



SAINT ELIAS

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SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prophet Elias (Elijah); Righteous Iliya Chavchavadze of Georgia

Tone 4

Eothinon 5

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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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 at least 15 minutes prior to the Sunday morning Liturgies, 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, 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 – Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4) – p. 96

The Daily Hymns —page 98

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them the ancestral condemnation, and gladly told the news to the disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world 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 4 (from Psalm 109)

Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.

The Lord said unto my Lord: "Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies the footstool of Thy feet."

The Epistle Reading — James 5:10-20

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your yes be yes and your no be no, that you may not fall under condemnation.

Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Alleluia Verses in Tone 4 (from Psalm 44)

Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity.

The Holy Gospel — St. Matthew 8:28-34, 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsman fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

The Sermon: Father David Barr

Today's Commemorations

Holy Bread is offered by Stephan and Patricia Rudawski in memory of Patricia's mother Lillion, and for the health of Stephan, Patricia, Stephen, Michael and Alex, Nick and Rosalie, Albert and Carolyn, Michael and Nancy and family, Ron and Anne Marie and family, Christian, Matthew, Henri and Kathy; and for the repose of Teresa, Jack, Lillion, Anna, Steven, Anna, Archpriest Nicholas, Khouria Anna, Mitchel, and Bahia.

Departed remembered from the Parish Dyptichs: for the repose of Aref Mike Droupy (+7/20/1973) and Helena Zegub (+7/24/1963). These names come 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 20

Our Greeter this morning is...

... Alexandru Apostol. *Next week's greeters are Genaro Sandoval (8:30 AM) and John Haddad (10:30 AM)*

Welcome...

...to Father Paul Suda, dean of St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Allison Park, Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh). Father Paul has been in town for a wedding.

St. Elias Day Pot Luck Luncheon...

...in the Church Hall after the Liturgy. As we celebrate the Feast of the Prophet Elias, our patron saint, we will also continue the celebration of our 75th anniversary. Please do stay for lunch today.

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.

2nd Quarter Statements available today

Your giving record for January through June is available today in the Church Hall. Please pick yours up today so that we don't have to mail it to you. Remember, it is easier to keep up-to-date on your pledge than to play catch up in December!

NEXT MED FEST MEETING: JULY 27

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 76th Annual Med Fest!

Welcome Home Father Traian and Preotessa Gina!

Father Traian and Preotessa Gina Buican returned this past week from a trip to Romania. We're glad to have Father and Preotessa back with us!

St. Timon Sunday – July 27

DOWAMA will observe its first "St Timon Sunday" on July 27th, Patron Saint of our Sister Diocese -- the Archdiocese of Bosra Hauran, Jabal al-Arab and the Golan. We will have a presentation during Coffee Hour on our sister diocese and our "sister parish" of St. Elias in Mothbeen, Syria and some of the projects that we will be working on this next year.

Would you be willing to do some minor repairs?

We constantly need minor repairs done here at the Church. Most don't require a whole lot of work or expertise (changing light bulbs and furnace filters), but do take a bit of time. Right now, we need the following:

- Outdoor security lighting (bulbs are burning out)
- ironing wax out of the carpet in the church
- changing the air conditioning filters

To volunteer for one or more of these, contact the Church Office (476-2314). Thanks for your help!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: August 11-15, 2008

St. Elias's Vacation Bible Camp: Please note that Vacation Bible Camp has been RESCHEDULED for the week of August 11-15, 2008. The Camp will meet Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to Noon. Children ages 4 and older are welcome. Children ages 3 and younger are welcome as long as they are accompanied by a parent. Registration forms are available after the 10:30 Divine Liturgy Service. For more information contact Sylvia Jabour at (512)407-8770.

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)

Coffee Hour Schedule:

For July:

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

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

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 or John Haddad at the social hour. Drawing will be held later this month so hurry in with your donation!

Vespers and Grill on Saturday Evenings

On Saturday evenings in the summer, come to Great Vespers at 6:00 PM and bring meat to grill, beverages to drink, and a side dish to share with you to Vespers and join together afterwards for a great time of fellowship. We'll set up the grill for cooking. It's sure to be fun.

No Vespers This Wednesday

We will be back to Wednesday Night Vespers next week.

This Week at St. Elias

Saturday, July 26

6:00 PM — Great Vespers followed by bring your own Grill!

Sunday, July 27

6th Sunday after Pentecost

8:10 AM — 3rd & 6th Hours

8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

10:05 AM — Service of Preparation for Holy Communion

10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy