



SAINT ELIAS

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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009

5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SAMARITAN WOMAN

Apostles Andronikos and Junia of the Seventy; Athanasios the New, bishop of
Christianopolis; Venerable Nektarios and Theophanes; Eudoxia, princess of
Moscow

Tone 4

Eothinon 7

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

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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!

Weekday Parking:

If coming to the Church or Church Office on weekdays (between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM), please use the Visitor Parking spaces in the Texas Association of Broadcaster's building next door to the Church. All the parking spots in the Church side of the lot are rented out or reserved and violators could be towed.

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 Divine 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 before liturgy, 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. 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.

Singing of "Christ is Risen...."

Immediately after "Blessed is the Kingdom...", the priest will sing the Paschal Troparion (Christ is risen...) once, with the choir (and congregation) singing it again twice.

1st Antiphon (from Psalm 66) — page 94

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

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

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

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

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

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 115) — page 95

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

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

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

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

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

*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: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

and "Only-begotten Son..." — page 95

3rd Antiphon — Paschal Troparion (from Psalm 68) — pp. 96-7

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Entrance Hymn — Page 97

In the congregations bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

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.

The Troparion of Mid-Pentecost (Tone 8)

In the midst of this feast, O Saviour, let my thirsty soul drink of the waters of true worship; for thou didst proclaim to all, saying. "Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.

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 Pascha (Tone 8):

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon in Tone 4 (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 — Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, ever one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and so they did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia Verses in Tone 4 (from Psalm 45):

Draw your bow and prosper and reign, for the cause of truth and meekness
and righteousness.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

The Holy Gospel — St. John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst

again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come there to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming [he who is called Christ]; when he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Today's Commemorations

Prayers are requested for the repose of George Panos (†5/22/1944). 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 as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection.

Hymn to the Theotokos (Tone 1) — page 115

Instead of "It is truly meet...":

The angel cried to the Lady full of Grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people!

and then we sing the following in Tone 1:

Rejoice and be glad, O gate of the divine Light; for Jesus who disappeared in the tomb hath risen with greater radiance than the sun, illuminating all believers, O Lady favoured of God.

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.

Communion Hymn— page 120

Receive ye the body of Christ. Taste ye of the fountain immortal.

1. Great is the mystery of Thy resurrection, O Christ.
2. From the supper the Immortal One willingly cometh to the passion.
3. Then was Hades, who accounted and demanded of souls, embittered at the encounter.

4. Then was Mary, who anointed and worshipped God before the tomb, made glad.
5. Tell Peter and the other apostles that the Immortal One hath risen from the dead.

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

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (*once*)

Concluding Dialogue during the Paschal Season:

The following dialogue takes place following the dismissal during the Paschal Season:

PRIEST: Christ is risen. (*thrice*)

PEOPLE: Indeed, he is risen. (*thrice*)

PRIEST: Glory to his holy third-day resurrection.

PEOPLE: We adore his third-day resurrection.

PRIEST: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs

PEOPLE: bestowing life.

PASCHAL GREETINGS & RESPONSES:

Arabic: Al-Masseeh Qam! *Haqan Qam!*

English: Christ is Risen! *Indeed, He is Risen!*

Eritrean: Christos ten-si-ou! *Ba-ha-ke ten-si-ou!*

Greek: Christos Anesti! *Alithos Anesti!*

Romanian: Hristos a înviat! *Adevarat c-a înviat!*

Slavonic: Christos Voskrese! *Voistínu Voskrese!*

Spanish: ¡Cristo Resucitó! *¡En Verdad Resucitó!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17

Our Greeters this morning are...

... Martha Dent (8:30 AM) and Anthony Gehrels (10:30 AM).

Please Join us for Coffee Hour...

...in the Church Hall after the Liturgy. We will have a special presentation during Coffee Hour from Katie Wilcoxcon about her assignment with OCMC as a long term missionary in Tanzania. (see bulletin for more information)

Today's refreshments are provided by parishioners whose last names begin with J-P. Thank you for this service of hospitality!

Coffee Hour Schedule:

For May:

May 17:	J-P
May 24:	Q-Z
May 31:	Everyone

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

Mediterranean Festival 2009 - October 16-17

Save the Date!!!!

Contact - Gene Attal, MedFest Chair to volunteer – 327-3724 or gattal@seton.org

News from our Parish Organizations:

Church School

Please see Barbara Kounelias for more information about Church School.

Teen SOYO

Bible Bowl Scrimmage! We will meet in the Church Hall at 3:30 on Saturday, May 23. Anyone interested in participating in this year's Bible Bowl at the Parish Life conference is required to attend. If you cannot make this event, please contact Fr. Dave.

OCF

OCF will resume in the fall. Ask Fr. Dave for details.

Orthodox Young Adults (OYA)

We're recruiting members for an adult Bible Bowl team from St. Elias! The Parish Life Conference (June 10-13) is a great time, and a great way to meet people from other churches in our diocese. Come regardless, but contact Fr. Dave if you'd like to participate in the Bible Bowl!

Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 P.M.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will be holding elections for new officers on Sunday, May 31, after the second liturgy. For details, see 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, June 2, at 1:00 PM** at Central Market on Lamar. We have lunch and a great 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.

Fellowship of St. John the Divine (Adult Fellowship)

For information on the Fellowship of St. John the Divine contact Sara Cook.

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RETURN YOU ALMS BOXES

Remember to return your FULL Lenten Alms Box for the Food For Hungry People program and/ or Orthodox Christian Missions Center (OCMC). What? you forgot to fill one up? Checks are also welcome for this worthwhile program. We are ready to send in the proceeds.

