

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8



TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of Mark 1:1-18



The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist,

and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



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Sunday, January 4th 2015
Sunday before Epiphany



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Sunday Services

January 4th

Holy Trinity: Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Father Matthew
Prophet Elias: Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Father Elias

Weekly Services

January 5th

HT Only – 8:30am Royal Hours/Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil/Service of the Lesser Blessing of the Waters (Father Matthew Officiating; Father Elias Assisting)

January 6th

HT/PE -8:30am Orthros/following Divine Liturgy - Holy Theophany of our Lord/Service of the Greater Blessing of the Waters (Father Matthew at Holy Trinity; Father Elias at Prophet Elias)

January 7th

PE Only – 8:30am Orthros/Following Divine Liturgy - Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist (Father Matthew Officiating; Father Elias Assisting)

Memorials

January 4th

Athena Angelos 1 Year Holy Trinity

January 11th

Alexios V. Rekouniotis 25 Years Holy Trinity
Lanny T Davis 3 Years Prophet Elias
George Paras 3 Years Prophet Elias
Anna Paras 3 Years Prophet Elias

The Family of Mr. Rekouniotis will host Coffee Hour at Holy Trinity

When Scheduling Memorials... Memorials must be scheduled through Fr. Matthew. For inquiries regarding memorials or to schedule one, please contact Fr. Matthew at 801-556-1139 or matthewthepriest@gmail.com.

Prayer List

Bill, Kim, Margaret, Ruth, Stephanie, Steve, Tami, Alexander, Alexis, Tony, Nick, Jill, Margaret, Brooke, Preston, George, Charissa, Madeline, Edie, Sabina, Wendy, Magdy, Eric, Helen, Jordan, Dee, Mihalys, Brent, Marie, Niko, Carol, John, Mary, Christine, Agnes, Irene, Mike

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our very own **Constadinos Himonas** who was nominated by Gov. Gary Herbert to fill a vacancy on the Utah Supreme Court. If confirmed, he would be the only non-Mormon on the state's high court.

Job Position Available

There is a full time position available for an Office Administrator at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Qualified candidates must demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills, be well organized and able to handle multiple tasks. Main duties include weekly bulletins, assisting Clergy, website maintenance, and excellent computer skills. Candidate must be familiar with both Microsoft Word and Excel programs. Send a cover letter and resume to orthodoxy3@gmail.com or contact Cindy Skedros at 801-560-9728.

Job Position Available

There is a part time position available for a Maintenance Assistant for Prophet Elias Church and the LaFrance Apartments. Candidates must be flexible in hours 26-40 per week a plus. Qualified candidates must be able to handle all basic maintenance issues with both facilities. Main duties include cleaning and repair. Send a brief resume to orthodoxy3@gmail.com or contact Cindy Skedros at 801-560-9728.

Live in Caretaker Needed

Live in Caretaker needed for a senior couple. Room and board provided. If you are interested, please call Connie Yengich at [801-793-9393](tel:801-793-9393) or Fr. Elias at 801-556-4640 for further details.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE/AHEPA Scholarship Fundraiser

BASILE the COMEDIAN

January 31, 2015

Holy Trinity

Dinner and Show \$50.00

contact joannesaltas@gmail.com for ticket information

online ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities coming in January

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Monday January 5th at **Prophet Elias** at 6:30pm

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

CELEBRATING THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

We are now in the period of celebration in honor of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There is **NO** fasting through January 4. Please remember that Monday, January 5 is a **STRICT fast** day in preparation for the Feast of Theophany.

The **SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF THEOPHANY** include:

FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY, Monday, January 5, beginning at **8:30am** at Holy Trinity **ONLY**: Royal Hours, Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil, Service of the Lesser Blessing of the Waters (Father Matthew Officiating; Father Elias Assisting).

HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, Tuesday, January 6, beginning at **8:30am** at Holy Trinity **AND Prophet Elias**: Orthros followed immediately by Divine Liturgy, Service of the Greater Blessing of the Waters (Father Matthew at Holy Trinity; Father Elias at Prophet Elias).

