



SAINT ELIAS

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
Apostle Simon Zelotes; Venerable Laurence of Egypt.

Tone 3

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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 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the Firstborn from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world Great Mercy.

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 3 (from Psalm 47)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Clap your hands, all you nations.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Alleluia Verses in Tone 3 (from Psalm 31)

In you, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be ashamed.

Be my God and protector.

The Holy Gospel — St. John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethza'tha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving

of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever diseases he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

The Sermon: Father David Barr

Today's Commemorations

Prayers are requested for the repose of Gus Palios (+5/12/1967) and Cynthia Susan Mallios (+5/12/1988). 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:

We believers in unison bless thee, O Virgin, crying, Rejoice, O gate of the Lord. Rejoice, O living city. Rejoice, O thou from whom did rise upon us from the dead the Light of Resurrection, he who was born of thee.

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 18

Happy Mother's Day...

...to all the mothers in our parish. May God grant you many years!

Our Greeters this morning are...

... Victoria and Michael Friends (8:30 AM) and Imad Zaccak (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 D-I. Thank you for this service of hospitality!

Coffee Hour Schedule:

For May:

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.

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 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. 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.

Weekday Parking at St. Elias

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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.?

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

For 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, 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.

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)

We will be preparing sack lunches for the homeless on Saturday, May 16, at 4:30pm. Please give us a hand! Contact Sara Cook for more details.

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.

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.

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

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 PM — Vespers

Saturday, May 16

6:00 PM — Great Vespers

Sunday, May 17

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

9:45 AM — Church School

10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

11:45 AM — Church School