Vacation Bible Camp—“Moses: The Musical”

Mark Your Calendars and plan to attend Vacation Bible Camp at St. Elias this **August 3-7**. All ages are needed to make this a success. We'll be following Moses as He follows God's call to help save His people and bless His inheritance. Along the way, we'll see the connections between Passover/Pascha; Old Covenant/New Covenant; Heavenly food (manna/Eucharist); and more! Songs, costumes, and crafts/props will fill our days—culminating in a Friday performance. Needed: Videographer; teen helpers; adult helpers; and campers! If you can help, contact Fr. Dave, Geri Farman (gerifarman@earthlink.net), or Sylvia Jabour (sjabour@twinliquors.com). Registration forms will be available soon.

Scholarship Funds:

The Arthur and Theodore Jabour Scholarship

St. Elias has set up a scholarship fund in the names of Arthur and Theodore Jabour available for Orthodox high school seniors and college students in Central Texas. For more information on this scholarship, download the application at www.sainteliaschurch.org/announce or call the Church Office.

Antiochian Women's Scholarship

Each year, the Antiochian Women of North America are able to award scholarships, usually in the amount of \$500 each, to help women continue their education in order to improve their circumstances and those of their families. Anyone interested may request an application from the Parish Office.

Diaper Drive

Laura and Cliff Young are expecting their FOURTH child due to arrive on JUNE 8, 2009. Let us celebrate BABY BOY YOUNG by bringing practical treasures to the parish hall. Any baby gifts, especially diapers, wipes, & gift cards would be a great blessing to their growing family. For more information, contact Kh. Shannon at shannongail@gmail.com.

OCMC Missions Presentation Today!

Today we will have an opportunity to hear from Katie Wilcoxson during Coffee Hour about her assignment with OCMC as a long term missionary in Tanzania. Read the letter below from His Grace Bishop Basil:

MAY IT BE BLESSED! KATHERINE "KATIE" WILCOXSON, daughter of FATHER AIDAN & KHOURIYA CYNTHIA WILCOXSON of St John the Forerunner/Cedar Park, TX, has been formally endorsed by SCOBA's "Orthodox Christian Mission Center" (OCMC) for assignment to Tanzania as a long-term missionary. You will remember that several years ago our DOWAMA Clergy Brotherhood partnered with the DOWAMA Fellowship of St John the Divine to help underwrite one of Katie's short-term missionary trips which was part of her preparation for qualifying as a long-term missionary.

Please make time to visit Katie's page on the OCMC web site (http://www.ocmc.org/missionaries/view_missionary.aspx?MissionaryId=12) to learn more about her and her desire to serve as a long-term missionary in the diocese of Archbishop JERONYMOS of Mwanza, working as an R.N. at his diocese's Resurrection Hospital.

While visiting her site you will also learn how you can help Katie in this holy endeavor by making financial contributions, inviting her to speak at your parish, etc. And fundraising is key to the success of OCMC's long-term missionary program! For example, in order for Katie to go to Tanzania she is responsible to raise approximately \$80,000.00 - the bulk of which will cover her airfare, health and life insurances, equipment, administrative support, etc., while only \$8,000.00 of that amount will be allotted for her first year's living allowance. Katie has been invited to speak to us during our Clergy & Clergy Wives Dinner at the 2009 DOWAMA Parish Life Conference in Wichita, KS this June 10th-13th. In the meantime you may contact Katie through her mother (cwilcoxson@austin.rr.com) or father (fraidan@austin.rr.com).

Unto the least of these...

Subdeacon (1st Lieutenant) Jason Falcone recently wrote to us:

“So many of the Arab villages here are so poor, with a low literacy rate, and even lack of clean drinking water. I really want to ask if any of the people in the Orthodox churches in the states would be willing, as an act of Christian love, to send clothes (i.e. t-shirts and sweatpants) and toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, etc. for the kids. It would be such a way to share the love of God, especially during the season of Lent and Pascha. I can make sure that everything is distributed with one of the patrols; I already made arrangements with one of the commanders. The only consideration is that none of the children's clothing have potentially offensive images, such as minimally-clothed celebrities, etc.”

This is a wonderful way to help out our brother Subdeacon Jason while he is in Iraq, and offer true Christian charity to those in need. Bring items to the parish and leave them on the marked table in the Church Hall. We will forward them on to Subdeacon Jason.

Subdeacon Jason can also be reached at the following address:

Falcone, Jason Lt.
HHC1 - 8CAV
JSS McHenry
APO/AE 09338

Sunday Parking Announcement:

The Texas Teachers Retirement System parking lot is open on Sundays between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The 11th Street entrances will be closed. **Use the Trinity Entrance, it will be open.** If your car is not out of the lot by 2:00 PM, it may get locked in. For those who like to stay downtown for lunch on Sundays and park in the TTRS lot, move your car before heading out to lunch. In addition, we can now park in the TASA (Texas Association of School Administrators) next door and the TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) on the corner, although it will be best to use the lot across the street at present. It is also a good practice to reserve the spots at the front of our lot for visitors to our parish.

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the Church side of the lot are rented out or reserved and violators could be towed. Where are the visitor spaces? They are the first 10 spots on the left when you drive into the TAB lot.

Help Needed!

We have a forest of weeds on the west side of the church. Would you be willing to come and mow/cut/weed, etc.?

Are you on the Church Email List?

If not, simply email the Church Office at stelias_austin@sbcglobal.net and we will be sure to put you on it.

This Week at St. Elias

Wednesday, May 20

6:00 PM — Vespers

Saturday, May 23

6:00 PM — Great Vespers

Sunday, May 24

Sunday of the Blind Man

8:10 AM — 3rd and 6th Hours

8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

9:45 AM — Church School

10:05 AM — Prayers before Holy Communion

11:45 AM — Church School

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, May 27

6:30 PM — Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension