



SAINT ELIAS

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Great-martyr Eustathios and his family; Venerable-martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete on Athos; Venerable John of Crete; Martyrs Michael, prince of Chernigov, and his councilor Theodore.

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). Please be our guest downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments after the service 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 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

Please use one of the white Visitor's Liturgy books found in the pews or the red Service Book (page 91). 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 21

O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me. (*Psalm 21:1*)

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

Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions. (*Psalm 21:1*)

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

My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me.. (*Psalm 21:2*)

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

But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel. (*Psalm 21:3*)

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 73

O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? (*Psalm 73:1*)

Save us, O Son of God, who was crucified in the flesh, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Remember thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning. (*Psalm 73:2*)

Save us, O Son of God, who was crucified in the flesh, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

This is Mount Sion, wherein Thou hast dwelt. (*Psalm 73:3*)

Save us, O Son of God, who was crucified in the flesh, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

God is our King before the Ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Psalm 73:13*)

Save us, O Son of God, who was crucified in the flesh, 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..."

3rd Antiphon — from Psalm 98 with the Festal Troparion

The Lord is king, let the peoples rage; He sitteth on the cherubim, let the earth be shaken.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy cross, preserving Thine estate.

The Lord is great in Zion; He is high above all the peoples.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy cross, preserving Thine estate.

Let them confess Thy great name, for it is terrible and holy.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy cross, preserving Thine estate.

Entrance Hymn — from Psalm 98 (99)

Exalt ye the Lord our God and worship at His footstool; for He is holy. 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 5)

Let us the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Troparion of the Cross (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting victory to Thy people over their adversaries; and by the power of Thy Cross, preserving Thine estate.

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.

Troparion of the Saints (Tone 4)

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee, received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For

since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

The Kontakion of the Holy Cross (Tone 4)

Do thou, who of thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, bestow thy bounties upon the new nation which is called by thy name, O Christ our God. Make glad in thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Prokeimenon in Tone 4 (from Psalm 104):

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia Verses in Tone 1 (from Psalm 73)

Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

The Holy Gospel — St. Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And

he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.”

Sermon: Father David Lewis

Reception of Catechumens

We will receive Jessalyn Starbuck as a Catechumen at St. Elias during the 8:30 AM Liturgy.

Today's Commemorations

Departed remembered from the Parish Dyptichs: for the repose of George Saba Khoury (+9/21/1998), the Archpriest James Rottle (+9/23/1986), Katherine Abdo (+9/24/1959), Zoe Ellen Radice (+9/24, 1984) and George Sam (+9/24/1981). 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.

The ushers will dismiss you by rows to take communion. Please allow the Church School children and teachers to go first so they can go to their classes. All others (including infants and small children not attending Church School) should wait until their row is dismissed. At the end of the Liturgy, the ushers will dismiss you to come forward to venerate the cross. Your help in this will help limit the congestion in the aisles. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Our Greeters this morning are...

Victoria and Michael Friends (8:30 AM) and Erick Knowles (10:30 AM).

Please Join us for Coffee Hour Refreshments...

...in the Church Hall after the Liturgy. Today's refreshments are provided by those with last names beginning with J-P.

Coffee Hour Schedule:

For September:

September 20: J-P

September 27: Q-Z

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

Ladies Meeting Today

The Ladies Guild will meet after the Second Liturgy (after Church School) today, September 20, in the Library. If you have any questions, please see Terri Ross.

Altar Server Workshop – Next Saturday!

We will be having a special workshop for altar boys on Saturday, September 26 at 4:30 PM. Come learn lots of important things about how to serve in the altar in proper fashion. This workshop is mandatory for all altar servers.

Fall Adult Education

Father David is working on a schedule of Fall Adult Education opportunities at St. Elias and would like your input. First, he would like your input on which night of the week would be best. The two best evenings seem to be Wednesday and Thursdays. And, he is welcome to input of topics you would want to study. Call or email him with suggestions. We want to make this accessible to as many as possible.

News from our Parish Organizations:

Church School

Church School has begun with two sessions, at 9:45 and 11:45. We are working hard to make this coming year the best year ever. Please contact Vasiliki Oldziey, the Church School Director, with any questions or concerns at vas@austin.rr.com.

