

**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
Community and Parish of Prophet Elias
Norwood**



Ο ΕΝΣΑΡΚΟΣ ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ - THE INCARNATE ANGEL

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Μήνυμα του Εφημέριου της Ενορίας μας, π. Ιωάννη Χωραΐτη

Αγαπητοί αδελφοί

Θέλω να στείλω ένα ιδιαίτερο ευχαριστώ σε όλους όσους παρευρέθηκαν στην Εκκλησία μας για την γιορτή του Προφήτη Ηλία. Αν και ο καιρός δεν ήταν ο καλύτερος, η εκκλησία μας γέμισε με ευλαβείς ενορίτες. Συγκινήθηκα ιδιαίτερα από τους πολλούς ανθρώπους που έμειναν πίσω για την Ακολουθία του Ευχελαίου, παρόλο που δεν τελείωσε μέχρι τις 10 το βράδυ και έκανε κρύο και έβρεχε. Είμαστε ευλογημένοι που έχουμε τόσο αφοσιωμένους ανθρώπους να μας εμπνέουν.

Είχαμε την τιμή να έχουμε μαζί μας τον Θεοφιλέστατο Επίσκοπο Σινώπης κ. Σιλουάν στον Μέγα Εσπερινό, τον Όρθρο και την Αρχιερατική Θεία Λειτουργία μαζί με πολλούς ιερείς από άλλους ναούς. Η παρουσία τους έδωσε σε όλους μας μεγάλη χαρά και ευλογία.

Ένα πολύ ιδιαίτερο και εγκάρδιο ευχαριστώ στον Πρόεδρό μας Παύλο Παλαιολόγο και την Εκτελεστική του Επιτροπή μαζί με τις ακούραστες κυρίες Φιλοπτώχο, μέλη της Ομάδας Νέων μας και του Ελληνικού Σχολείου. Θα ήθελα να εκφράσω την ευγνωμοσύνη και τις ευχαριστίες μου σε όλους εσάς για τη δύναμη και τη στήριξή σας και την αγάπη σας για την εκκλησία μας κατά την περίοδο προετοιμασίας αλλά και κατά τη διάρκεια του εορτασμού του πολιούχου μας Προφήτη Ηλία που τόσο αγαπάμε.

Ξέρω ότι όλοι εργαζόμαστε για τη δόξα του Κυρίου μας, Ιησού Χριστού, οπότε είθε να ανταμείψει τον καθένα από εσάς για την αφοσίωσή σας, τη σκληρή δουλειά και την αγάπη σας.

Εξακολουθώ να προσεύχομαι για όλους εσάς στον Κύριό μας και τον Προστάτη μας Προφήτη Ηλία για υγεία, δύναμη και μακροζωία σε όλους σας.

Πατήρ Ιωάννης Χωραΐτης



***Father Ioannis Choraitis will be on leave from 7 August till 8 September.
Father Ioannis Scherstobit will be conducting services and may be
contacted on 0413 640 4777***

CHURCH DONATIONS

Donations for our Parish:

Top Holdings	\$1,500.00
In memory of Dr Emanuel Vlahakis	\$1,000.00
Maroulis Family in memory of Evgenia Maroulis	\$ 200.00
Dr Dimitrios Kosmas	\$ 200.00
Tony Tourlis	\$ 70.00
Peter Hatzopoulos & Family	\$ 50.00
D. Koronis for oil for lamps	\$ 50.00
Anonymous	\$ 500.00
Anonymous	\$ 500.00
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Anonymous	\$ 50.00

Donations for our Ladies Philoptochos:

Dr Dimitrios Kosmas	\$ 200.00
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Donations for the marble tiling of our Parish

Steve Lipapis	\$100.00
Peter Hatzopoulos	\$100.00
Ilias Likouras	\$100.00
Tony Tourlis	\$200.00
Kyriaki Portarianos	\$100.00
Vasiliki Zavos	\$100.00
Anonymous	\$500.00
Anonymous	\$100.00

Donations to the Norwood Ark “Neighbours in Need” Program

Anonymous \$500.00

Heartfelt thanks to our donors for their generosity.

