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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 19, 2025

Service Schedule

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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 - **Blessing and Cutting of the Parish Vasilopita in church & Philoptochos Vasilopita Auction at Fellowship**

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.

MEMORY ETERNAL

It is with great sorrow but with hope in the Resurrection that we announce the passing of **Panayis (Peter) Ballas**, the son of our beloved parishioner, Fotini Ballas. In addition to his mother, Peter is survived by his sister, Dena, his brother, Gerry and an extended family of nieces and nephews.

Services are planned for a traditional service in Kefalonia, Greece next summer at the church where Peter was baptized and attended in his early years. All are invited to attend the service and can get more information by contacting the family.

The entire community of The Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church extends our sincere condolences to the family. May his memory be eternal.

PRAYERS FOR ALL IN NEED

Presvytera Naomi (Robyn) 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

Thank you very much again for helping to meet and exceed the 2024 Stewardship goal. It is a new year now and we need to turn our attention to the 2025 Stewardship. The Stewardship Commitment cards have been mailed and/or hand delivered. Please return them as soon as you can so we can plan for the new year. It is noted here that the Stewardship goal for 2025 has been set to \$120,000.00.

Kostas Amberiadis
Stewardship Chairman

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 PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

Hello everyone,

Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!

Please join us for our first Philoptochos meeting of the year on **Sunday, January 19** after Fellowship. We look forward to planning 2025's fundraising activities.

Save the Date: 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. Link below to view Vasilopita Sunday on the website:

www.propheteliassc.org/uncategorized/vasilopita-sunday-2

Fr. Takahashi said thank you many times over for the food we collected for him. He reported Presvytera Robyn had her 5th surgery and is resting but exhausted. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

As I have said before, our Philoptochos is small but mighty! Together we accomplish our philanthropic goals and more!

Your sister in Christ,

Aphrodite Roberts

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Sunday School Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you are all doing well. Our next Sunday school lesson will be on **Sunday, February 2**. We will be focusing on Jesus' ministry on earth.

In our last lesson, we studied the Sermon on the Mount and how Jesus started his ministry by teaching his disciples how to pray, fast, help others and live a Christ centered life.

We will now focus on:

- Jesus Heals with God's Power. The first miracle, the healing of a blind man
- We will read the event in John 9: 1-38
- We will discuss the reactions of the people and leaders of the time

Following our discussion, our students will complete a graphic organizer retelling the significant events.

I look forward to seeing you all in February.

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 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: info@propheteliassc.org. Blessings to all who volunteer for our Sunday Fellowship. When no one signs up only coffee will be available.

1-19-25 - Kitchen Angels - Pizza & salad

1-26-25 - Joanna Stebbins & Dawn Sculley (Vasilopita Auction)

2-2-25 - _____

2-9-25 - _____

2-16-25 - Reader Service - Coffee

2-23-25 - _____

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

Eighth Orthros Gospel

The Reading is from John 20:11-18

At that time, Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus has lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that He had said these things to her.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Plagal 1st Mode. Psalm 11.7,1.

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11.

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading

12th Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal 1st Mode

Let us, the faithful, give praise and worship to the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit and born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of his own will he mounted the cross in the flesh, suffered death, and raised the dead by his glorious resurrecti

Apolytikion for Macarius the Great of Egypt in the 1st Mode

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Macarius, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

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 1st Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

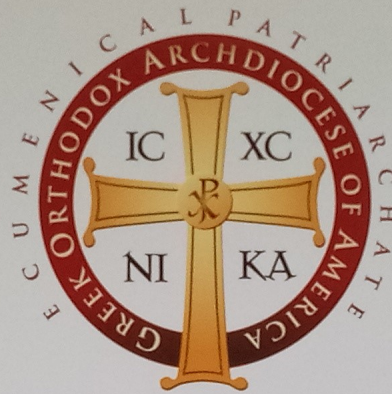
Vasilopita Sunday

January 26, 2025



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





2025

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VOLUNTEER



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