



SAINT ELIAS

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, February 15, 2009

“THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON”

Apostle Onesimos of the Seventy; Venerable Eusebios of Syria; Martyr Major of Gaza; Venerable Dalmatos of Siberia.

Tone 1

Eothinon 12

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 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 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 2 — p. 96:

Entrance Hymn

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ: 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 descend unto death, O Life immortal, then thou didst destroy hades, with the brilliance of thy divinity; and when thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven didst cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ the Giver of Life, Glory to thee, O our God!

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 of the Prodigal Son (Tone 3)

I have foolishly run away from thy fatherly glory, and I have wasted in evil deeds the wealth which thou gavest me. Wherefore, I cry to thee with the voice of the prodigal: I have sinned before thee, O merciful Father. Receive me who repent and make me as one of thy hired servants.

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 First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20)

Brethren, "all things are lawful to me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful to me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which

a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

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. Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who devoured your living

with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost and is found.’”

The Sermon: Father David Barr

Today's Commemorations

Holy Bread is offered by David and Elaine Schele in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary and in memory of their dear friend Richard Cilley.

Holy Bread is offered by Gail Dickinson.

Prayers are requested for: the health of Albert Dagar.

Prayers are requested for: the repose of newly departed Katherine by her daughter Vasiliki Oldziej.

Prayers are requested for: the repose of newly departed Galeena by her daughter Yelena Kulikova and family.

Departed remembered from the Parish Dyptichs: for the repose of and Pericles Criss (+2/17/1991). 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.

The ushers will dismiss you by rows to take communion. At the end of the Liturgy, the ushers will dismiss you to come forward to venerate the cross. Your help in this will help limit the congestion in the aisles. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

Our Greeters this morning...

... are Anthony Gehrels (8:30 AM) and Greg Farman (10:30 AM). *Next week's greeter are Genaro Sandavol (8:30 AM) and David Schele (10:30 AM).* Thanks for performing this vital ministry in the church.

Please Join us for coffee hour...

...in the Church hall after the Liturgy. Today's refreshments are provided by those with last names beginning with J-P.

Coffee Hour Schedule:

for February:

February 15: J-P

February 22: Q-Z

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

Last Week to Eat Meat!!! This coming week is Meat Fare Week which concludes on Meat Fare Sunday, February 11. Clean the meat out of your refrigerator and freezer this week as we prepare for the Great Fast of Lent.

Sack lunch project

Sponsored by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine

Donations are needed to re-furbish our supply of sack lunches for the homeless. Here's what we need: Brown paper bags, Non-perishable snacks such as: Granola bars, energy bars, Vienna sausage or other canned meat, fruit cups, small bottled and canned juice/juice boxes (cans must not require can opener). Please bring your items and place them in the social hall with a note attached that they are for this project. Many of these items can be purchased in large quantities at very low prices at Wal-Mart, Sam's or Costco. We'd like to get the donations in this month and set up a date for assembly soon.

Clean Monday Retreat

Transfiguration and St. Elias church will celebrate together

the first day of Lent, known as *Clean Monday*.

Fr. Jordan Brown and Fr. David Barr will offer reflections both

in the morning and evening of Clean Monday, March 2nd.

The morning reflection will be given by Fr. David at the Transfiguration Church

at 10:00 am., and the evening reflection will be given by Fr. Jordan at St. Elias at 7:00 pm

2008-09 Inquirer's & Catechism Classes

Each fall and winter, St. Elias holds a series of Inquirer's Classes twice a month on Saturday afternoons in the Parish Library at 4:30 PM. These classes are for those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Church and are designed to introduce people to the basic beliefs of the Orthodox Faith. There will be 12 sessions to the class. We hope to have catechumens ready to enter the church by Holy Saturday.

<u>Session</u>	<u>Date*</u>	<u>Topic**</u>
9	2/14	Iconography
10	2/28	The Divine Liturgy
11	3/14	Prayer and Spirituality
12	3/28	Confession and Entering the Church

**Dates are subject to change. **Topics may be adjusted as needed for the specific class.*

This class would also be great for anyone (teens, young adults, adults, etc.) who would like to learn more about the Orthodox Church and its beliefs.

