



# SAINT ELIAS

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

*The Sunday of our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt.*

Martyrs Claudios, Didymos and Diodoros; New-martyr George of New Ephesos;  
Venerable Theodora of Thessalonika

Tone 1

Eothonon 9

*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

Church Office email:

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Bulletin Deadline:

Thursday at 10:00 AM

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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!

**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. BASIL THE GREAT

## *8:30 AM Liturgy: Congregational Singing*

*We will be using the tan covered Congregational Liturgy books found on the table in the Narthex 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 use one of the new white Visitor's Liturgy books which has the prayers for St. Basil's Liturgy in it. 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 — page 96:

#### 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 Daily Hymns — page 98:

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#### Troparion for St. Mary of Egypt (Tone 8)

Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Mary of Egypt; for thou didst carry the cross and followed Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

#### 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 (from Psalm 67)

Wondrous is God is His saints, even the God of Israel.

In congregations bless ye God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel.

## The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

## Alleluia Verses in Tone 8 (from Psalm 95)

With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me, and He hearkened unto my supplication.

And He set my feet upon a rock, and He ordered my steps aright.

## The Holy Gospel — St. Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and scourge him, and spit upon him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The

cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Sermon: Father David Barr

### *Today's Commemorations*

*Holy Bread is offered by* Geri Farman on the occasion of her husband Greg's birthday.

*Departed remembered from the Parish Dyptichs:* for the repose of Nicholas Charles Flanders (+4/8/1993). 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.*

*The Prayers for the Anaphora for the Liturgy of St. Basil...*

*...will be found on page 134 and following in the red Service Book or in the Visitor's Liturgy Book in the pews (or the tan congregational singing booklets).*

Instead of “It is truly meet...”

In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace... (p. 139)

#### **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 must feed our minds and our hearts as part of the Orthodox Christian life.

*A Note on the Blessed Bread:*

*Immediately after taking Communion, Orthodox Christians often eat a piece of blessed bread (antidoron). They may also take a piece to offer someone near them who is not taking communion. The bread, though it has been blessed, is not a part of the Eucharist. Offering or accepting it is simply a friendly gesture, in the context of our shared worship and celebration.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5

*Our Greeters this morning are...*

...Mark and Mathias Cherry (8:30 AM) and Margaret Jabour and sons (10:30 AM). Thanks for performing this vital ministry in the church.

*Please Join us for a Teen SOYO Falafel Lunch...*

...in the Church Hall after the Liturgy. Donations will benefit St. Elias Teen SOYO. Thank you.

**Coffe Hour Schedule For April:**

**April 12: D-I**

**April 19: Pascha Picnic**

**April 28: J-Z**

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

## Now Available: Palm Sunday Candles

Purchase your children's Palm Sunday candles today. A display of the candles will be available to view in the church hall following Liturgy. You may purchase your candles today for \$10.

## Lenten Services This Week:

### Wednesday at 6:30 PM — Presanctified Liturgy

Every Wednesday evening during Great Lent we celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy. These Liturgies will begin at 6:30 PM and as usual, we will have a Lenten pot luck dinner after each service.

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## No Church School on Palm Sunday or Pascha

Remember that the Church School will be in recess for Palm Sunday and Pascha. Classes will resume on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Baptisms & Chrismations on Holy Saturday

God has blessed us with catechumens again and many of them will enter the Church on Holy Saturday! Please keep Zane Guajardo, Lance Kennedy, Ronnie, Selina, Jackson and Calem Long, Brenda Hessney, and Dana Dorman in your prayers as they prepare to enter into the church on Holy Saturday. Our other catechumens (Tony Huynh, Chelsea Wall, and Austin Gunter) will enter at a later time. Come to the Vespertine Liturgy of Holy Saturday at 11:00 AM and support our catechumens as they enter into the Church.

## The Arthur and Theodore Jabour Scholarship Fund

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, contact the Church Office or Anthony Gehrels.

## Holy Week 2009 Schedules Available

Pick up a Schedule for Holy Week 2009 from the table in the Narthex this morning so that you can plan to fully participate in the liturgical life of the Church during the holy season of Great Lent.

## KEEPING GREAT LENT:

### 2009 Alms Boxes

This year, we will have both the Food for Hungry People and the Orthodox Christian Missions Center Alms Boxes for Great Lent. Take one or both and fill with your Lenten alms to help do the work of the Church throughout the world. The OCMC Alms boxes are a great aid in helping spread the good news in Africa and other places throughout the world.

## Are you on the Church Email List?

If not, simply email the Church Office at [stelias\\_austin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stelias_austin@sbcglobal.net) and we will be sure to put you on it.

## Lenten Daily Readings

If you would like to be on Father David's Daily Lenten Reading Email List, send him an email at [frdavidbarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frdavidbarr@sbcglobal.net) and he will be sure you are on.