May our Lord grant them and their loved ones good health.

NORWOODS ARK “*Neighbours In Need*”

On the 2nd of August, Norwood’s Ark will be visiting the homeless with donations from our parishioners. We would be most grateful for any donations of foods that you would like to offer. Please see Elia Hatzopoulos for further information.

You can also make a monetary donation to the account below :

Account name:

PROPHET ELIAS GREEK LADIES PHILOPTOHOS SOCIETY

BSB: 065115

Account number: 00903456

Reference: Norwoods Ark Neighbours in Need

Thank you so much

Message from the President of the Executive Committee

Dear Beloved Parishioners, Greetings in Christ.

Our volunteers have worked hard to ensure the success of the recent celebrations of our Patron Saint, Prophet Elias Feast Day. There were many months of planning and preparations from kind people who gave up their precious time. May our Prophet Elias intercede for you all and your families.

We were honoured to have the presence of His Grace, Bishop Silhouan of Sinope at Great Vespers on the 19th of July which also included Holy Unction Service, and then the Matins and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on the 20th. We were also joined by several reverend fathers from other Parishes who co-officiated and brought joy and light to our Parish. It was a delight to see our youth involved in so many areas from designing the beautiful “Hronia Polla” stickers to welcoming parishioners, cooking and serving. It would be amiss of me to not mention the work of our Neokoros Vyron Stavropoulos and the altar boys who so flawlessly assisted His Grace, Father John Choraitis and the visiting clergy. Our beautiful chanters lead by Andrew Psaromatis whose angelic voices filled the Church with melodic grace. We had so many favourable comments about the magnificent floral arrangements and thank Nic Bambacas and Eleni Langanis for their amazing work.

The Feast Day Luncheon was also a great success with the hall full and not a spare chair in sight. The Ladies Philoptochos and the Volunteers cooking outdid themselves especially those cooking outside in the rain and smoke, thank you Stelio Drakoulis, Peter and Jim Antoniou.

With the Feast Day celebrations over we now proceed to the marble tiling of our Church. Yesterday and today our many volunteers assisted in the emptying of our Church to facilitate the laying of the tiles in the next month or so. A makeshift Church will be set up in the hall so that services will continue however there will not be Baptisms and Weddings held only funerals and we will not be able to organise memorial wakes for this period. We ask for your patience and understanding during this period and look forward to how beautiful the Church will look once it is finished. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of the tiling please see myself or the members of the Executive Committee, we would be most grateful for your help.

With love in Christ, Paul Paleologos



YOUTH GROUP

On the 19th of July at the Great Vespers Service of our Prophet Elias Feastday, Zaharoula and Anastasia welcomed local and visiting parishioners at the door with beautifully designed stickers by our Youth Group. It was warming to see the attendance of many youth members of the wider Orthodox community of Adelaide. Additionally our Youth Group

assisted in the festivities on Thursday the 20th of July with the Matins & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, procession and lunch that followed.

On Wednesday the 25th of July, Elia Hatzopoulos gave a talk to our Parish's Youth Group about Saint Mary Magdalene, the Myrrhbearer and equal to the Apostles. Saint Mary Magdalene is commemorated on the 22nd of July. Mary Magdalene's faith and loyalty to our Lord Jesus is a role model that we should mimic and learn from as she was one of only 3 people to stay with Him at His Crucifixion on Golgotha. Elia explained that Saint Mary Magdalene was so faithful that she went to Christ's tomb alone to anoint Him, but was startled when she arrived and found the boulder from His tomb was moved.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In celebration of our Parish Feast day, the children were educated on the life and wisdom of Prophet Elias. The lesson generated discussion regarding Prophet Elias sending fire down from Heaven by faithfully praying to God, whereby the children shared with the class what they ask for in prayer. Answers that were given included asking for forgiveness, help when they are struggling and to give strength to others. An important point made by one of the students was that even if a particular prayer of ours is not answered straightaway, we should continue to pray about it every night because each day brings us closer to God answering our prayer. God bless you.