Are You Interested in Becoming Orthodox?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Orthodox Church either through baptism or chrismation, please talk to Father David in the next few weeks. He would like to begin enrolling people as catechumens in the Church by next month. If you aren't ready to make a decision now, that's OK, we can enroll catechumens at any time during the year. We have started the Inquirer's Classes for those interested in joining the Orthodox Church.

Become a Sponsor!

We have large group of catechumens here at St. Elias, and will be in need of sponsors for them to come into the Church. Would you be willing to be a sponsor for someone coming into the Church? Talk to Father David or Father Dave if you are interested in sponsoring someone into the church. It is at this point in the process that it is best to find sponsors.

2009 Stewardship Appeal

Orthodox Christian Stewardship:
Strengthening our relationship with God.

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By now, our members should have received a 2009 stewardship appeal package from St. Elias Orthodox Church. This is the time of year that we make our commitments to Christ and His Holy Church for the coming year. Our weekly offering to God is first and foremost an offering of love. **One can give without loving but one cannot love without giving.** Christian giving asks us to put **God first and to let our giving be an expression of God's importance in our lives.** We give, not because the church has a budget, but because our love for God needs to be expressed. Please be generous in your giving, knowing that our giving truly reflects our love for God and His Church.

Didn't Get a Stewardship Packet?

If you didn't get a Stewardship Packet, we want to apologize to you and get one to you this week. Please fill out the following form and drop it in the collection plate. We'll be sure one gets sent to you.

Please Send Me a Stewardship Packet!

Return this form to the St. Elias Church Office this week and we will gladly send you a Stewardship Packet.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

News from our Parish Organizations:

Church School

Church School is Back in Session. Please see Barbara Kounelias for more information about Church School.

Teen SOYO

Teen SOYO is sponsoring a trip to Enchanted Rock on Monday, February 16. Everyone of all ages is invited! We'll be meeting at St. Elias at 8:30am and returning no later than 7pm. Eat breakfast before you come, bring comfortable shoes, a sack lunch, a water bottle, and a flash light. Get ready to do some climbin'!

OCF

Our next meeting will be Monday night, February 23rd, 6:00pm at the UT Episcopal Student Center.

Orthodox Young Adults (OYA)

We will be meeting on Tuesday February 17th at Jeff and Christina Folger's house for a house blessing, followed by game night.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 P.M.

Ladies Guild

On Saturday, Feb 21st, after the Liturgy for the Saturday of the Souls, The Ladies Guild will meet at 1:00pm for lunch at Central Market on North Lamar.

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

The men of the parish are invited to a no-host lunch on **Tuesday, March 3rd, 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)

See the notice about Sack Lunch preparation. For more information on the Adult Fellowship activities, see Fellowship President Sara Cook.

Camp St. Raphael Applications Available

The Camp St. Raphael Applications became available on Thursday, January 22nd. Camp reservations are based on a first come, first served basis and they fill up **VERY FAST!** Session I will be held June 28-July 4 and Session II will take place July 5-11. Fr. Dave will be one of the priests at Session II, and we will be renting a van to travel to this session. Make your plans now!

Applications will be available online at www.campstraphael.org January 22. That's only eleven days! Please, if you want to go to camp, tell Fr. Dave so we can be organized and get everybody there who wants to go!

St. Ignatius Camp Scholarships

The Order of St. Ignatius offers each parish \$700 in scholarship funds to be used towards Archdiocesan Camping programs—including Camp St. Raphael. This is enough to send two children to camp for a week (or it can be split up for up to four recipients). Applications for these scholarships must be submitted by March 1, 2009. If your child is interested in going to camp and would like to receive scholarship funds, please contact the church office or Fr. Dave immediately.

This Week at St. Elias

Wednesday, February 18	6:00 PM— Vespers
Saturday, February 21	6:00 PM — Vigil and Confessions
Sunday, February 22	8:10 AM — 3 rd & 6 th Hours
	8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy
	9:45 AM — Church School
	10:05 AM — Service of Preparation for Holy Communion
	10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy
	11:45 AM — Church School