



# SAINT ELIAS

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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VERY REVEREND FATHER DAVID G. BARR, PASTOR  
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VERY REVEREND FATHER TRAIAN BUICAN  
REVEREND DEACON NIKETAS SANDERS  
SUBDEACON JOHN SEABOLT-DOTY

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

Tone 1

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*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

Church Office email:

Bulletin Deadline:

Fr. David Barr's email:

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**Check out [www.sainteliaschurch.org](http://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 — page 94

*It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High.*

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

*To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.*

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

*Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

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

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

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### 2nd Antiphon — page 95

*The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and He hath girt Himself.*

O Son of God who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

*For He established the world which shall not be shaken.*

O Son of God who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

*Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.*

O Son of God who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

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

and “Only-begotten Son...” — page 95

### 3rd Antiphon—The Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1) - page 96

### The Daily Hymns — page 98

#### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and thine immaculate body was guarded by the troops, thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy dispensation, only Lover of mankind.

#### The Troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul (Tone 4)

O Foremost of the Apostles, and teachers of the world, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls the Great Mercy.

## Troparion of the Prophet Elias (Tone 4)

O angelic of body, pillar of the Prophets and their cornerstone, the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ, the venerable and glorious Elias, thou didst send grace from on high to Elisha to dispel sicknesses and to purify lepers. Wherefore, he ever overfloweth with healing to those who honor him.

## Kontakion for Most Sundays (Tone 2)

O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry to thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honour thee.

## Prokeimenon in Tone 8 (from Psalm 18):

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

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

## The Epistle Reading — II Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9

Brethren, whatever any one dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Ar'etas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not

know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### Alleluia Verses in Tone 1 (from Psalm 88)

The Heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

God Who is glorified in the council of the saints is great and terrible towards all that are round about Him.

### The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 16:13-19

In those days, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

### The Sermon: Father David Barr

#### Reception of Catechumens:

This morning, we will receive Tony Huynh as a catechumen at St. Elias. Please welcome him as he becomes a part of our community.

## *Today's Commemorations*

*Holy Bread is offered today* by Fr. David and Luanne Barr on the occasion of Fr. David's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood this week.

*Prayers are requested* for the repose of Louis M. Hyak ((+6/29/1951), James A. Boyd ((+6/30/1988), Archimandrite Mark Pemberton ((+6/30/1992), Amelia Nicholas (+7/1/82), Bahia H. Attal (+7/3/63), Robert Michael Petrovich (+7/3/83), Fred Albert Dagar (+7/3/92), and Namie Jacob (+7/4/69). These names comes 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.*

### **Koinonikon for the Saints:**

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

*(verse) In the sun hath He set His tabernacle.*

*(verse) He, like a bridegroom coming forth from his chamber, will rejoice like a giant to run his course.*

*(verse) From the outermost border of Heaven is His going forth.*

### **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.

### *Removal of Crowns:*

We will have the removal of wedding crowns for Katherine and Francisco Albarado (we’ve been waiting 7 years for this, but it’s never too late!).

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

### *Our Greeter this morning is...*

... Louis Mecey. *Next week’s greeters are Genaro Sandoval (8:30 AM) and Emile Sayegh (10:30 AM).*

## *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.

## *We're Going back to the old type of Coffee Hour...*

...starting in July. We will go back to having people bring snacks to the Coffee Hour after the 10:30 AM Liturgy. We will have some other snacks and coffee for after the 8:30 AM Liturgy.

### ***Coffee Hour Schedule:***

#### **For July:**

<b>July 6:</b>	<b>A-C</b>	
<b>July 13:</b>	<b>D-I</b>	
<b>July 20:</b>	<b>Pot Luck</b>	<b>St. Elias Day</b>
<b>July 27:</b>	<b>J-Z</b>	

***Mark your calendars for your week and participate  
in this ministry of fellowship in our parish.***

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **MED FEST MEETING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

We need all previous chairpersons and committee chairpersons to gather for a planning meeting for the 2008 Mediterranean Festival (scheduled for October 10-11). The meeting will take place after the Liturgy (during Coffee Hour). We need everyone's help to help on the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Med Fest!

