



SAINT ELIAS

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SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
Martyrs Hermias and Eusebios.

Tone 6

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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:

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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.

1st Antiphon — from Psalm 46 — p. 94

Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

For the Lord Most High is terrible, a great King over all the earth.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

He hath subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

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.

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2nd Antiphon — from Psalm 47 — p. 95

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

**O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, Save us, who sing to Thee:
Alleluia.**

God is known in her towers, when He cometh to help her.

**O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, Save us, who sing to Thee:
Alleluia.**

For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together.

**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 — The Troparion of Ascension — pp. 96-7

Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world.

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Thou hast ascended in glory....

I will incline mine ear unto a parable, I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

Thou hast ascended in glory....

Entrance Hymn — Page 97

God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet. O Son of God who ascended from us in glory into the heavens, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

The Daily Hymns — page 98:

The Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O Thou that art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

The Troparion of the Ascension (Tone 4)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

The Troparion of the Holy Fathers (Tone 8)

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights upon the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith. O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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 Ascension (Tone 6):

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake and unite earth to heaven, thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, in no way parted from those who love thee but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you.

The Prokeimenon in Tone 4 (from the Daniel 3:26-27):

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For you are just in all you have done.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (20:16-18,28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers [lit. bishops], to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia Verses in Tone 1 (from Psalm 50)

The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and has called the earth.

Gather his saints together to him.

The Holy Gospel—St. John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him.

And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

“I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

The Sermon: Father David Barr

Today's Commemorations

Prayers are requested for the recent repose of Raisa by her granddaughter Maria Bondarenko. May her memory be eternal.

Holy Bread is offered by Gail Dickinson and her children Matthew, Timothy and Rebecca.

Prayers are requested for the repose of Mary Agopa (†6/1/1981) and Lina Evans (†6/1/1997), Samuel Mecey (†6/2/1997) Nina Nikitina (†6/3/2007), Evangeline Papajohn (†6/5/1977). 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

“It is truly meet...”:

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.

Trisagion Prayers of Mercy for the Departed are requested

for the recent repose of Raisa by her granddaughter Maria Bondarenko. May her memory be eternal.

Communion Hymn— page 120

The Communion Hymn for normal Sundays:

Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Alleluia

(verse) Praise Him, all ye His angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts.

(verse) Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.

(verse) Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.

Instead of “We have seen the true Light...” (page 123):

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31

Our Greeters this morning are...

... Genaro Sandavol (8:30 AM) and Martha Dent (10:30 AM).

Please Join us for Coffee Hour...

...in the Church Hall after the Liturgy. Today's refreshments are provided by everyone! Thank you for this service of hospitality!

Coffee Hour Schedule:

For June:

June 7: A-C

June 14: D-I

June 21: J-P

June 28: Q-Z

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

Ladies Guild Election Today!

The Ladies Guild will elect new officers today during Coffee Hour after the second Divine Liturgy. Please join us.

Mediterranean Festival 2009

October 16-17

Save the Date!!!!

Contact - Gene Attal, MedFest Chair, to volunteer
327-3724 or gattal@seton.org

News from our Parish Organizations:

Church School

Please see Barbara Kounelias for more information about Church School.

Teen SOYO

End of School Year Party! Can you believe it? Saturday, June 6, at 1:00pm, 7402 Greenhaven Dr., Austin, 78757. You can eat lunch before you come, but feel free to bring chips, sodas or snacks. We'll have fun with water, and the first annual Great Marshmallow War. Contact Nicholas Oldziej for details.

OCF

OCF will resume in the fall. Ask Fr. Dave for details.

Orthodox Young Adults (OYA)

OYA is scheduling a training session to initiate a Metropolitan Committee for IOCC. We are thinking about one of the first two weekends in September. If you would like to have some input on this decision, talk to Fr. Dave. Also, watch for e-vites to our next outing!

Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 P.M.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will be holding elections for new officers today, May 31, after the second liturgy. For more details, see 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.

Fellowship of St. John the Divine (Adult Fellowship)

For information on the Fellowship of St. John the Divine contact Sara Cook.

RETURN YOUR ALMS BOXES

Remember to return your FULL Lenten Alms Box for the Food For Hungry People program and/ or Orthodox Christian Missions Center (OCMC). What? you forgot to fill one up? Checks are also welcome for this worthwhile program. We are ready to send in the proceeds.

We need Holy Bread!

Sign up to make Holy Bread on the Bulletin Board in the Church Hall.

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.

Diaper Drive-Last Call!

Laura and Cliff Young are expecting their FOURTH child due to arrive any minute! 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.

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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 2:00 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.

Unto the least of these...Deadline June 7!!!

The following is an excerpt from our last message from Sbdn. Jason:

“I received your package, and I really thank you for your time and concern spending the time to put everything together for us here - Yes, I am really excited about getting things for the children in this region. I am glad you are interested too ! Soccer balls are the all-time favorites, and the government does give us some of them to hand out, but they are never enough to meet the demand. Yes, candy is good - I can give it to one of the pilots to drop by air (the kids run after it). Even so, I think that clothes and hygiene products for smaller children are probably the most important items.

We are stationed at a part-American, part-Iraqi Army post called "McHenry". It is just south of Hawijah - you should be able to find it on a map or Google (southwest of Kirkuk). “

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.

If you would like to contribute any items to this effort, bring them to the Church hall by Sunday June 7, and we will send them all together. For more information contact Vasiliki Oldziej at vas@austin.rr.com or (512)904-0372.

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.

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, June 3	6:00 PM — Vespers
Saturday, June 6	1:00 PM—Teen SOYO “Great Marshmallow War”
	6:00 PM — Great Vespers
Sunday, June 7	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>
	8:10 AM — 3 rd and 6 th Hours
	8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy
	10:05 AM — Prayers before Holy Communion
	10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy followed by the Kneeling Prayers on the Day of Pentecost