



Saint Mary Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, July 20th, 2025

Prophet Elias (Elijah) the Thesbite & Sixth Sunday of Matthew
Righteous Iliya Chavchavadze of Georgia

Entrance Hymn

O Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

هلم لنسجد ونركع للمسيح ملكنا والهنا، خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من قام من بين الاموات، لنرتل لك هلوليا!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Five)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

لنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدْ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، الْمُسَاوِي لِأَبِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الْأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ، الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا، لِأَنَّهُ سَرَّ بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يَغْلُوَ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ، وَيَحْتَمِلَ الْمَوْتَ، وَيُنْهَضَ الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

Troparion of Prophet Elias (Tone Four)

The incarnate Angel, and the Prophets' summit and boast, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ our God, Elias, the glorious, from above sent down his grace upon Elisseus; he doth cast out sickness and doth also cleanse lepers; and unto all that honor him, he poureth forth streams of cures.

أَيُّهَا الْمَلَاكُ بِالْجِسْمِ قَاعِدَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَرُكْنُهُمْ، السَّابِقُ الثَّانِي لِحُضُورِ الْمَسِيحِ، إِبِلْيَاسُ الْمَجِيدُ الْمُؤَقَّرُ. لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْتَ النِّعْمَةَ مِنَ الْعُلَى لِأَلِيشَع، لِيَطْرُدَ الْأَسْقَامَ وَيُطَهِّرَ الْبُرْصَ، إِذَا يُفِيضُ الْأَشْفِيَّةَ لِمُكْرَمِيهِ دَائِمًا.

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone One)

In thy birth giving O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

فِي مِيلَادِكَ حَفِظْتِ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ وَصَنَّتِيهَا وَفِي رِقَادِكَ مَا أَهْمَلْتِ الْعَالَمَ وَتَرْكْتِهِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ أُمُّ الْحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ أَنْقِذِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone Two)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرَ الْمَرْذُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنِّ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا
نَحْنُ الْخَطَّاءَةُ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَتَيْتِ صَالِحَةَ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِحِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بَادِرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ
وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلْبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

The Epistle for Prophet Elias

Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou on my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. James. (5:10-20)

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord. Behold, we call those blessed who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by Heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes and your no be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elias was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heavens

أَنْتَ الْكَاهِنُ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ عَلَى رُتَبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادَقَ.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِرَبِّي: اجْلِسْ عَن يَمِينِي، حَتَّى أَجْعَلَ
أَعْدَاءَكَ مَوْطِنًا لِقَدَمَيْكَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يَعْقُوبَ الرَّسُولِ الْجَامِعَةِ.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، اتَّخِذُوا الْأَنْبِيَاءَ، الَّذِينَ تَكَلَّمُوا بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ،
قُدُورَةً فِي اخْتِمَالِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ وَفِي طُولِ الْأَنَاءِ، فَإِنَّا
نُطَوِّبُ الصَّابِرِينَ. وَقَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِصَبْرِ أَيُّوبَ، وَرَأَيْتُمْ
عَاقِبَةَ الرَّبِّ. لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ مُتَحَنِّنٌ جِدًّا وَرَوْوْفٌ. وَقَبْلَ
كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَا تَحْلِفُوا لَا بِالسَّمَاءِ وَلَا
بِالْأَرْضِ وَلَا بِقَسَمٍ آخَرَ. وَلَكِنْ لِيَكُنْ كَلَامُكُمْ نَعَمَ نَعَمَ
وَلَا لَا، لِئَلَّا تَقْعُوا فِي الذَّيْنُونَةِ. هَلْ فِيكُمْ أَحَدٌ فِي
مَشَقَّاتٍ؟ فَلْيُصَلِّ؛ أَوْ فِي سُرُورٍ؟ فَلْيُرْتِّلْ. هَلْ فِيكُمْ
مَرِيضٌ؟ فَلْيَدْعُ قُسُوسَ الْكَنِيسَةِ وَلْيُصَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَيَدْهَنُوهُ
بِزَيْتٍ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ. فَإِنَّ صَلَاةَ الْإِيمَانِ تُخَلِّصُ
الْمَرِيضَ، وَالرَّبُّ يُنْهَضُهُ. وَإِنْ كَانَ قَدْ ارْتَكَبَ خَطَايَا،
تُغْفَرُ لَهُ. إِعْتَرِفُوا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ بِالزَّلَّاتِ، وَصَلُّوا
بَعْضُكُمْ لِأَجْلِ بَعْضٍ لِكَيْ تُبْرَأُوا. إِنَّ طَلِبَةَ الْبَارِّ تَقْتَدِرُ
كَثِيرًا فِي فِعْلِهَا. كَانَ إِبِلِيَّا إِنْسَانًا قَابِلَ الْإِلَامِ مِثْلَنَا، وَقَدْ
صَلَّى أَنْ لَا يَنْزِلَ الْمَطَرُ، فَلَمْ يَنْزِلْ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مُدَّةً

gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

ثَلَاثَ سِنِينَ وَسِتَّةَ أَشْهُرٍ. ثُمَّ عَادَ وَصَلَّى فَأَمْطَرَتِ السَّمَاءُ وَأَخْرَجَتِ الْأَرْضُ ثَمَرَهَا. أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، إِنْ ضَلَّ أَحَدٌ بَيْنَكُمْ عَنِ الْحَقِّ فَرَدَّهُ أَحَدٌ، فَلْيَعْلَمْ أَنَّ الَّذِي رَدَّ خَاطِئًا عَن ضَلَالِ طَرِيقِهِ، قَدْ خَلَّصَ نَفْسًا مِّنَ الْمَوْتِ، وَسَتَرَ جَمًّا مِّنَ الْخَطَايَا.

The Gospel for Sixth Sunday of Matthew

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

فَصَلَّ شَرِيفٌ مِّنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ السَّفِينَةَ وَاجْتَاَزَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى مَدِينَتِهِ. فَإِذَا بِمُخَلِّعٍ مُّلقَى عَلَى سَرِيرِ قَدَمُوهُ إِلَيْهِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، قَالَ لِلْمُخَلِّعِ: "ثِقْ يَا بُنَيَّ، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ." فَقَالَ قَوْمٌ مِّنَ الْكُتَّابَةِ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ "هَذَا يُجَدِّفُ." فَعَلِمَ يَسُوعُ أَفْكَارَهُمْ، فَقَالَ: "لِمَاذَا تُفَكِّرُونَ بِالشَّرِّ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا الْأَيْسَرُ أَنْ يُقَالَ، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ، أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ قُمْ فَامْشِ؟ وَلَكِنْ لِكَيْ تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ لَهُ سُلْطَانٌ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يَعْفَرَ الْخَطَايَا. حِينَئِذٍ قَالَ لِلْمُخَلِّعِ "قُمْ، احْمِلْ سَرِيرَكَ وَادْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ." فَقَامَ وَمَضَى إِلَى بَيْتِهِ. فَلَمَّا نَظَرَ الْجُمُوعُ، تَعَجَّبُوا وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَعْطَى النَّاسَ سُلْطَانًا كَهَذَا.



Baptism

Alya & Ghazi

Parents: Jacob and Alicja Salman

Congratulations!



Baptism

Layla

Parents: Elias and Natalie Korolis

Congratulations!



Newborn

Yiannis

Parents: Demitri and Emily Maris

Congratulations!

Upcoming Services & Events

Date	Time	Event
7/20/2025	8:15am	Prayers before Holy Communion
	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
7/22/2025	8:45am	Orthros at Archdiocese Convention
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
7/23/2025	8:45am	Orthros at Archdiocese Convention
	10:00am	Arabic Bible Study
7/24/2025	8:30am	Liturgy for St Christina the Great-Martyr of Tyre
	7:00pm	Men's Basketball Open Gym
7/25/2025	7:30am	Orthros at Archdiocese Convention
	8:45am	Liturgy at Archdiocese Convention
7/26/2025	8:45am	Orthros at Archdiocese Convention
	4:30pm	Great Vespers at Archdiocese Convention



Please Join us for the Ordination of
Nader Haddad to the Holy Diaconate
*By the laying on of hands of
His Grace Bishop Anthony*



Sunday, July 20th 2025

Orthros – 8:45am | Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Wednesday 7/16/25

*Feast of St. Marina the Great Martyr and
the Holy Royal Martyrs of Russia*

4:00pm– Great Vespers

5:00pm– Orthros

6:00pm– Divine Liturgy followed by
SOYO Dinner & SOYO Night

Friday 7/18/25

10:00am– Divine Liturgy for St. Emilianos
of Bulgaria

6:00pm– Vespers followed by dinner and
discussion with Young Adults, Couples
Ministry, & the Brotherhood of St. Paisios

