



# The Chariot

Together - Stronger

A Monthly Newsletter

January 2016

### Sunday School

Our Sunday School program begins again on January 10th, 2015

Please bring your children as often as possible so that they can learn about our faith.

Our Teachers do a wonderful job! God Bless!

### Artoclasia, Fanouropita Memorials

Please be sure that all of the offerings are brought to the Church before 9:30am!



### Christmas Eve 2015



Photos from Christmas Eve at Prophet Elias  
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### Christmas Pageant 2015

Our Sunday School put on a wonderful Christmas Pageant  
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## HAPPY NEW YEARS

There is a special tradition that we all partake in every year in this season. It is the New Year's resolution. A wonderful tradition, in which take some time out of our lives to think about what it is that we can do to improve our coming year, over our last year. We actually take some time to consider that maybe we aren't already perfect and that we can be better or do something better in our life. It is humbling to think that we may need to improve.

### Humans are Complex

Though we all share a common human essence, we are all very different from one another. We are complex creatures, with not one being the same as the next. It is astounding to think that you are a one of kind, not only in this present moment, but that



**Fr. Theologos together with the members of your Community Council, the Ladies Philoptochos and all of our Staff and Volunteers wish you all a Happy New Year!!!**

never in history has there been or will ever be another you. Amazing!

### Complex But We Strive for Perfection

We humans are always trying to be better. We do this in every facet of our life. From the physical, to the social, emotional and spiritual. I hope that in the spirit of the New Year's resolution, you try to improve your life on all these levels.

The most difficult level to improve is the spiritual level. We many times don't even think about it, but we are Orthodox Christians, called to not only think about our spiritual life, but to improve it. We are called to re-examine ourselves often, spiritually, and to work to improve. To love more and better. To forgive with less resistance from our ego. To give more to those in need around us. To glorify our Lord for the many wonderful things that He has given to us.

How can we do this? Through prayer. Through humbling our ego. Seeing things through the eyes of good rather than blinding our heart and soul with the emotion of hatred. By listening to the good word, instead of surrounding ourselves with negative words.

As you consider your New Year's resolution place some important on your spiritual life. Give some thought to how you can improve your spiritual self, for the betterment and salvation of your soul.

## Church Service Schedule

Date	Service	Time
Friday 1st	Orthros and Divine Liturgy - St. Basil the Great and Circumcision of our Lord Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια Αγιου Βασιλειου και Περιτομη Ιησου Χριστου	9am-11am
Sunday 3rd	Orthros and Divine Liturgy Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια - Πρω των Φωτων	8:30am - 11:45am
Tuesday 5th	Eve of Theophany	
Wednesday 6th	Orthros and Divine Liturgy -Holy Theophany of our Lord Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια Τα Αγια Θεοφανεια	9am-11:30am
Thursday 7th	Orthros and Divine Liturgy - Synaxis of St. John the Baptist Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια Συναξις Ιωαννου Προδρομου	9am-11am
Sunday 10th	Orthros and Divine Liturgy Gregory of Nyssa Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια Γρηγοριου επ. Νυσσης	8:30-11:45am
Sunday 17th	Orthros and Divine Liturgy - St. Anthony the Great Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια Αντωνιου του Μεγαλου	8:30am-11:45am
Monday 18th	Orthros and Divine Liturgy - Athanasios and Cyril Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια Αθανασιου κ. Κυριλλου	9am-11am
Sunday 24th	Orthros and Divine Liturgy - St. Xenii and Zosimas the Righteous Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια Ξενης και Ζωσιμα Οσιων	8:30am - 11:45am
Thursday 28th	Senior's Luncheon	11:30am
Saturday 30th	Orthros and Divine Liturgy - The Three Hierarchs Basil, Gregory and John Chrysostom Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια Των Τριων Ιεραρχων Βασιλειου, Γρηγοριου κ. Ιωαννου	9am-11am
Sunday 31st	Orthros and Divine Liturgy - Cyrus and John the Unmercenaries Ορθρος κ. Θεια Λειτουργια Κυρου κ. Ιωαννου Αναργυρων	8:30am - 11:45am



### Paradosi Greek Dancing

Its Never too late to Register the Kids for this wonderful program!

Classes begin again on Monday January 4th and Wednesday January 6th (Seniors)





# Joy to the World...

*On December 13th, our Sunday School students performed a wonderful Christmas Pageant! Congratulations to them and their teachers!*



## OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are blessed to have a vibrant Sunday School at Prophet Elias. The many teachers, who dedicate and volunteer their time to our children have put together a year long curriculum that expresses our faith so beautifully. They are doing an amazing job! The rest of the burden then falls to each and every one of us to support them, by bringing our children often and through our donations!

We all know the many pressures of the world around our children, and sadly, the only place that we will be able to offer

our faith to our children is in the church and especially in Sunday School.

As another positive outcome, our children get to meet each other, to spend time together, to learn and to grow together. If they do not, who can we blame but ourselves? The program is amazing! The teachers are working hard and doing a wonderful job! If the children do not come; if they do not learn about their faith or get to know other Orthodox children, who can we blame?

God Bless!



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**40 DAY BLESSINGS** - Please arrive at the Church by 11:10am and inform one of the Council Members that you have come for a 40 Day Blessing. Please invite your family and friends to be present for this wonderful ceremony.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SEATING** - Please respect Fr. Theo's wishes to reserve the first five pews on the south side of the Church, for the Sunday School students. Even this isn't enough, but it is a good problem to have!

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Our goal is to communicate to our members and faithful through the many forms of Social Media.

Please like our facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ProphetEliasGreekOrthodoxChurch](http://www.facebook.com/ProphetEliasGreekOrthodoxChurch)

Please visit our new website: [prophetelias.ca](http://prophetelias.ca)

Please join our email list for information concerning the many events happening at Prophet Elias

**MEMORIAL SERVICES** - Please make sure to place the word "MNYMOSENO" on top of the paper that has the name of the person you are commemorating

**MAINTAINING ORDER** - Out of respect for the Lord's house, we strive to maintain order at Prophet Elias at all times. Please allow the Sunday School students to communion first, then the young children with their parents, and then the rest of the congregation. At the end of the service, please approach row by row for Antidoron or Agiasmo. Finally, during communion especially, please remain silent as it is a holy moment!

## *House Blessings*

Once again Fr. Theologos will be doing house blessings. If you would like your home blessed, please speak with Fr. Theologos.

### **Hymn of Theophany**

Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You Beloved, and the Spirit, in the guise of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world

Εν Ιορδάνη βαπτιζομένου Σου Κύριε  
η της Τριάδος εφανέρωθη προσκύνησις  
του γαρ Γεννήτορος η φωνή προσεμαρτύρει  
Σοι

αγαπητόν Σε Υιόν ονομάζουσα  
και το Πνεύμα εν ειδει περιστεράς  
εβεβαίου του λόγου το ασφαλές  
Ο επιφανής Χριστέ ο Θεός  
Και τον κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα Σοι