## 49<sup>th</sup> Antiochian Archdiocesan Convention

For information about the 2009 Archdiocese Convention in Palm Desert, California, July 19-26, visit [www.archdioceseconvention2009.org](http://www.archdioceseconvention2009.org).

## CONFESSION IS A PART OF GREAT LENT:

**Every member of St. Elias is expected to participate in the sacrament of Confession at least once during the Great Fast.** Confession is the beginning of repentance, and repentance is the lifestyle we embrace as Orthodox Christians. If you have a confessor other than one of the parish priests (Fr. David, Fr. Traian, or Fr. Dave), you should let Fr. David know. *You should go to Confession during Lent if you plan to receive Holy Unction on Holy Wednesday and Holy Communion at Pascha.*

## Best Times for Confession:

1. Before Holy Week, if at all possible (as a gift to your priests!)
2. By Appointment is always the best option
3. Following Vespers on Saturday Evenings
4. Following most Lenten (and Holy Week) Services
5. Before services by appointment
6. Did we mention, by appointment is always the best option?

## Keep our Catechumens in Your Prayers

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## Weekday Parking at St. Elias

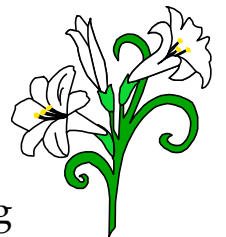
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## Pascha Picnic at St. Elias

Our Pascha Picnic begins with Paschal Agape Vespers on Sunday, April 19 at 1:00 PM followed by a picnic at the Church. Come for Vespers and then stay for a wonderful time of food and fellowship. Bring your picnic lunch with you along with your own drinks. And bring some dishes to share as well. A grill will be going for cooking meats.

## Donate Pascha Flowers!

We will be decorating the Church with flowers and are offering them for you to take home after the Agape Vespers service on Pascha. There is no set donation price for the flowers. If you are interested, complete the form below and give it with your donation in the offering plate (you can also check for a flower envelope in the Narthex) or turn it in to the church office. All flowers left in the church after Agape Vespers will be given away, so you are welcome to take some with you after the service.

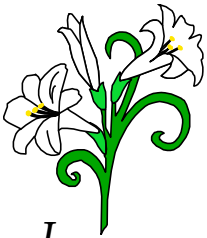


# Dyeing Eggs for Pascha

Would you be willing to help dye eggs for Pascha? We have the special red dye ordered and the eggs are donated every year (by HEB), but we need someone (or a group of people) to be responsible to come down to the Church on Holy Friday or Saturday to boil and dye the eggs. If you can help with this project, please contact the Church Office (476-2314 or [stelias\\_austin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stelias_austin@sbcglobal.net)).

## 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](mailto:gerifarman@earthlink.net)), or Sylvia Jabour ([sjabour@twinliquors.com](mailto:sjabour@twinliquors.com)). Registration forms will be available soon.



## Pascha Flowers

Yes, I want to donate for flowers.

I

*am donating them:*

\_\_\_ *For the health of:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ *In memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# News from our Parish Organizations:

## Church School

Please see Barbara Kounelias for more information about Church School.

## Teen SOYO

Teen SOYO is hosting a Falafel lunch today after liturgy. Please come join us!

## OCF

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

## Orthodox Young Adults (OYA)

OYA is considering the possibility of establishing a Metropolitan Committee for International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). This is a way to put local effort behind an international organization with an amazing record of service to people in need all over the world. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Fr. Dave.

## Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 P.M.

## Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild Lenten Luncheon is this Sunday, March 29!

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

The men of the parish are invited to a no-host lunch on **Tuesday, April 7, 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.

# Sack lunch project

## Sponsored by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine

It's time to assemble the sack lunches! Come on Saturday, April 4 at 3:30 PM for the Sack Lunch assembly. It's sure to be a fun and rewarding time as we gather together to help those less fortunate.

# 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. 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 will get one to you this week. Call the church office at 476-2314, or send us an e-mail and we will send you one.

### Cleaning for Holy Week — April 11

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring a Spring Cleaning after the Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday, April 11 to spruce up the Church Temple for Holy Week. And we could use a few men to help with ladders as well. Come to the Liturgy and stay to help prepare for Holy Week.

## *This Week at St. Elias*

Wednesday, April 8                      6:30 PM — Presanctified Liturgy followed by a  
Lenten potluck meal

Saturday, April 11

### **Lazarus Saturday**

8:00 AM — Orthros

9:00 AM — Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM — Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, April 12

### **Palm Sunday**

7:30 AM — Orthros

8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM — Bridegroom Matins

## *Looking Ahead*

Saturday, April 18

Holy Saturday

Baptisms and Chrismations of  
Catechumens

Sunday, April 19

Great and Holy Pascha (Easter)