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PROPHET ELIJAH

Antiochian Orthodox Church



Apolytikion / Troparion (Tone 4)

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

Our Mission is dedicated to the Prophet Elijah,
Patron and protector of our community.

Sunday, December 14th, 2025
Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Tone 2 / Eothinon 5
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11
Gospel: St. Luke 14:16-24
Homilist: Fr. Paul Moses Jaroslaw

OUR PASTOR:

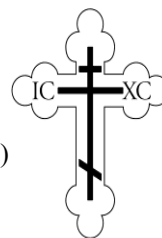
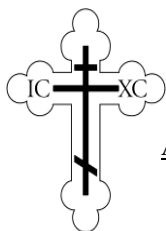
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OUR METROPOLITAN:
+Metropolitan SABA

OUR BISHOP: +Bishop ANTHONY

Attached Clergy: Rev. Fr. Andrew Bardwell (Retired)



Announcements for the Week

1. Today, Sunday, December 14th: **St. Lucia Festivities for the Children!** *(following Coffee Hour)*



AND: **Inquirers & Catechism Classes:**

@ **1:30 PM** (after Coffee Hour & St. Lucia Festivities) at the Church in **Ellensburg**...(w/ Fr. Paul & Fr. Andrew)

@ **5:00-7:00 PM in Soap Lake** (w/ Dn. Basil)



AND: **Tonight at 6:00 PM:** **Mens gathering at Oswald Sparks home in Ellensburg** (4561 Hanson RD)

AND: **Tonight, Sunday night / Monday morning**, December 15th: **Midnight Divine Liturgy** (12:00 AM)



"THE GATES OF PARADISE OPEN AT MIDNIGHT!"

2. This Monday evening:



NO Bible Study... CANCELLED!

3. This Tuesday evening @ 6:00 PM @ "The Holy Cross House": **Teaching & Fellowship w/ Dn. Joseph**



4. This Tuesday evening @ 7:00 PM @ "The Ark" ... (and on Zoom): **CONTINUING.....**

Marriage and Family Seminar w/ Fr. Andrew & Kh. Charitina Bardwell (Hand-outs for this session will follow)

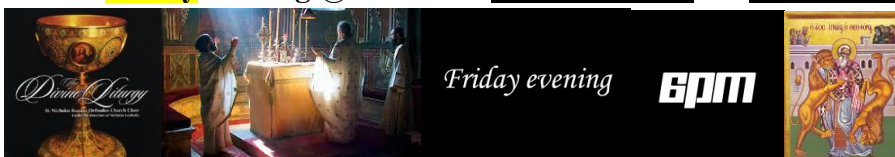


5. This Wednesday morning @ **"The ARK":** **Garden of the Heart Children's Gathering continues!**



6. **Divine Liturgy on Wednesday & Thursday Teaching Time CANCELLED** because Fr. Paul is **traveling for the funeral in Tacoma @ St. Nicholas Greek Church** (Sheri Ephraïnia Geitzenformerly Sosa)

7. This **Friday** evening @ 6:00 PM: **Divine Liturgy** *(For St. Ignatius of Antioch on Saturday)*



Looking Ahead

1. Sunday, December 21st: **Decoration of the Church begins! Please donate a Pointsettia if you can!**



2. Thursday, December 25th : **The Great Feast of the Nativity of Christ!!!**



See the Attached PDF for Service Times!!!!

3. Thursday, January 1st: **The Feast of St. Basil the Great, the Circumcision of the Lord & New Years!**

Come join us on **Wednesday evening, December 31st** for the Vigil of the Feast beginning @ 9:30 PM
.... w/ a **Midnight Divine Liturgy** followed by breakfast together @ IHOP ...

.....and the cutting of the 1st Vasilopita!!!!



