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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, June 08, 2025

Service Schedule

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind..." - Acts 2:1-2

Sunday, June 8: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Holy Pentecost - Fr. John Takahashi

Sunday, June 15: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of All Saints - Fr. John Takahashi - Stebbins Family Memorial

Sunday, June 22: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - 2nd Sunday of Mathew - Fr. Milutin Janjic - Welcome Luncheon

Sunday, June 29: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of Peter and Paul, Holy Apostles - Fr. Milutin Janjic

Sunday, July 6: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - 4th Sunday of Mathew - Fr. Milutin Janjic

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be on 6/8/2025 after Fellowship/Coffee hour.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

Sunday, June 22, everyone is invited to join our special **welcome luncheon for Fr. Milutin** after the Divine Liturgy. A tasty pastitsio meal will be served in the church hall, where we will be able to visit with Fr. Milutin and his family. **Adult price is \$20; children are free**.

Looking forward to seeing you all for an afternoon of fellowship!

Prophet Elias Parish

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ethan Weiske, son of Irene Stebbins and grandson of Joanna Stebbins, on his graduation from CSUMB Monterey. Ethan graduated with Honors, with a Bachelor of Arts. He majored in Communication and minored in Cinematic Arts.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As we prepared for our highly anticipated Greek Food Faire, the events committee encountered higher costs this year affecting all supply purchases and labor expenses.

To help offset these increases, we ask for help and welcome any support from our generous community of friends and family. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference!

https://www.propheteliassc.org/pe-general-donation

Please mark your donation as "Special Appeal" in the drop down menu.

We are thankful to all those who hear our pleas and contribute toward Prophet Elias. Blessings and strength to all of you!

Connie Mellis

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you everyone for a wonderful Sunday school year! I wish you all a happy and restful summer break. Sunday school will resume in the Fall. Please keep a look out for registration information in August.

With Love in Christ, Angela Santiago Sunday School Teacher

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

We are a third of the way through 2025 and we need to focus our attention on this year's Stewardship.

2025 Goal: \$120,000

As of the end of April:

Pledges - \$96,335 Received - \$35,781

We are aiming at Sept. 1st for the pledges to reach or exceed \$120,000 (Stewardship Goal).

Kostas Amberiadis Stewardship Chairman

THE PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

Hello everyone,

Thank you everyone for attending our last meeting. We will meet again after our summer break.

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!

WEEKLY COFFEE HOUR

Each week Prophet Elias will host a coffee hour after liturgy. All are welcome!

If you are interested in hosting light refreshments (such as cookies, coffee cake, fresh fruit, donuts or bagels and cream cheese) or lunch after the liturgy, please sign up by emailing our Coffee Coordinator, Petka Hernandez at: petka@earthlink.net

When providing light refreshments or lunch, it is your responsibility to clean up. This includes bringing things downstairs, and taking any leftover food home with you or properly storing it in the kitchen refrigerator. It is also necessary to wipe down all the kitchen counters used, washing all the dishes, platters, utensils, and silverware, and taking out the trash.

Since there is no cleaning staff at the church, it is the responsibility of the host to leave the kitchen in the same condition as they found it. Instructions and information will be provided by Petka when you sign up to host. Please check the large 3-month calendar in the kitchen to see which weeks are available to sign up for.

A special thanks to Alexa Bolas and Tim Sculley who have graciously agreed to make coffee for us each week.

6-8-25 - Georgia Chronopoulos

6-15-25 - Memorial lunch hosted by Joanna Stebbins

6-22-25 - (Father Milutin visiting) Reserved - special welcome luncheon

6-29-25 - (Father Milutin visiting) Kostas Amberiadis

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading

Holy Pentecost

The Reading is from John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the

disciples were gathered, 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."

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Plagal 4th Mode. Psalm 18.4,1.

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11.

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Gospel Reading

Holy Pentecost

The Reading is from John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water." Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion for Pentecost in the Plagal 4th Mode

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal 4th Mode

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men (Babel), He divided the Nations. When He dispensed the Tongues of Fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy Spirit.





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

Please see Connie, Georgia or Sophie for purchase.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PROPHET ELIAS