Saturday 7/19/25

9:00am—Divine Liturgy for St. Macrina

5:00pm– Hierarchical Great Vespers

Sunday 7/20/25

Feast of Prophet Elias

8:45am– Orthros

10:00am– Hierarchical Divine Liturgy &
ordination of Nader Haddad followed by
a luncheon





ST. MARY'S TEEN SOYO SUMMER 2025

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH AT 10:00AM
CANCER WALK STARTING AT ST. SPYRIDON GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH IN PALOS HEIGHTS

JULY 7TH - 11TH
SOYO SUMMER CAMP!

JULY 21ST-26TH
ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN
ROSEMONT, IL (SEE SCHEDULE FOR DETAILS)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH AT 11:30AM
FEED MY STARING CHILDREN (AURORA, IL)

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Friday, June 13th at 6:00pm

Softball Game & Picnic at Meyer's Park

Saturday, June 14th at 10:00am

Cancer Walk starting at St. Spyridon Greek
Orthodox Church in Palos Heights

Sunday, June 22nd

Young Adult Coffee Hour in the nadi

Sunday, July 13th

YAM Brunch at RoyalBerry

July 21st-26th

Antiochian Archdiocese National Convention in
Rosemont, IL (see schedule for details)

Saturday, August 9th at 11:30am

Feed My Starving Children (Aurora, IL)

Wednesday, August 13th

Paraklesis and Gathering with Metropolitan SABA

Saturday, September 6th

Starved Rock State Park



St Mary Orthodox Church Annual Parish Humanitarian Event



Saturday, August 9th
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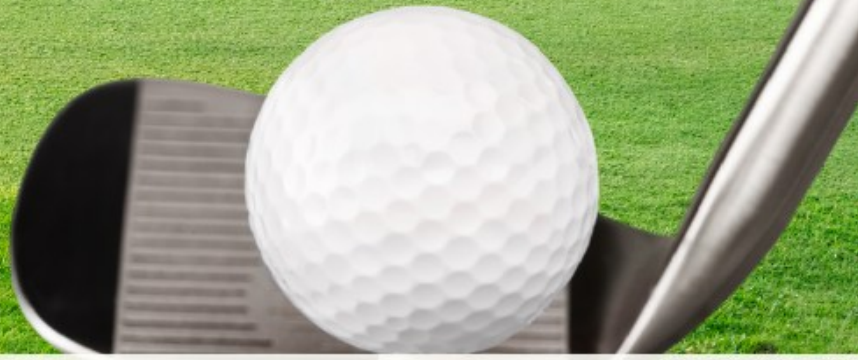
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"Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her."
Luke 1:38

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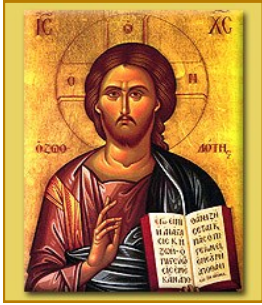
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Weekly Synaxarion



On July 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the fiery ascent as it were into the Heaven of the holy and glorious Elias (Elijah) the Thesbite. Elias was born in the town of Tishba for which he was called the Thesbite. When Elias was born, his father Savah saw an angel of God hovering around the child, wrapping the child in fire and giving him a flame to eat. This foreshadowed Elias's fiery character and his God-given fiery power. Elias confronted the Israelite King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel. They worshipped idols and were turning the people away from serving the One and Living God. Jezebel, a Syrian, persuaded her husband to erect a temple to the Syrian god Baal. Through great miracles Elias displayed the power and authority of God: he closed up the heavens, so that there was not any rain for three years and six months; he lowered a fire from heaven and burned the sacrifice to his God which the pagan priests of Baal were unable to do; he accurately prophesied to Ahab that the dogs will lick up his blood and to Jezebel that the dogs will consume her flesh. Before his death Elias took Elisseus (Elisha) and designated him as his successor in the prophetic calling. Elias was taken up into the heavens in a fiery chariot by flaming horses. He appeared on Mount Tabor to our Lord Jesus Christ with Moses on the Transfiguration. Before the end of the world Elias will appear again to put an end to the power of the anti-Christ (Revelation, Chapter 11). On this day, we also commemorate Righteous Iliya Chavchavadze [ee-LEE-yah chavchah-VAD-zay] of Georgia. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.