



The Prophet Elias Church

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Services Schedule

9:00 AM Sunday Orthros

10:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

11:00 AM Sunday School - As announced

12:00 PM Sunday, Fellowship after Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM Paraklesis - TBD

6:00 PM Vespers - TBD

Bulletin for Sunday, January 12, 2025

Service Schedule

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Sunday, Jan 12: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Jan 19: 10:00am Reader Service with a talk by Dr. Nick Itsines about **The Christmas Cycle in the Orthodox Church**

Sunday, Jan 26: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - **Vasilopita Sunday**

Sunday, Feb 2: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Feb 9: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Feb 16: 10:00am Reader Service with a talk by a speaker

Sunday, Feb 23: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Note: Father John Takahashi will serve on the 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday every month, unless

otherwise listed.

On the 3rd & 5th Sundays of any month will be a Reader Service, oftentimes with a talk by a speaker.

PRAYERS FOR ALL IN NEED

+ Peter Ballas + (Fotini Ballas' son), Presvytera Naomi (Robin) Takahashi, Father Marin State, Presvytera Vaso Paris, Vlad Voinea, Fotini Ballas, Bob Rible, George & Harriet Mainis, Jim Deamant, Yorgos Hadzis, Connie Mellis, Karen Krilanovich, Inna Shkolnik, Sam Khalil, Lesley, Leola, Dawn Sculley, John Demas, Twan, Athena Wolfe, Evangelia, Marie, Adam Nikolopoulos, Bob Roberts, Selah, Evangelia, Helene Doss, Panos Kakaris, Helen Sirakides, Cynthia (Anna) Baldwin-Thanos, Jane Demas

Call the church office (831) 429-6500 to add the name of someone in need of prayers.

Our News

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Stewardship Fulfilment 2024

Goal \$115,000

Actual \$120,000

We owe a tremendous **Thank You** to our faithful Stewards for their commitment to fulfilling their pledges for Stewardship for 2024. We were able to attain our 2024 goal and, in addition, due to their generosity, we exceeded our goal.

Priest Fund: In addition, due to our Stewards' generosity, we established a Restricted Donation Account which will be used to track donations to make us ready for a full-time Priest.

Thank you from:

Bill Thanos

Parish Council President

Kostas Amberiadis

Stewardship Chairman

Robin Sirakides

Parish Treasurer

NEW ALTAR SERVER ROBES

Our Parish Council has authorized the purchase of seven new altar server robes. Each robe costs \$275.00. We are grateful that we already have several generous donors for four of the seven robes. If you wish to donate, any amount, toward **the remaining three robes**, please contact the church office at (831) 429-6500. Delivery of our new robes will be early in the new year.

ST. KATHERINE'S CORNER

Hello everyone!

Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!

At our last Philoptochos meeting of the year, we ended with our annual Christmas celebration. It is always a pleasure to work, and sometimes play together, so we can joyfully fulfill our missions as the philanthropic arm of the church. Link below to view Philoptochos Christmas Party on the website:

www.propheteliassc.org/news-events/philoptochos-christmas-party-2

Please join us for our first meeting of the year on **Sunday, January 19** after Fellowship.

Annual Vasilopita tradition around the corner...

Also, please save the date for our annual Vasilopita auction on **Sunday, January 26**. It's a great opportunity to come home with a delicious vasilopita and at the same time support our Philoptochos, as this is one of our most successful fundraising events. If you would like to bake a loaf, call the church office to leave a message (831) 429-6500.

Respectfully yours,
Aphrodite Roberts

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Sunday School Families,

I wish you all a happy and Blessed Nativity Feast. Our next Sunday school lesson will be on **Sunday, January 12**. We will be discussing that after Jesus was baptized, he began his ministry and his first sermon was titled The Sermon on the Mount.

Our students will be able to:

- Summarize the main idea of The Sermon on the Mount
- Explain who are the citizens of God's Kingdom

- Recite the Golden Rule

Following the lesson, our students will complete a comprehension activity on The Sermon on the Mount using the bible and the Book of Matthew.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

With Love in Christ,
Angela Santiago

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Alexa Bolas continues to lead our recycling efforts. Please remember to bring us your recyclable items. Thank you to all who support this important fundraising effort.

Recyclable items which you can bring to church:

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles: Including wine + liquor bottles
- Plastic bottles: Including juice

Please do NOT bring us any other types of plastic containers for our recycling fundraising, ONLY plastic bottles please.

Also, please continue to support our on-going Philoptochos declutter fundraiser! If you have books, CDs, DVDs or games (PlayStation, Xbox, Wii) that you no longer want, please tell us what you wish to donate in an email to: stkatherine@propheteliassc.org

Thank you again for supporting St. Katherine's Philoptochos philanthropic missions.

Together we are making a difference!

GOT COFFEE?

Everyone is invited to reserve a Sunday by signing the clipboard on the buffet table, which also includes clean up. You can also sign up by Email to: office@propheteliassc.org. Blessings to all who volunteer for our Sunday Fellowship. When no one signs up only coffee will be available.

1-12-25 - Brad & Lyna Dyer

1-19-25 - Reader Service - Coffee

1-26-25 - Joanna Stebbins & Dawn Sculley

2-2-25 - _____

2-9-25 - _____

ONE MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED once-a-month

On the first Wednesday of every month, our Outreach volunteer team of Catalina Gomes, Aphrodite Roberts, Angelo Karampelas, Barbara Dahl, and Stella Marinos prepare a meal and dessert for the homeless. The arrangements are made monthly for cooking and the food delivery to the Shelter at the Quaker Friendship House in Santa Cruz. At the shelter, the homeless have a warm meal and a safe place to spend the night. Our volunteer team needs a helper. Can you be one? Please consider helping this worthy effort that gives Prophet Elias a way to help the wider community. If you can help, please call or text Catalina Gomes at (831) 713-8073.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading

Seventh Orthros Gospel

The Reading is from John 20:1-10

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying and the napkin, which had been on His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw

and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. 1st Mode. Psalm 32.22,1.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13.

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Sunday after Epiphany

The Reading is from Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the 4th Mode

The joyful news of your resurrection was told to the women disciples of the Lord by the angel. Having thrown off the ancestral curse, and boasting, they told the apostles: death has been vanquished, Christ our God. is risen, bestowing on the world great mercy.

Apolytikion for Theophany Afterfeast in the 1st Mode

Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You Beloved, and the Spirit, in the guise of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

Hymn to Prophet Elias in the 1st Mode

The incarnate messenger and cornerstone of the Prophets. The second forerunner of the second coming of Christ. Elias the Glorious! He sent down upon Elisha the gift from above. He drives away diseases and cleanses lepers. Wherefore he is the source of healing to those who honor him.

Seasonal Kontakion in the 4th Mode

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

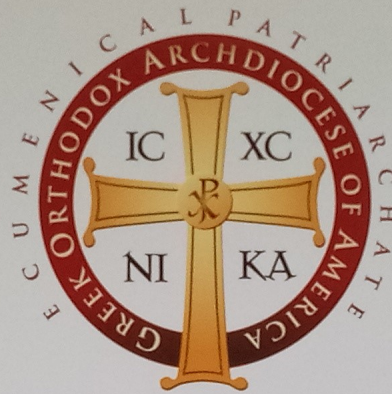


Vasilopita Sunday

January 26, 2025



**Auction/Fundraiser during Fellowship
with proceeds going to the many charities of
St. Katherine's Philoptochos**



2025

ECCLESIASTICAL
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