



SAINT ELIAS

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA: MYRRHBEARERS

The Holy Myrrhbearers: Mary Magdalene; Mary the mother of James and Joses, the wife of Cleopas; Joanna; Salome, the mother of James and John; Susanna; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Martyrs Timothy the reader and his wife Maura of Egypt; Peter, archbishop of Argolis; Ekumenios, bishop of Trikala; Venerable Luke of Mt. Stirion; repose of Venerable Theodosios of the Kiev Caves, founder of Russian monasticism.

Tone 2

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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

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!

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

8:30 AM Liturgy: Congregational Singing

We will be using the Congregational Liturgy books found in the pews this morning for the 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy. Check the Early Liturgy supplement for music for the Troparia of the day.

10:30 AM Liturgy: St. Elias Choir

The Divine Liturgy begins in the red Service Book on page 91 or you may 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.

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 2)

When thou didst submit thyself unto death, O Thou Deathless and Immortal One, then Thou didst destroy death, with Thy Godly power; and when Thou didst rise from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ the Giver of Life! Glory to Thee, O God!

Troparion of the Pious Joseph (Tone 2)

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped it in pure linen and spices, laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

Troparion of the Myrrhbearers (Tone 2)

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh-oils are meet for the dead; but Christ has proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

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 2 (from Psalm 118)

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Alleluia Verses in Tone 2 (from Psalm 20)

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble.

O Lord, save the king, and hear us when we call upon you.

The Holy Gospel — St. Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large.

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

The Sermon: Father David Barr

Today's Commemorations

Holy Bread is offered by Marsha Attal.

Holy Bread is offered by Geri and Greg Farman in thanksgiving for Benjamin Ruslan and for his guidance and plans following high school graduation.

Prayers are requested for the health of her sister Frances by Vasiliki Oldziej.

Prayers are requested for the health of Lila and Doris by Bob and Janet Bennett

Prayers are requested in memory of Charles and Robert by Bob and Janet Bennett

Prayers are requested in memory of Joanna by Otilia Samano

Prayers are requested for the repose and eternal memory of James Norman.

Prayers are requested for the repose of Mary Ann Jabour (†5/3/1986) and Emilia Yuja Lara (†5/5/1978). 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!

Shine! shine! O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

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 3

Our Greeters this morning are...

... Darrin Rousch (8:30 AM) and David Schele (10:30 AM).

Please Join us for Coffee Hour...

...in the Church Hall after the Liturgy. Today's refreshments are provided by parishioners whose last names begin with A-C. Thank you for this service of hospitality!

Coffee Hour Schedule:

For May:

May 3:	A-C
May 10:	D-I
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.*

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Sunday Parking Announcement:

The Texas Teachers Retirement System parking lot is open on Sundays between 6:30 AM and 1:30 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 1:30 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.

News from our Parish Organizations:

Church School

Please see Barbara Kounelias for more information about Church School.

Teen SOYO

Bible Bowl Practice! We will meet in the Church Hall at 3:30 on Saturday, May 9. 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

Our next meeting will be Monday night, May 4, 6:00pm at the UT Episcopal Student Center.

Orthodox Young Adults (OYA)

Something Different! We're going to meet for dinner at 6:30 pm on Friday, May 8, at Central Market on NORTH Lamar! There's a playground there, so bring your kids if you've got 'em!

Parish Council

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

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet for a no host lunch on Saturday, May 25 at 1:00 at Central Market on N. Lamar. For more information contact 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, May 5, 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.

Married with Children

We're going Camping! All are welcome, whether you have kids or not, but even young children are welcome. We'll meet at Buescher State Park on Friday, May 15 and return on Saturday, May 16. Bring your own tent, food, etc. Please RSVP to Fr. Dave to insure we have enough campsites.

Fellowship of St. John the Divine (Adult Fellowship)

The Fellowship needs some help with Sack Lunch preparation! For more information on the Adult Fellowship activities, see President Sara Cook.

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.

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.

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

This Week at St. Elias

Monday, May 4	6:00PM—OCF final meeting at Zilker Park
Tuesday, May 5	1:00 PM—AMEN Lunch
Wednesday, May 6	6:00 PM — Vespers
Saturday, May 9	3:30 PM—Teen SOYO Bible Bowl Practice 6:00 PM — Great Vespers
Sunday, May 10	<u>Sunday of the Paralytic</u> 8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy 9:45 AM — Church School 10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy 11:45 AM — Church School