In Christ always, Zaharoula



GREEK SCHOOLS

Μάθημα Μαγειρικής

MASTER CHEF

Την τελευταία εβδομάδα πριν τις σχολικές διακοπές οι μαθητές του σχολείου δοκίμασαν τις ικανότητές τους στο να μεταφέρουν την γραπτή συνταγή των υλικών σε πρακτική εφαρμογή. Ήταν μια πολύ καλή ευκαιρία να μάθουν το λεξιλόγιο στα ελληνικά καθώς και την μεθοδολογία.

Η συνταγή της εβδομάδας ήταν: **ΚΟΥΡΚΟΥΤΟΠΙΤΑ** ή **ΖΥΜΑ-ΡΟΠΙΤΑ** ή **ΠΙΤΑ** της **ΤΕΜΠΕΛΑΣ** από την **ΗΠΕΙΡΟ**

(Ζαγοροχώρια). Τα υλικά: αλεύρι, λάδι, αυγά, τυρί φέτα.

Καλή σας όρεξη!!!



SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

FUNERALS



The funeral of **Mr Konstantinos Tsecagias** was held in our Parish on 21st of July. Mr Tsecagias was 88 years old. We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr Tsecagias. May God give rest to his soul and comfort his family and loved ones.

Thank you to the parishioners below who donated to the Church in memory of Mr Tsecagias

Louie Langanis & Family	\$50	Evangelos Sfyrios	\$10
John Fessas Family	\$20	Bill Paris Klimentou	\$50
Sevasti Papastamatis Family	\$20	Liberty Carras	\$20
Maria Hatziaikou & Filipos Lisgos	\$40	John Kassara	\$20
Irene & Don Mantalios	\$30	Nick Minocozzi	\$10
Tony Tsaousoglou Family	\$50	Philip Pizimolas	\$20
Ioannis & Christina Asklipenos	\$20	Philimonas Sfyrios	\$10
Kosmas & Irene Toutsis	\$20	Maria Karagiannis	\$20
Angeliki & Irene Sfyrios	\$20	Varvara Langanis	\$20
Dr & Mrs S Malandris	\$20	Irene Englezos	\$10
Tsambika & Vaso Delvisis	\$20	Irene Mantalios	\$10
Maria & Steve Panagiotopoulos	\$20	Michael Georgatzis	\$40
Rosemary & Andrew Kefalianos	\$20	Helen Langanis	\$20
Koufalakis Family	\$30	Fedra & Betty Klementou	\$20
Maria & Michael Lambis	\$10		

Terry & Tsambika Panagiotopoulos



The funeral of Fani Strongilos was held in our Parish on 22nd of July. Fani was 77 years old. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends. May God give rest to her soul and comfort her family and loved ones. Thank you to the Anonymous Parishioner who donated \$20.00 in lieu of flowers for Fani's memory.

WEDDING

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Menelaos Ahillias and Ismini Wong on their wedding on 29th of July. Koumbaro Sotiris Dimitriou. Wishing the happy couple all the very best and also the Koumbaro.



ADULT BAPTISM

On 27th of July, Persis Enam-Verdi was Baptised in our Parish. The Godfather was Matthew Topouzakis. May the newly Baptised Persis be blessed by God in health and happiness and to the Godfather Matthew may you guide and support your Godchild on their road to Christ.



PROPHET ELIAS FEASTDAY CELEBRATION

Some moments from the Feastday celebrations of our Parish of Prophet Elias, featuring Great Vespers, the Matins & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Procession, Holy Unction. Thank you to His Grace Bishop Silhouan of Sinope, Father Ioannis, the Reverend fathers and our Neokoros Stavros and all the altar boys. Heartfelt thanks to all the Members of the Executive, Ladies Philoptochos, Youth, Schools and volunteers who worked so hard before, during and after the celebrations. Thanks also to Cressida O'Hanlon

who represented the Premier and James Stevens MP, Member for Sturt who joined the celebrations.