NORMAL SCHEDULE FOR DAILY SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:45am – Orthros

10:00am – Divine Liturgy

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Midnight <u>Divine</u> <u>Liturgy</u> (twice a month)		8:00am Orthros	8:00am Orthros		
	6:00pm Vespers	6:00pm <u>Divine Liturgy</u>	6:00pm Vespers	6:00pm <u>Divine Liturgy</u>	6:00pm Great Vespers

*(Fr. Paul hears **confessions** on Saturday's **before, during & after Vespers, & by appointment!**)*

*On Sunday, "We should encourage the people to come to Orthros from the very beginning. In the Six Psalms of Orthros, we find all the Christian advice, wisdom, and morality. **We cannot come to the Divine Liturgy and receive the Holy Communion without preparation.** Orthros is about how to prepare for Divine Liturgy."*

(former) **Metropolitan JOSEPH**

NAME DAYS

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name Day</i>	<i>Patron Saint</i>
Dna Rachel Frangipani	December 14th	Righteous Rachel
Rebekah Hinkle	December 14th	Righteous Rebecca
Rd. Caleb Volkoff	December 14th	Righteous Caleb
Caleb Ramsey	December 14th	Righteous Caleb
Lacey Ruth Smith	December 15th	Righteous Ruth
Sarah Nedrow	December 16th	Righteous Sarah
Daniel Hill	December 17th	Prophet Daniel
Atticus Ignatius Schoos	December 20th	St. Ignatius of Antioch

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Member</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Celebration</i>
Sarah Nedrow	December 17th	13th Birthday
Tabitha Bronkhorst	December 19th	Birthday

Spiritual Morsels

("If the world is against truth, then I am against the world!" St. Athanasius the Great)

In our days we hesitate to speak up, fearing that we might offend someone and they might leave. If I say something to correct you, you immediately take offense and talk back. How am I supposed to discipline you to help you cut off your passions and mortify your self-will? **Gerondissa Makrina (Vassopoulou)**

The way to God lies through love of people. At the Last Judgment I shall not be asked whether I was successful in my ascetic exercises, nor how many bows and prostrations I made. Instead I shall be asked did I feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and the prisoners. That is all I shall be asked. About every poor, hungry and imprisoned person the Savior says 'I': 'I was hungry and thirsty, I was sick and in prison! To think that he puts an equal sign between himself and anyone in need. . . . I always knew it, but now it has somehow penetrated to my sinews. It fills me with awe. **St. Maria of Paris**

...do not think that if a person is currently outside the Church he is there forever. The Great Shepherd has more sheep and must bring them, and He is seeing to this. The world's story is not over, and the cycles of time are not yet completed. For the Great Shepherd is walking invisibly on the earth, searching for His scattered sheep and gathering them into His sheepfolds in order to water them with His blood and feed them with His flesh, so that they might pass through the door and enter the great pastures of heaven.

The Martyred Priest Daniel Sysoev (11/20/2009)

Punishment sometimes quickly follows sin as the day follows the night, yet sometimes slowly, as year follows year. But it never fails to come, except where repentance takes the place of punishment. – **St. Nicholai of Zica**

Evidently we are not yet perfect, but at least we desire to be so, and this is the beginning of our salvation. For from this desire we shall come in God's company both into the combat and through the combat. **Dorotheos of Gaza**

The fact is that the heart corrupted by sin stubbornly refuses to believe in the future sufferings that await sinners, and no miracles can convince it otherwise. **Archbishop Averky (Taushev)**

A passion which reveals itself more frequently than others should be treated with special attention, because it can become the ruling element in the child's life. **St. Theophan the Recluse, bishop of Tambov**

Do you fast? Then feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, do not forget the imprisoned, have pity on the tortured, comfort those who grieve and who weep, be merciful, humble, kind, calm, patient, sympathetic, forgiving, reverent, truthful and pious, so that God might accept your fasting and might plentifully grant you the fruits of repentance. **St. John Chrysostom**

For this reason, my dear (N), do not lose heart when you fall into some sin, but blame yourself before God, repent of your transgression and do not blame anyone else. Humble yourself, admit your fault and ask the Lord to plant in you His Holy Commandments. **Abbot Nikon Vorobiev**

To deny oneself means to give up one's bad habits; to root out of the heart all that ties us to the world; not to cherish bad thoughts or desires; to suppress every evil thought; not to desire to do anything out of self love, but to do everything out of love for God. **St. Innocent of Alaska**

Photos of our Parish

LAYING THE CROSS THAT SITS DIRECTLY UNDER THE ALTAR ~ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011

