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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

Bulletin for Sunday, February 09, 2025

Service Schedule

Note: We are grateful to announce that Father John Takahashi will serve every Sunday of every month until further notice. Our prayers continue for his strength to help his Presvytera Robin and our Prophet Elias parish.

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

Sunday, Feb 16: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy & Memorial for Amberiadis family

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

Sunday, Mar 2: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Forgiveness Sunday & Sunday School & 5-yr Memorial for Yianni Chronopoulos

Monday, Mar 3 - Holy Lent Begins

Sunday, Mar 9: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of Orthodoxy

Sunday, Mar 16: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St. Gregory

Palamas

Sunday, Mar 23: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of the Holy Cross

Sunday, Mar 30: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St. John Climacus

Sunday, Apr 6: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Sunday, Apr 13: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday

Holy Week - Apr 14 - Apr 19

Sunday, Apr 20: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - **Great and Holy Pascha**

Sunday, Apr 27: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Thomas Sunday

MEMORY ETERNAL

It is with great sorrow but with hope in the Resurrection that we announce the passing of **Antonia Hochstetler-Eaton** (1949 - 2025). Antonia (Toni) passed away peacefully in her beloved mountain home of 30 years in Boulder Creek. She was a 40-year resident of Santa Cruz County and a former secretary at Prophet Elias. She was the daughter of retired Air Force Lt. Colonel George E. Hochstetler and Betsy Pelafos. With her parents, Toni and her siblings traveled the world as an Air Force family. She loved her gardens, her cats, and her Greek Orthodox faith. Toni is survived by her only daughter, Lauren, from her first husband, her two sisters Kathy and Joanna, and her five nieces Kimberly, Mercedes, Anastasia, Sophia and Theora, as well as a recent discovery of a half-brother and his two daughters who reside in France. She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard, brother John, and parents. Toni will be greatly missed by her friends and family. Any donations are welcome in her name to Hospice of Santa Cruz County. May her memory be eternal.

PRAYERS FOR ALL IN NEED

+ Antonia Hochstetler-Eaton +, 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, Brad Dyer, Angelina, Rob, Everly, Oliver and Elliot Isambert, Laura and Claude Isambert, Maria and Phillip Thomas

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

Our News

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

We are at the beginning of 2025 and we need to focus our attention on our 2025 Stewardship. The goal for this year is set at \$120,000.00, which is the amount we reached in 2024. The Stewardship Commitment cards have been mailed and/or hand delivered. Please complete yours and return it as soon as you can so we can plan for the year.

Kostas Amberiadis

Stewardship Chairman

MONTHLY MEAL FOR THE SHELTER

Our volunteer leader Catalina Gomes has wonderful volunteers in Aphrodite Roberts and Barbara Dahl who contribute to our monthly meal for the Shelter. Our parish has been represented in this meal program every first Wednesday of the month and those at the Shelter are grateful for our helping hands. Catalina continues to commute from Pacifica on Wednesday to begin preparations. If someone would be willing to take over the leadership role by coordinating the team, cooking, and delivering the meal she would appreciate it. Although if not, she is willing to continue to come back to Prophet Elias and ensure this ministry continues. Our thanks go to those working every month to feed the needy.

THE PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

Hello everyone,

On **Sunday, February 9**, please join us after Fellowship for our first meeting of the new year.

It's time again for our Membership Drive, which will be **Sunday, February 16** at Fellowship. Become a member of the mightiest ministry at Prophet Elias. Together, we accomplish our philanthropic goals, and more.

Your sister in Christ,

Aphrodite Roberts

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Sunday School Families,

I pray you are all having a blessed week. Our next Sunday School lesson will be on **Sunday, March 2**. We will prepare for the Sunday of Orthodoxy commemoration on **Sunday, March 9**. Our students will learn:

- What is the iconoclastic controversy
- The restoration of icons and their veneration
- The unity of Orthodox belief across time, language, and continents

Their homework assignment will be to bring an icon from their home to participate in the procession on Sunday of Orthodoxy.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sundays, March 2 and March 9.

With love in Christ,
Angela Santiago
Sunday School Teacher

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. If no one signs up, only coffee will be available.

2-9-25 - Philoptochos

2-16-25 - Kostas Amberiadis (Memorial Lunch)

2-23-25 - _____(coffee)_____

3-2-25 - Georgia Chronopoulos (Memorial Lunch)

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading

Eleventh Orthros Gospel

The Reading is from John 21:14-25

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. And he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had lain close to his breast at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this

man?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" The saying spread abroad among the brethren that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Plagal 4th Mode. Psalm 75.11,1.

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15.

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

The Reading is from Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this

tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal 4th Mode

You descended from on high, O merciful Lord, and accepted the three-day burial in order to free us from our passions. Glory to you, O Lord, our life and our resurrection.

Apolytikion for Apodosis of the Presentation in the 1st Mode

Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms, the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.

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.

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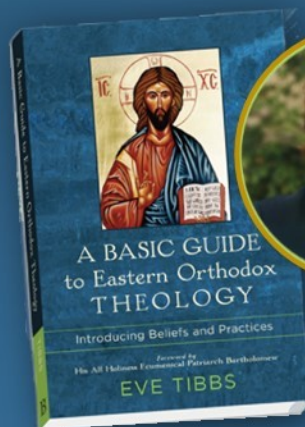
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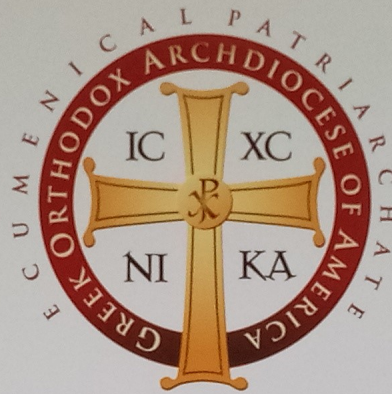
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This short course will be taught by **PARASKEVE (EVE) TIBBS** (PhD Theology) the Ministry Lead for Christian Education in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, and author of *A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology: Introducing Beliefs and Practices*.



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