



SAINT ELIAS

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA: ST. THOMAS

Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea; Venerable Glaphyra and George; Stephen,
bishop of Perm; Ioanikios of Devitch

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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

Church Office email:

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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

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) — pages 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 St. Thomas (Tone 7):

From the sealed tomb Thou didst shine forth, O Light! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God! Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Kontakion of St. Thomas (Tone 8):

Thomas probed thy life-bestowing side with his eager right hand, O Christ God; and when thou didst come to the apostles, the doors being closed, he cried to thee: Thou art my Lord and my God.

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 3

Great is our Lord, and great is His strength, and of His understanding there is no measure.

Praise ye the Lord, for a psalm is a good thing; let praise be sweet unto our God.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors

and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Alleluia Verses in Tone 8 (from Psalm 94)

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king over all the earth.

The Holy Gospel — John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

The Sermon: Father David Lewis

Today's Commemorations

Holy Bread is offered today by Patricia and Stephan Rudawski.

Holy Bread is offered today by Marsha Attal.

Prayers are requested for the repose and eternal memory of Aziz and Najiba Michael by Awatif Hanna.

Departed remembered from the Parish Dyptichs: for the repose of Sadie D. Debes(†4/26/1947), Anna Rice (†4/26/2003), Jim Pachlos (†4/27/1976),

Wictor Blinkow (+4/29/1985), Fadi Alex Malak (+4/30/1989) and Richard Cilley(+4/30/2006). 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.

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...":

O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the immeasurable honour which is more exalted than all creatures, with hymns do we magnify thee.

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.

Communion Hymn from Psalm 147 — page 120

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, O Praise Thy God, O Zion.

1. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates, He hath blessed thy sons within thee.
2. He bringeth peace upon thy borders, and with the fatness of the wheat he filleth Thee.
3. He sendeth His saying unto the earth.

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!*

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 THOMAS SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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.

Return your Food For Hungry People Alms Boxes

Remember to return your FULL Lenten Alms Box for the Food For Hungry People program. We would like to have all in within the next couple of weeks. What? you forgot to fill one up? Checks are also welcome for this worthwhile program.

A HUGE list of Thank Yous!

. . . to Gene Attal and his crew who provided beautiful flowers and decorations for Holy Week and Pascha.

. . . to Bill Attal and all of the choir members for a beautiful job with the many services.

. . . to all of the chanters (Sara, Celia, Tiffany, Macarios, Nicholas and others) for a beautiful job with the many services.

. . . to ?????????????? for their coordination of the Pascha Picnic.

Undoubtedly, several thank you's have been inadvertently missed, so . . .

. . . **THANK YOU one and all for making this one of the best Pascha Celebrations ever!**

News from our Parish Organizations:

Church School

Church School resumes today! Please see Barbara Kounelias for more information about Church School.

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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, April 28 at 7:00 P.M.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet for a no host lunch on May 23 at 1:00 at Central Market on N. 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, 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.

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 Fellowship President Sara Cook.

Do You Shop at Randall's?

If so, you can register your Randall's Remarkable Card so that St. Elias gets a percentage of what you purchase at Randall's. This costs nothing extra for you, and can benefit the Church significantly. In fact, up to three organizations can be linked to your Remarkable Card (Good Neighbor number 716), so if you are already helping your local school, you can help both. For more information, go to www.randalls.com and follow the links to Community Caring. And if you don't shop at Randall's, no problem. There is no need to switch.

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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.

This Week at St. Elias

Wednesday, April 29

6:00 PM — Vespers

Saturday, May 2

6:00 PM — Great Vespers

Sunday, May 3

Sunday of the Myrrhbearers

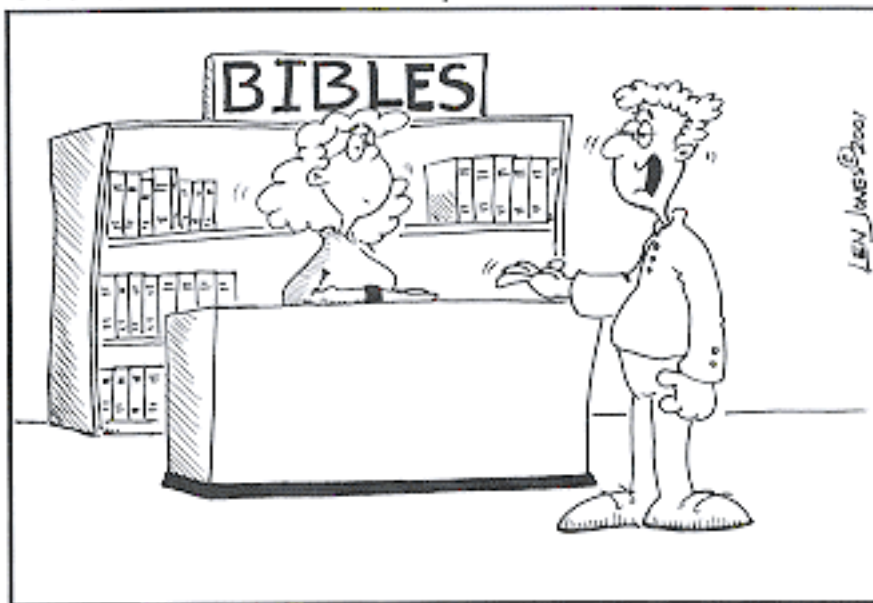
8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

9:45 AM — Church School

10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

11:45 AM — Church School

ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."