

St. Elias Orthodox Church

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A Monthly Newsletter

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3rd & 6th HOURS: 9:40 am
DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL:
Sundays Following Services
GREAT VESPERS:
Saturdays & Eves of Feasts 6:00 pm

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION
(PENANCE):
Following Great Vespers,
Preceding Divine Liturgy, or
By Appointment

From the Pastor's Desk

It is the Day of Resurrection: Let us be glorious in splendor for the Festival, and let us embrace one another. Let us speak also, O Brethren, to those that hate us, and in the Resurrection, let us forgive all things, and so let us cry: Christ has risen from the dead, by death trampling upon Death, and bestowing Life to those in the tombs.

--Resurrection Matins



glad in it! We hear in the glorious Resurrection service, "Come, receive light from the unwaning Light: and glorify Christ Who arose from the dead!" Christ shines forth today! Let us be filled with this profound joy as did the faithful myrrh-bearing women of old that first Easter morning!

I sincerely wish you a most blessed and radiant Holy Pascha and humbly ask our Resurrected Savior to richly bless all of you!

Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!

With love in Christ our Resurrected Lord,

Archpriest Lawrence Bacik

Dearest and beloved Brothers and Sisters,
Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

I greet you and your families on this great, triumphant and sacred Day: Holy Pascha! It is the Feast above all Feasts; let us rejoice and be

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

It's better to be one-sided than two-faced!

On "Idle Speech": Salvation is not gained when we speak idly or when we pass through our days without consideration. Be attentive to your tongue and to your mind, for the guarding of these fills the soul with the light of God. But that one whose mouth is unbridled stores up various impurities in his soul. Keep silent - silence is the greatest virtue. Flee idle words and laughter if you want your prayer to have boldness through tears and grace! Be attentive to guard yourself from boldness and untimely words; these dry up the soul of a man, while, on the other hand, silence, meekness and prayer fill the soul with heavenly dew, with a mourning full of sweetness.

REF: Elder Ephraim of Philotheo, Mount Athos

On "The World": "Those who fervently desire to remain amid (in the world) as well as those who live a worthy life in communities, in mountains and in caves are saved; and God bestows on them great blessings solely because they rest their faith in Him. "

--St. Symeon the New Theologian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prospora Bakers:

An abundance of thanks is kindly expressed to Tomka Nicolich and Olga Popovich for baking prospora for weekday services! May God bless them for their dedicated efforts!

Paschal Candles:

An abundance of thanks and God's blessings to Barbara Repack for her generous donation of three ornate Paschal candles in

memory of her beloved husband, +Steve Repack.

Sacramental Wine:

Many thanks to Mike and Shirley Lazarov, proprietors of Orchard Park Market, for donating sacramental wine for our liturgical services! The wine is in memory of + Vangel and + Taliya. May our Lord bless the Lazarovs for their generous offering!

St. Elias Teen Receives Academic Recognition in March:

Our bright and devoted altar server and Sunday school student, Matt Busch, was recently awarded, "Student of the Month" at Lakeview HS. Matt is the son of Gary and Ramona and younger brother of Josh. Congratulations and God's choicest blessings!

Feast of the Cross:

Many thanks is deeply expressed to Visnu and Terri Sookhai for donating and decorating the precious Cross with an array of beautiful flowers and greens for the third Sunday of Great Lent. The handsomely adorned Cross is in memory of their beloved departed family members!

Volunteers Lauded:

Gratitude and God's richest blessings is expressed to all of our parishioners who participated in Lazarus Saturday's spring clean-up! The appearance of the parish temple, church hall and surrounding grounds are outstanding!



REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, VISITS

- ♥ *Archpriest Roman Star*
- ♥ *Protodeacon Sam Beronja*
- ♥ *Matushka Marilyn Beronja*
- ♥ *Zachary Beronja*
- ♥ *Gabriel Beronja*
- ♥ *Louis Adamov*
- ♥ *Jeanie Hanchar*
- ♥ *Olympia & Aurelia Pietrariu*
- ♥ *Mary McCarthy*
- ♥ *Michelle Slone*
- ♥ *Judi Yost*
- ♥ *Peggy Hanchar*
- ♥ *George & Mary Nickolaou*
- ♥ *Vladimir St. Andrew*
- ♥ *Anne Bowden*
- ♥ *Anna Gagye*
- ♥ *George Spriggs*
- ♥ *Shimasse Vivian Miles*
- ♥ *Margaret Amato*
- ♥ *Ana Olarean*
- ♥ *Jackie Councill*
- ♥ *Pando Nanos*



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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Summary of Operating Fund

-by Steve Hanchar, Treasurer, Parish Executive Board

Please see the printed version of our Newsletter for the Financial details.

April Newsletter Sponsored By:

George & Mary Nickolaou / Louie & Liz Nickolaou

Many Thanks to Barbara Repack for sponsoring all three PASCHAL candles.

Hall Rental:

Parish Members may make Hall Rentals only. For reservations for use of the hall: Call Paul Meloff 269-963-4748.

Meijer's Report:

No report

29TH CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Sunday Dress - Remember the time when people put on their "Sunday best" to go to church? In fact, dress clothes were often referred to as Sunday clothes. In some parts of the country, this is not common today. In fact, all too often, dress in church has become too casual. In all areas of our lives, we should offer Christ our best. And the same is true of our dress. We should offer Christ our "Sunday best", not our everyday or common wear. And we should dress modestly, not in a flashy way that would bring attention to ourselves. Our dress should always be becoming of a Christian - especially at church. Here are some specific guidelines we use in our parishes:

Children: Only young children (under 10) should wear shorts to church - and then only dress shorts. Athletic shorts, cut-offs, and spandex shorts are never appropriate church wear (for children or adults!). Shoes or sandals should be clean and tied. No one should wear T-shirts with any kind of writing on them ("This Bud's for You!" is definitely out).

