



THE PROPHET ELIAS: THE SECOND FORERUNNER

The Prophet Elias is one of the most fascinating and mysterious characters in the Bible. Although born some 900 years before the Birth of Christ, Elias nonetheless makes a significant impact on the New Testament - and beyond!

We read about the Prophet Elias primarily in the First and Second Book of Kings. Little is known about his early life - he merely appears on the scene one day and immediately confronts King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, admonishing them for their pagan practices. He is forced into exile, fleeing for his life. He eventually returns to challenge the priests of Baal to a contest to prove whose deity is more powerful. The God of Elias emerges victorious, causing the death of scores of those who served the false god. Numerous miracles are attributed to this great prophet. In his efforts to destroy the pagan culture that has consumed God's people, Elias prayed to God that He would not send any rain upon the earth until the people repented. This draught was to last for 3 1/2 years, and did not end until Elias interceded before the Lord. It was also through his intercession that the son of the widow of Zarephath - who had taken care of the prophet during part of his exile - was brought back to life.

Elias made a dramatic departure from this world, being taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot. According to Holy Tradition, the Prophet Elias will be the "Second Forerunner" - returning to earth to proclaim the Second Coming of Christ. He will preach repentance and the Book of Revelation tells us he will be slain by the Antichrist - a sign that the end of the world is near.

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EPISTLE

TITUS 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.



STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN CATHEDRAL

Mission: To lead people to God through Orthodox Christianity and to provide ways for them to live and share God's love.

SUNDAY of the HOLY FATHERS STS. EMILIANOS, PAUL, THEA and OULAENTINE

JULY 18, 2010

SCHEDULE for the WEEK

APOLYTIKION Tone 7, Page 122 (hymnal)
KONTAKION Page 224 (hymnal)
EPISTLE Titus 3:8-15
GOSPEL Mathew 5:14-19
 Orthodox Study Bible, Page 15
Not in Greek Text

AFTER COMMUNION Page 86 (hymnal)
ACOLYTES Groups A & B
PROSFORA Nellie Baltazzi
LIBRARY GREETER Popie Papouras and Thean Pelecanos
GREETER Bill and Stella Mavrakis
COFFEE HOST St. Makrina Bible Study Group



SACRAMENT

Everyone is welcome in the Orthodox Church and may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) at the end of the service; but only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

MISSION TRIP 2010

This year our church will be building a chapel in Hayesville (near Mansfield) as our mission trip, July 24 - July 31.

All ages are welcome and you can stay for the week or come for the day. Donations of any size are welcome!

Please contact Maria with any questions at mmisthos@mindspring.com or 440-338-3510.

Monday, July 19
 9:30am Festival Baking
 6:30pm Jr. Dance Practice
 6:30pm Sr. Dance Practice
 7:30pm Gamblers Anonymous

Tuesday, July 20
 9:30am Liturgy (Prophet Elias)
 6:30pm OPA Dance

Wednesday, July 21
 6:30pm Jr. Dance Practice
 6:30pm Sr. Dance Practice

Thursday, July 22
 9:30am Liturgy (St. Markella)

Saturday, July 24
 9:30am Liturgy (St. Christina)
 9:30am Festival Baking

Sunday, July 25
 9:30am Liturgy, 40-Day Blessing
 (Anna Olivia Papadakis)

STEWARDSHIP 2010

Goal: \$355,000
 Pledges Received: 234
 Pledged Amount: \$237,630
 Pledged Amount Received: \$149,856.92
 Non-pledged Cash Received: \$37,590
 Total Collected: \$187,446.92

~ We thank you for your generous support ~

CHURCH BEHAVIOR

Please turn off cell phones prior to entering the Narthex. Parents, please pick up any food items dropped by your child. We encourage the use of the "Cry Rooms" or downstairs nursery whenever circumstances warrant.

MATINS 8:15 AM

ST. MAKRINA PATRON SAINT OF OUR BIBLE STUDY

St. Makrina, was the elder sister of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa. Because of her beauty, wisdom, and illustrious birth, she was betrothed to a noble bridegroom. When he died, Makrina refused any other suitors. She devoted herself to a life of virginity, asceticism, and prayer. Makrina's brother, Basil, returned from a brilliant career in the best schools of Constantinople and Athens, puffed up with youthful pride. It was the holy example of his blessed sister that persuaded him to turn from seeking worldly glory to the service of God. St. Makrina founded a convent, where she ended her earthly life in the year 379. She was buried by her brother Gregory, who wrote a moving account of her last days and his grief at seeing such a light pass out of the world.

YOUR TALENTS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of two Prosfora bakers and two Greeters. We can work the schedule to fit your timeframe. Please call the church office at 216-932-330.

FLEA MARKET DONATIONS

Our Festival Flea Market is open for donations.

Accepting: toys, bedding, gardening items, tools, small appliances, rugs, lamps, pots and pans, electrical items etc.

We do **NOT ACCEPT CLOTHING, SHOES OR FURNITURE**, as space and resources limits our ability to handle these items.

Tax letters regarding your donations are located in the lobby on the glass case.

DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 AM

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

2010 Coffee Hosts Are Needed.



The following dates are available to volunteer hosting coffee hour: July 25, August 8, 29, September 12, 19 and 26.

Contact Lynn Fikaris at 440-449-6651 or email her at: lfikaris@yahoo.com reserve your date.

FESTIVAL BAKING



JULY CALENDAR

Sun July 18 Dolmathes
 Mon July 19 Dolmathes
 Mon July 26 Pasta Flora & Finikia

AUGUST CALENDAR

Mon Aug 2 Koulourakia
 Mon Aug 9 Kourembiethes & Finikia
 Fri Aug 13 Prepare syrup for Baklava
 Mon Aug 16 Baklava

FESTIVAL DATES AUGUST 19 - 22

LIBRARY NEWS

We have fun books for summertime reading (tots through adults). Stop by and try us. . .the Library is open each Sunday after Liturgy and weekdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

ORTHODOX EDUCATION

We are looking for new staff members for our Orthodox Education program that begins this fall.

If interested, please contact Caryn Cherpas at orthodox_education@stsconstantine.com or call 216-932-330, then press 5.