

Venerable Elias of Murom, Wonderworker of the Kiev Near Caves (Dec 19)

Saint Elias Muromets of the Caves, nicknamed “Shoemaker” or “Cobbler,” was from the city of Murom. Popular legend identifies him with the famous warrior hero Elias Muromets, who was the subject of Russian ballads and of Gliere’s Symphony No. 3.

St Elias died with the fingers of his right hand formed to make the Sign of the Cross in the position accepted even today in the Orthodox Church: the first three fingers together, and the two outermost fingers folded onto the palm [in contrast to the Sign of the Cross used by the “Old Ritualists”]. During the struggle with the Old Ritualist Schism (seventeenth-nineteenth centuries), this information about the saint served as a powerful proof in favor of the present positioning of the fingers.



(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/12/19/103585-venerable-elias-of-murom-wonderworker-of-the-kiev-near-caves>)

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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December 19, 2021 SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY

COMMEMORATIONS:

OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER GREGENTIUS, BISHOP
OF ETHIOPIA
MARTYRS BONIFACE AND AGLAÏS OF ROME
BONIFACE THE MERCIFUL, BISHOP OF FERENTINO
IN TUSCANY
MARTYRS EUTYCHIOS AND THESSALONICA AND
THEIR COMPANIONS

Tone 1 - Eothinon 4
Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12
Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40
Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 1:1-25

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

APOLYTIKION OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY - Tone 2 - Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Catechism & Coffee Hour
SS Christmas Program 12:30 p.m.

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship
****PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS****

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Dec 26):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn. Justin	MaryLynne B.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Ken Hedrick <small>In Memory of mother, Lena (Passing 53 years ago)</small>	----
USHERS:	Sdn John & Sdn Nick Muz	Steve K. & Ken G.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex, Sarah K.	Nathan, Rebecca & Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra; Zach W.; Dale	Angie; Conor; Nathan, Rebecca, & Teens

Mark Your Calendar:

Circumcision & St. Basil

Friday, December 31
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 pm
Pre-Baptism Prayers

Saturday, January 1
Orthros 9 am
Baptismal Liturgy (Mathe) 10 am
New Years Prayers 11:30 am

Theophany

Wednesday, January 5
Royal Hours 10 am
Vespers Liturgy w/Great Blessing
of Water 6:30 pm
Pre-Baptism Prayers 8 pm

Thursday, January 6
Orthros 9 am
Baptismal Liturgy (McElhinney) 10
am
Great Blessing of Water

Sunday, January 9
Outdoor Blessing of Water
(Lenape Park) 1 pm

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Nicole	+Hieromonk
Sze Tatiana	Panteleimon
Joanne	+Pr. Thomas
Mona-Rebecca	
Patrick	(December Parish
Doris	Diptychs)
John	+Joseph
James	+Richard
Lasha B	+Mary
Otari B	+Demetrius (Jim)
Mark	+Katherine
Nancy-Anna	+Nicholas
Helen	+Gabremariam
Wadieh	+Assaad
Jack	+Doris
Anna	+Michael
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Priest Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u>
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Shaun, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke, Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Michael, Tina
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

OFFERINGS 12/12: Candles, \$500.10. Collections, \$257.81. Flowers, \$50. Youth, \$1. Bookshelf Ministry, \$25. Building Fund, \$2,000. Camping, \$1,000. Christmas Card Fund, \$150. Honorarium Fund, \$2,000. Library, \$35. Mission Chapel, \$577. Needy Fund, \$596.25. Women's Fund, \$75. Hospitality, \$600. Stewardship, \$13,089.52. Total received: \$20,956.68.

We now have 73 pledges totaling \$254,369 or 80.1% of our 2022 goal.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PROSPHORA BAKING CLASS — Mark your calendar!

When: January 29 between 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Where: Great room and kitchen.

Who: Anyone interested in joining the Prospora baking team, please ask for Fr Noah's blessing and then contact Gabi or Catalin Tinjala.

What to bring:

If you have an 9 inch round pan you can bring your pan. Flour, yeast and Prospora stamp will be provided. We will also have the pans with the stamp on the bottom.

The class will cover both types of baking:

1. pan with stamp on the bottom
2. pan without stamp on the bottom (where we are using the wooden stamp)

This Week:

NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES — Nov 15—Dec 24

Tues, Dec 21: 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.

Wed, Dec 22: Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.

Office closed — 12/23 thru 1/5

Friday, Dec 24: Royal Hours 7:45 a.m.
Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil 9 a.m.
Festal Orthros 9:30 pm
Divine Liturgy 11 p.m.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Sat, Dec 25: Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Dec 26: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour

DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION: TURKEYS & HAMS

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”