Teen SOYO

Teen SOYO will meet at our regular time, Wednesday Night at 7:00 PM, just after Vespers. We'll have some food, some fun, and learn about the second chapter of the Epistle of James.

OCF

OCF has resumed. We will be meeting on alternating Tuesday nights at the Episcopal Student center at 209 W. 27th. Our next meeting will be Tuesday Night, September 22, at 6:00 pm.

Orthodox Young Adults (OYA)

Game Night! Tuesday Night, September 29, 7:00 PM at St. Elias. Bring some food or beverage. Bring a game to play, or just come have fun!

Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday evening, October 27, at 7:00 P.M.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet in the library today after the second Liturgy (after Church School ends). 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, October 6, 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

Mediterranean Festival 2009

October 16-17

Please sign up to volunteer at a booth!
Sign up sheets available in the Hall

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

26 Days until the 2009 Mediterranean Festival!

2009 Mediterranean Festival Dancing

This year, Greek Dancing practice/lessons will be held in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. on the three Sunday's prior to the Festival—September 27, October 4, and October 11th. We'll be teaching and reviewing dances such as the Nissiotokos, Hassipikos, Syrtaki (Greek Sailors Dance), and more. We will again feature the music of Stavros and Maria who will be coming back to Austin from Pennsylvania to provide live Greek music. We heard only good things about the music from last year's festival, so the Festival Committee made the decision to ask them to return for this year's event.

Copies of the Mediterranean Festival Poster are available in the narthex. Please take one and post it wherever you can!

Are You Interested in Becoming Orthodox?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Orthodox Church either through baptism or chrismation, please talk to Father David in the next few weeks. He would like to begin enrolling people as catechumens in the Church by next month. If you aren't ready to make a decision now, that's OK, we can enroll catechumens at any time during the year. We will be starting classes next month for those interested in joining the Orthodox Church.

2009-10 Inquirer's & Catechism Classes

Saturday afternoons before Great Vespers

Each fall and winter, St. Elias holds a series of Inquirer's Classes twice a month on Saturday afternoons in the Parish Library, starting on September 12 at 4:00 PM. These classes are for those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Church and are designed to introduce people to the basic beliefs of the Orthodox Faith. There will be 12 sessions to the class. We hope to have catechumen ready to enter the church by Holy Saturday.

| <u>Session</u> | <u>Date*</u> | <u>Topic**</u> |
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| 1 | 9/12 | Sources of Doctrine |
| 2 | 10/10 | Nicene Creed - Part I I believe in One God... |
| 3 | 10/31 | Nicene Creed - Part II Who is Jesus Christ? |
| 4 | 11/14 | Nicene Creed – Part III The Holy Trinity |
| 5 | 11/21 | The Bible: Old Testament |
| 6 | 12/12 | The Bible: New Testament |
| 7 | 12/19 | Sacraments & Worship |
| 8 | 1/16 | The Seven Ecumenical Councils |
| 9 | 1/30 | Iconography |
| 10 | 2/13 | The Divine Liturgy |
| 11 | 2/27 | Prayer and Spirituality |
| 12 | 3/13 | Confession and Entering the Church |

**Dates are subject to change. **Topics may be adjusted as needed for the specific class.*

This class would also be great for anyone (teens, young adults, adults, etc.) who would like to learn more about the Orthodox Church and it's beliefs.

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This Week at St. Elias

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| Tuesday, September 22 | 6:00 PM — OCF |
| Wednesday, September 23 | 5:45 PM — 9 th hour 6:00 PM — Vespers 7:00 PM — Teen SOYO |
| Saturday, September 26 | 4:30 PM — Altar Boy Workshop 5:45 PM — 9 th Hour 6:00 PM — Great Vespers |
| Sunday, September 27 | <u>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:10 AM — 3 rd & 6 th Hours 8:30 AM — Divine Liturgy 9:45 AM — Church School Session 1 10:05 AM — Service of Preparation for Holy Communion 10:30 AM — Divine Liturgy 10:45 AM — Church School Session 2 |