Women: Dresses should be modest. No tank tops or dresses with only straps at the shoulders, no short skirts (mini-skirts), and no skin-tight dresses. Dresses should have backs and not be cut low in the front. If women wear pants to church, they should be dress pants (not jeans, leggings, etc.). Shorts of any type are not appropriate for church.

Men: Men should also dress modestly. While coat and tie are not mandatory, shirts should have collars and be buttoned to the collar (the actual collar button may be left undone, but two or three buttons undone is inappropriate). Slacks should be cleaned and pressed. Jeans

(of any color) are usually too casual for church, especially ones with patches or holes. Again, shorts are not appropriate church wear. If you're going somewhere after church where you need to dress casually, bring a change of clothing with you and change after coffee hour. Remember, use your best judgment and good taste when dressing for church. After all, you don't go to be seen by everyone else - you go to meet and worship God.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The 29th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast, "Be the Miracle," featuring keynote speaker Mark Lowry, will be held Tuesday 11 May 2010 from 7:25AM - 9:00AM at Kellogg Arena. Mr. Lowry is a recording artist and performer and has been making people laugh, cry and think for nearly 40 years. Singing publicly and recording albums and videos since age eleven, you could say that he has done this most of his life. He shares an exciting and revitalized message of God's love and grace. Tickets for the Prayer Breakfast are \$10 each and for additional information contact: (269) 969 - 2120. Visit Mark's website @ www.marklowry.com

Extra Helping Hands:

Many thanks and God's blessings to Paul Meloff, Chris Popovich and Mike Yosifovsky for all of their labors around the church during the week!

Great Gadget:

Many thanks and God's blessings to Slava and Elena Karpov and Fred Martin for their generous equipment donation to help aid with the cleaning of our church floor tiles. God bless you for making the tiles so clean and sparkling!

CHURCH NEWS

The Holy Synod, headed by His Holiness Kirill, Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus' expressed his gratitude for previous labors and appointed the new Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA (Vicar of the Moscow Diocese): His Eminence, the Most Reverend Archbishop Justinian of Naro-Fominsk.



Brief Biography of Vladyka Justinian:

Birth Date: 28 January 1961 Monastic Tonsure: 24 March 1988 г.

Consecrated Bishop: 1 September 1995 Angel Day: 27 November

Born in the town, Kosterov of the Vladimir Region (oblast). In 1978 graduated high school, in 1983 – History Faculty of the Ivanovsk State University

From July, 1983 through July, 1984 served obedience as senior subdeacon for Bishop Ambrose (Shurov) of Ivanovsk and Kineshemsk.

In 1984 entered into the Moscow Theological Seminary

1985-1986 served in the ranks of the Soviet Army

1986-1988 served as senior subdeacon for the Rector of the Moscow Theological Academy and Seminary, Bishop Alexander (Timofeyev) of Dmitrovsk.

Pascha, 1988 ordained a deacon, July 26 ordained a hieromonk (priest-monk)

From 1988 studied at the Theological Institute of Bucharest (Roumania), from which he graduated in 1992 with a master's degree in Theology.

In 1991 associate of the Department of External Church Affairs

From June, 1991 to Nov. 18, 1992 served as senior priest of the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kalinin.

In 1992 was elevated to the rank of Igumen

From Nov. 18, 1992 through 1995 served as Rector of Ascension Cathedral in Tver

September 1, 1995 in the Moscow Donskoy Monastery was consecrated Bishop of Dubossarsk, Vicar of the Kishinev diocese (Moldova).

October 6, 1998 was appointed Bishop of the newly restored Diocese of Tiraspol and Dubossarsk (Moldova)

February 25, 2008 was elevated to the rank of Archbishop.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 3/31 Healing Service 6:00PM | 1 Vespers Liturgy 10:00AM Matins 6:00PM (12 Passion Gospels) | 2 Vespers 2:00PM with veneration of the Plaschanitza; Matins 6:00PM procession with the Plaschanitza. | 3 Vespers Liturgy 10:00 AM & Nocturns (Midnight office) 11:25PM |
| 4 PASCHA! Holy Pascha: Midnight Resurrectional Matins w/ procession 12AM Divine Liturgy 10 am w/ procession followed by the traditional blessing of Paschal foods. Prospophora/Donuts by Zivka Nanos | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Father Lawrence in New York City at the Archbishops gathering | 10 Bright Saturday at Holy Dormition Monastery Father Lawrence in New York City at the Archbishops gathering |
| FAST FREE WEEK | | | | | | |
| 11 St. Thomas Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 am Fellowship & School to follow Prospophora/Donuts by Suzie Gusching <i>Panikhida for Mat. Jean St. Andrew, second anniversary</i> | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Great Vespers 6:00PM |
| 18 Divine Liturgy 10 am Fellowship & School to follow Prospophora/Donuts by Tomka Nicolich | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Great Vespers 6:00PM |
| 25 Divine Liturgy 10 am Fellowship & School to follow Prospophora/Donuts by Barb Dinsmore | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Michelle Slone
Nicholas Bell
- 6 Nicholas Rambow
Piku Pazik
Tricia Schupra
- 8 John Yosifivski
Adrian Pietrariu
- 9 Biljana Spasenovski
- 10 Biljana Popovich
Christoffer Sookhai
Carina Hilbert
- 11 Elena Karpov
- 15 Candice Hanchar
- 18 Claire Domanick
- 19 Kathy Samson
- 25 Leni Nicoloch
- 30 Andrea Meloff



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 24 Chris & Olga Popovich

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask
in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."
- Matthew 21:22