



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

Bulletin for Sunday, April 27, 2025

Service Schedule

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Sunday, Apr 27: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Thomas Sunday - Fr. John Takahashi

Sunday, May 4: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Woman - Fr. John Takahashi

Sunday, May 11: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of the Paralytic - Fr. John Takahashi

Sunday, May 18: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman - Fr. John Takahashi

Sunday, May 25: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of the Blind Man - Fr. John Takahashi

PRAYERS FOR ALL IN NEED

Presvytera Naomi (Robin) Takahashi, Father Marin State, Presvytera Vaso Paris, Harriet Mainis, Maura, Vlad Voinea, Fotini Ballas, Bob Rible, 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, Stacy, 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, John, Muriel, Irina Sanchez, Eleni, Maria, Paraskevi

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

Our News

HOLY WEEK

<https://www.propheteliassc.org/news-events/holy-week>

Making our way through Holy Week, the Lenten journey culminated as we finally gathered to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, shouting "Christ is Risen - Truly He is Risen," in the wee hours of Great and Holy Pascha Sunday morning.

We are privileged and honored to have celebrated Holy Week with our guest priest Father Ed Hillhouse. We thank him for his joyful service, thoughtful wisdom, and warm hearted kindness. We hope to welcome his presence again at Prophet Elias.

Many thanks to our chanters, volunteers who decorated the Epitaphio, donors of candles and flowers, acolyte servers, kitchen angels who dyed red eggs and prepared the soup after the Divine Liturgy, and the parishioners of all ages who filled the church.

We are a blessed community! Amin!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Sunday School Families,

Our final Sunday school lesson for the year will be on **Sunday, May 4th**. Our students will participate in a "Jeopardy" review game of all the lessons covered this year. Following our game, I will award each student with a small gift for their Sunday school participation this year.

The topics for the game include:

- The Theotokos is our Guide
- The Psalms and Proverbs
- The Nativity of our Lord and Savior
- The Sermon on the Mount
- Jesus Heals

-The Iconoclast and the Sunday of Orthodoxy

-Lenten Worship

If you still have copies of these lessons, please review them in preparation for our game. I look forward to seeing you all on **May 4th!**

With Love in Christ,
Angela Santiago
Sunday School Teacher

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

THE PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

Hello everyone!

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered throughout Holy week!

Our next Philoptochos meeting will be on **Sunday, April 27**. We will discuss the elections for the Philoptochos board. If you would like to be a member of our board, please let me know. We welcome all, and it is not too late to join! Please consider this mission to become part of this important arm of the church.

I look forward to seeing everyone then!

Your sister in Christ,
Aphrodite

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.

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.

4-27-25 - Potluck

5-4-25 - _____

5-11-25 - _____

5-18-25 - _____

5-25-25 - _____

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading

First Orthros Gospel

The Reading is from Matthew 28:16-20

At that time, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Amen."

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. 4th Mode. Psalm 146.5;134.3.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20.

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Gospel Reading

Thomas Sunday

The Reading is from John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal 1st Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Apolytikion for Thomas Sun. in the Grave Mode

Christ our God, You are the Life that dawned from the grave, though the tomb was sealed. Through closed doors You came to the Apostles. You are the Resurrection of all. And, You renewed us through them with an upright spirit, according to Your great mercy.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal 4th Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Dimitra Vineyards Wine & Kalosini Olive Oil



Wines \$30

(\$25 each with 6-bottle purchase)

Cabernet Sauvignon
Pinot Noir
Chardonnay

Olive Oil

500 ml \$20
250 ml \$10

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ADULT THEOLOGY COURSE

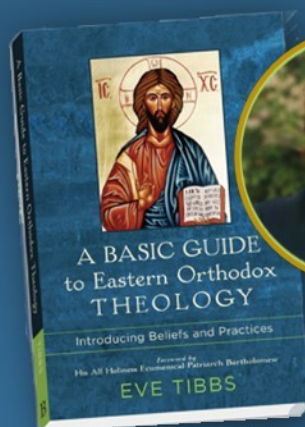
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A [^]BASIC COURSE
in *Orthodox Theology*

5 WEEKS *beginning* WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

ZOOM ONLY: 5:00 - 6:50 PM (*Pacific time*)



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: [HTTPS://ORTHODOXYOU.COM/REGISTER](https://orthodoxyou.com/register)



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*.

"Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:38

GROWING ORTHODOXY 2025 Evangelism Conference

Monday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Join us for the **2025 Growing Orthodoxy Evangelism Conference**, a three-day gathering dedicated to equipping Orthodox Christians with practical tools for sharing the faith. This conference will feature inspiring speakers, interactive workshops, and meaningful discussions on evangelism.



Keynote Speaker
Rev. Father
Adam Roberts



**For details on registration and accommodations,
please visit: groworthodoxy.org/2025**

GREEK FOOD FAIRE

Pop-Up 2025

Authentic Greek Food & Live Music

Friday, May 16 5 pm -10 pm

Saturday, May 17 Noon - 8 pm

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Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church
Downtown Santa Cruz

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MAY 30TH - JUNE 1ST 2025



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SAT MAY 31ST: 11AM - 10PM

SUN JUNE 1ST: 11AM - 8PM



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