



SAINT ELIAS

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009

VENERABLE VIRGIN MARTYR PARASKEVA OF ROME
Venerable Virgin-martyr Paraskeva of Rome; Hieromartyr Hermolaos of
Nicomedia; Venerable Gerontios, first settler of St. Anne skete on Athos;
Moses the Hungarian; Sabbas 111, archbishop of Serbia.

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:	stelias_austin@sbcglobal.net
Bulletin Deadline:	Thursday at 10:00 AM
Fr. David Barr's email:	frdavidbarr@sbcglobal.net
Fr. Dave Lewis' email:	frdavelewis@sbcglobal.net

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.

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.

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

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 6) – p. 96

The Daily Hymns — page 98

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 tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

Troparion of St. Paraskeva (Tone 8)

Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Paraskeva for thou midst carry the cross and followed Christ. By example and precept thou midst 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.

The Prokeimenon in Tone 6 (from Psalm 27:9,1):

God is wonderful among his saints
Bless God in the congregations

The Epistle Reading — 1st Timothy 3:13 – 4:5

Timothy, my son, those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: God was manifested in the

flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on the world, taken up in glory.

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by giving heed to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, through the pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and enjoin abstinence from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving; for then it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

Alleluia Verses in Tone 6 (from Psalm 91)

He that dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shadow of the God of Heaven.

He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my Helper and my Refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him

The Holy Gospel — St. Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, when Jesus was passing by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then Jesus touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Jesus. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marvelled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity of the people.

The Sermon: Father David Lewis

Today's Commemorations

Holy Bread is offered by Gail Dickinson.

Departed remembered from the Parish Dyptichs: for the repose of Samir Saadeh (+7/30/2006). 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.

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. To feast on the Lord without listening to his words is disrespectful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Our Greeter this morning is...

... Darrin Rousch (8:30 AM) and Adrian Gencia (10:30 AM).

Please Join us for Coffee Hour...

...in the Church Hall after the Liturgy. Today's refreshments are provided by parishioners whose names begin with Q-Z! Thank you for this service of hospitality!

Important! Church School Parent's Meeting

We will meet after the 2nd liturgy on Sunday, August 9, to discuss the needs and challenges involved in this essential work of educating our children in the Faith. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Coffee Hour Schedule:

For August:

August 2:	A-C
August 9:	D-I
August 16:	J-P
August 23:	Q-Z
August 30:	Everyone!

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

Coming Soon: Another Deacon & family!

St. Elias will soon welcome Deacon Jesse, Tara, Jacob (7) Abigail (5) and Lily (2) Greendyk to Austin and to our community. Tara is a pediatrician who will be with Carousel Pediatrics in Austin. We are excited to have them be a part of our community. Deacon Jesse is a graduate of St. Vladimir's Seminary and works with their Advancement Office. They arrive in Austin on July 31.

Help Unload the Moving Van

We could use several hands on Saturday, August 1 to help the Greendyk's unload their van. If you would like to help welcome them, including helping them unload the van, please contact Fr. Dave at the church office.

Sign up for Holy Bread...

... on the Bulletin Board in the Church Hall. Offering Holy Bread is a wonderful way to worship our Lord, to serve the Church, and remember our loved ones, both living and departed. It's also an excellent way to teach kids about our faith!

Going on Vacation?

Don't forget to keep up your contributions to St. Elias. Summer is always a tough time financially since so many families go out of town.

News from our Parish Organizations:

Church School

Please see Barbara Kounelias for more information about Church School.

Teen SOYO

VBC is just around the corner! We're going to have a VBC practice on Wednesday, July 29 from 1:00pm -3:00pm. This practice is for all teens who are interested in assisting us as we teach our youngest members the Orthodox Faith. Don't miss out!

OCF

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

Orthodox Young Adults (OYA)

OYA has scheduled a training session to initiate a Metropolitan Committee for IOCC. OYA is putting its weight behind this effort, but the Committee will be it's own entity under the auspices of IOCC and is thus open to all who are interested. The training session will be on September 19 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. If you would like to participate, talk to Fr. Dave. Also, watch for e-vites to our next outing!

Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21, at 7:00 P.M.

Ladies Guild

For information on the Ladies Guild, please see Terri Ross.

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

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

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

Ladies, You Are Invited...

Ladies please join us on Saturday, July 18th in the Fellowship Hall at 3:30 pm as we celebrate Cristina Matei and her soon-to-arrive baby daughter. Please RSVP to Teodora Pogonat by July 14th at 512-919-9679.

Need a ride to VBC?

If there are any children in our parish, or children of families who do not belong to our parish, who would like to come to VBC but may not because of transportation difficulties, please contact the Church office. We would love to help make arrangements so that all of our children can participate in this wonderful and formative experience.

Sign Up Now for Vacation Bible Camp (August 3-7)

Moses: The Musical

To help us plan for our VBC, please sign up now if your children want to participate! There are sign-up sheets on the display board in the Parish Hall for:

- **Campers** (Pre-K through 5th grade)
- Adult Helpers (Parents/GParents/Collegians)—Lead groups to Centers; Help with Centers; Help prepare materials/snacks
- Teen Helpers/Jr. Helpers (6th-8th grade)—Skits, props, Lead groups, help with centers. . .

All hands are needed to make this a success! Registration forms are also available next to the sign-up sheets. When complete, please give to the Church Office.

St. Timon Sunday — August 2

Watch for more details next week as we celebrate the feast of our sister diocese in Bosra and Hauran, Syria.

Church Office

As many of you know, our beloved church secretary Eleni broke her arm, underwent surgery and won't be in the office the next few weeks. Father David and Father Dave are running the office in her absence with some help from Greg Farman and others. Please bear with us during this time that we're shorthanded.

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Mediterranean Festival 2009

October 16-17

Save the Date!!!!

Contact - *Gene Attal, MedFest Chair, to
volunteer*

327-3724 or gattal@seton.org

This Week at St. Elias

Wednesday, July 29

6:00 PM — Vespers

Saturday, August 1

6:00 PM — Great Vespers and BBQ

Sunday, August 2

6th Sunday after Pentecost

8:10 AM — 3rd and 6th Hours

8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

10:05 AM — Prayers before Holy Communion

10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy

August 3-7

Vacation Church Camp, 2009