## **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 regular Saturday pot luck grilling dinner and conclude on Sunday, July 20 with the Divine Liturgy followed by a pot luck dinner and celebration at the Church. We will have only one liturgy on St. Elias Day so that everyone can be together as we celebrate our feast day. We will have a short program at the dinner on Sunday as we continue to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mark your calendars!

## ***Mediterranean Dinner – August 23***

We are sponsoring a fundraising dinner for our Assistant Pastor Fund on Saturday, August 23 – a Mediterranean Dinner with live music provided by Zein Al-Jundi and a delicious meal of Middle Eastern food provided by Dagar's Catering of Austin. The event, held at St. Elias Church Hall, will have 14 tables (at 8 to a table) at the cost of \$600 per table (or \$75 per person). We expect this to be a sold-out event. Tables and/or tickets will sell out quickly, so order yours soon. For reservations, call Ramzi Deeb (261-3169)

## ***Holiday Cruise, Concert & Dinner on Lake Travis***

We are working on a post-Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 27, featuring the holiday music of Sue Deeb (Ramzi's sister) and the St. Elias Choir (and Chanters) while cruising on the Flagship Texas on Lake Travis. Mark your calendars now for a grand time celebrating the Lord's birth.

## **Father Traian in Romania**

Father Traian and Preotessa Gina Buican are in Romania for the next few weeks. Father and Preotessa will return in mid-July.

## **VACATION BIBLE CAMP in August!**

Vacation Bible Camp for our children will be August 4-8 at St. Elias Orthodox Church. Registration forms will be available soon. Mark your Calendars and watch for more news.

# 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.

## Two Liturgies on Sundays starting in July

Next Sunday, we'll be back to Liturgies on Sundays at 8:30 and 10:30 AM again in July (only one on July 20).

## New Icon of Ss. Peter and Paul

Thanks to Anthony Gehrels for sponsoring the new icon of the chiefs of the Apostles Peter and Paul. It was blessed at Vespers last night.

# It's a BREEZE to Help Our Neighbors!

The Fellowship of St. John the Divine challenges you to new project! Donate a new or gently used fan and get three chances to win a COOL lunch/brunch for two with dessert (YUM) from Pecan Street Café. You can donate more than one fan and get three tickets for each fan you give. All donated fans will be distributed by Family Eldercare to those in need during this scorcher of a summer. Just bring your fan and get your ticket(s) from Sara Cook at the social hour. Drawing will be held July 13<sup>th</sup> so hurry in with your donation!

## Lost and found

Lost and found items" will be in a box in the parish hall, unclaimed items will be sent to Goodwill



## *IOCC Mobilizes First Responders to Flood Stricken Midwest*

Large sections of the U.S. farm belt are under water after a week of torrential rains. The worst flooding to hit the Midwest in 15 years has claimed two dozen lives and forced more than 40,000 to evacuate their homes. This season's corn and soybean crops are in danger, and Iowa's agricultural losses alone are estimated to exceed \$2 billion. Other states of the upper Midwest including Illinois and Indiana have also been affected.

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is mobilizing its network of first responder Orthodox clergy to travel to Iowa to conduct a needs assessment and provide trauma counseling. Help us speed relief to the U.S.'s devastated communities by making a donation today. Call IOCC's donation hotline toll-free at 1-877-803-4622, make a gift on-line at [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org), or mail a check or money order payable to "IOCC" and write "US Emergency Response" in the memo line to: IOCC, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, Md. 21263-0225.

*IOCC, founded in 1992 as the official humanitarian aid agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA), has implemented over \$275 million in relief and development programs in 33 countries around the world.*

# Vespers and Grill on Saturday Evenings

On Saturday evenings throughout the summer, come to Great Vespers (held 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.

## *This Week at St. Elias*

Wednesday, July 2	6:00 PM — Daily Vespers
Saturday, July 5	6:00 PM — Great Vespers and Grill
Sunday, July 6	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>
	7:30 AM — Orthros (Matins)
	8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy
	10:05 AM — Service of Preparation for Holy Communion
	10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

## Dates To Circle

July 19-20	St. Elias Day Celebration
August 4-8	Vacation Church Camp