!

Bishop BASIL has assigned Father David Lewis to be our second full-time priest at St. Elias starting Sunday, June 15, 2008. Fr. David Lewis graduated from St. Vladimir's Seminary on May 17 and has now relocated to Austin. Fr. David and Kh. Shannon have 2 young daughters and originally come from St. Peter Orthodox Church in Ft. Worth, Texas. We are looking forward to having Father David, Khouria Shannon and their daughters Irene and Isabel be a part of our St. Elias family.

We still need your help!

We have collected \$42,990 towards the first year and \$32,990 a year for the next 2 years in pledges towards this program (46 pledges received). And we are still accepting pledges towards this. Please pray about this challenge made to us by Bishop BASIL and ask God's will to be done in this endeavor. *Make your pledge today towards building our parish's future!*

News from our Parish Organizations:

Church School

Church School is now on Summer Break. For more information on Church School, see Barbara Kounelias.

Teen SOYO

The Teen SOYO is working on plans to welcome Father David Lewis to St. Elias. For more information on Teen SOYO activities, see the sponsors Dr. Mark Cherry or Deacon Niketas Sanders.

UT OCF

The UT OCF is now on "break" for summer, but watch for more information this coming Fall with the arrival of Fr. David Lewis.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17.

Fellowship of St. John the Divine (Adult Fellowship)

Watch for details or for more information on the Adult Fellowship activities, see Fellowship President Sara Cook.

Ladies Guild

Watch for details or for more information on the Ladies Guild, see President Martha Dent.

AMEN (*Antiochian Men Eating at Noon [or 1:00 PM]*)

The men of the parish are invited to a no-host lunch on **Tuesday, July 1 at 1:00 PM** at Central Market on Lamar. We'll have lunch and a time of fellowship. If you have any questions or suggestions, give Fr. David a call.

Choir

The Choir rehearses at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings. The Choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested in singing in the choir, talk to director Bill Attal.

One Liturgy on Sundays in June

We are back to one liturgy at 10:30 AM until later in the summer (or possibly when school comes back in session). Fr. Traian is in Romania until mid-July. Watch for the second liturgy to return later this summer.

Dates To Circle

July 19-20

St. Elias Day Celebration

August 4-8

Vacation Church Camp

Vespers and Barbecue starting June 7

On Saturday evenings throughout the summer, come to Great Vespers at 6:00 PM and bring meat to grill, beverages to drink, and a side dish to share as we join together for dinner. We'll set up the grill for cooking and have a wonderful time of fellowship.

Food Bank Barrel Challenge!

The Fellowship of St. John the Divine challenges you to make a difference this summer by filling up the Capitol Area Food Bank barrel. Bring your non-perishable food items to the fellowship hall and place them in the barrel. How much should you bring? How about this: bring 10% of your body weight. For example, if you weigh 100 pounds, bring 10 pounds of non-perishable food. A five pound bag of rice or beans and some canned goods add up quickly. Some of us will be great contributors based on this formula and with everyone's help, we'll have the barrel maxed out in no time!

New Good Works Challenge Coming!

Watch in the next couple of weeks for a new challenge coming from the Fellowship of St. John the Divine. Something's in the wind!

St. Elias Family Photo Gallery and Album:

Please bring 2 4"x6" photos of your family to display on the blue Photo Gallery boards in the Parish Hall *and one to go in a photo album for Fr. David and Shannon Lewis to help them get to know the community quickly.* There are several pictures on the board now. To properly identify people in the pictures, please fill out the following and we will type up the information to go along with the picture. Thanks! (Feel free to include grown children who do not attend St. Elias)

Photo Form:

Family Last Name: _____

Please identify the people in the picture, from left to right:

L-R: _____

In case we have questions about your information, please provide either phone or email: _____

4th Annual DOWAMA Parish Life Conference

June 18-22, 2008 in Dallas Texas

We hope many will be going to Dallas, Texas for the 4th Annual DOWAMA Parish Life Conference, June 18-22, 2008. This will be our Diocese's first Wednesday through Saturday format for the Conference. You can download forms and/or register at www.dowamapl.org. Mark your calendars now for this wonderful event. And since it is so close to us this year, we should have a large turnout for the Conference!

This Week at St. Elias

June 18-21	Parish Life Conference in Dallas
Wednesday, June 18	No Vespers tonight
Saturday, June 21	6:00 PM — Great Vespers
Sunday, June 22	<u>All Saints Day – 1st Sunday after Pentecost</u>
	9:15 AM — Orthros (Matins)
	10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy