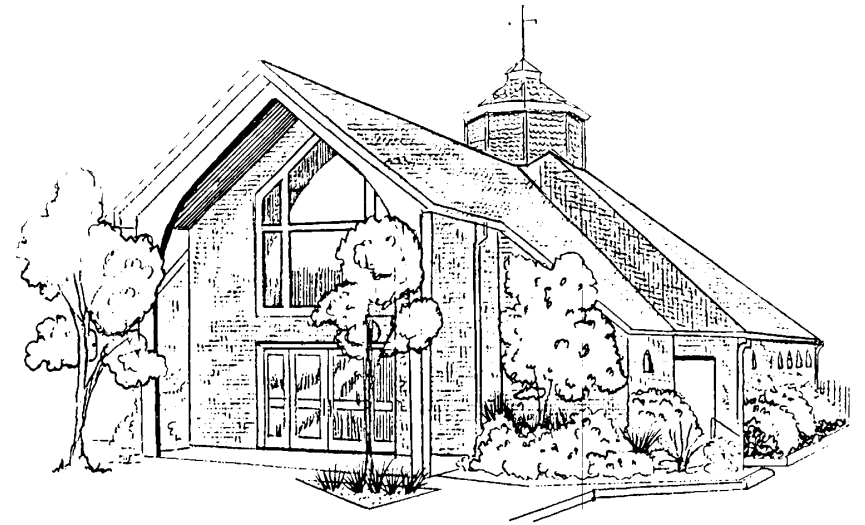


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**The Venerable Elias the Egyptian**

Elias labored in asceticism near Antioe, the principal city of the Thebaid. For 70 years, he lived among the arid and inaccessible rocks of the desert. He ate only bread and dates and, in his youth, fasted for weeks at a time. He healed all manner of pains and ailments of the people. He eventually became very shaky in his old age, and entered into the joy of his Lord at the age of 110. Elias said: "Guard your mind from evil thoughts concerning your neighbors, knowing that the demons put them there, aiming to blind you to your own sins and prevent you from directing yourself toward God."

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**November 3, 2024**  
**The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**In our tradition...** *the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 16:19-31

## Saints of the Day

Martyrs Akepsimas the bishop, Joseph the priest and Aëthalias the deacon of Persia; dedication of the church of the Great Martyr George the trophy-bearer in Lydda; New-Hieromartyr George of Neapolis; Venerable Theodore the confessor, bishop of Ancyra; Winifred of Treffynnon.

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## **Spiritual Counsels...**

“Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin.”  
Proverbs 21:4

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Thurs., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**

On November 8, the Holy Orthodox Church observes the “Synaxis of all Angels.” It is a special observance to remind us that humans are sheltered by heavenly hosts. St. Basil the Great teaches that a guardian angel is placed in charge of every believer providing we do not drive the angel away. The angel is assigned to us at birth with the special task of protecting us from harm and to guide us through life. Children are especially sheltered since their angels “always behold the face of God the Father.” Matt.18:10. The Psalms assure us that an angel of the Lord surrounds those who fear God and protects them from harm.” Ps. 34:7. In addition, Psalm 91:11 promises that God shall give his angels charge over us and to safeguard us. Every Sunday we pray for “an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies.” Most Orthodox prayer books contain a special “Canon to the Guardian Angel.” We are invited, indeed urged, to have a special relationship with our guardian angel. On Mondays of every week and on November 8 of every year, let us pray in the words of the Canon:  
“O Holy Angel of God, my holy Guardian, keep my life in the fear of Christ God; strengthen my mind in the true way; and wound my soul with heavenly love, so that guarded by Thee, I may obtain of Christ God the great mercy.”—Theo

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Ladies Guild is scheduled to hold their November meeting after Divine Liturgy next Sunday, Nov. 10. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

The **Advent Fast** begins Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15–Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20–24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

**Today's Coffee Hour:** Team 1. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 2.