SYNAXIS OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, Wednesday, January 7, beginning at **8:30am** at Prophet Elias **ONLY**: Orthros followed immediately by Divine Liturgy, (Father Matthew Officiating; Father Elias Assisting).

ON BLESSING OUR HOMES WITH THE WATERS OF THEOPHANY

The Orthodox Church teaches that we do not have two separate lives—a secular one and a spiritual one—but one life, and that all of it must be holy. We must not be Christians for just a few hours on Saturday and Sunday, spending the rest of our life godlessly, that is to say, without God. The person who has united with Christ in the sacrament of baptism cannot be a part-time Christian, but must be faithful to Christ everywhere and at all times—in church, at work, at home, in relationships with other Christians, and in those with non-Christians—we must be faithful to Christ in the fullness of our life. The Holy Orthodox Church teaches us that a temple is not only a building in which we worship, but that we are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16); that the Body of Christ is not only that of which we partake at the Divine Liturgy, but that we are the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27). And just as the Gifts of the Eucharist are treated with reverence and kept in sanctified vessels in the altar, so should every Christian's life be full of reverence and sanctity not only during a church service, but likewise outside the walls of the temple. A Christian's home must become a small temple, work—labor for the glory of God, and family—a small Church. The Orthodox Church helps her children strive for holiness in their lives and brings sanctification to every Christian home—a small temple. The Church blesses the very foundation of a home in the same way that it blesses the foundation of a church, it blesses a new Christian home in the same way that it blesses a new temple, and yearly, after the blessing of a parish temple with the water of Theophany, the Church brings this holy water into the homes of the faithful. The prayers for the blessing of a temple are different from those for the blessing of a home, because the function of a home is different from that of a temple, but the sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit is one. And just as in the baptism of our Lord all of creation is washed clean and sanctified, every year after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Orthodox Christians sanctify themselves and their homes with the water of Theophany. The Church teaches us to sanctify everything: dwellings, places of work, all our pursuits, and the fruits of our labor. And just as a temple and sacred vessels, once sanctified and set aside for sacred use, can no longer be used for anything profane, in the same way a Christian washed in the baptismal waters, and his home, and all his works can no longer be the dwelling of sin and the works of Satan, but only and always—the temple of the Holy Spirit and the fulfillment of the will of our Heavenly Father. This is why the Orthodox Church blesses everything that can be found in a Christian home; and if something is not worthy of being blessed, then there should not be a place for it in the home of a Christian.

I humbly encourage each and every family of this parish to have their home blessed with the sanctified waters of Holy Theophany. Please call me at your earliest convenience to arrange this.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 4

Mindful that many of our parish families may be traveling during the holidays, there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 28. Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 4. I encourage all families who are not traveling this week to attend Sunday worship services.

Humbly in Christ, Father Matthew

SAVE THE DATE

March 7th, 2015. The Hellenic Cuisine Academy celebrates its 5th year in 2015 with cookbook author and Mediterranean food expert Stephanie Patsalis. The evening will begin with a cooking demonstration followed by a salmon dinner and book signing. Tickets may be purchased starting on **December 1st**. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a table for this event, please contact Vickie Peters at [801-262-3233](tel:801-262-3233).

Attention: Daughters of Minos

The Daughters of Minos would like to invite all members to the next meeting on **January 20th at 4:00 p.m.** at **Prophet Elias small gym**. We will cut the Vasilopita and swear in our Officers for the term **2015-2017**. KriKri will have practice and accept new registrations. Any children in 1st-3rd Grade are welcome to participate at the KriKri dance group. Guidelines and registration will be discussed in detail during our meeting in January and February or you can call Roula Sargetakis at [801-466-6533](tel:801-466-6533) for any questions.

Thank you,
Roula Sargetakis
President, Daughter of Minos



KALH XPONIA 2015!!

The Young at Heart will celebrate the **New Year** on Thursday **January 8th 2015!!** Our menu will be barbecued pork chops, baked potato, vegetable, salad, wine & the ever popular **BINGO!!** Bring a New Years dessert if you like. We hope you all have a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Stephanie Papanikolas Memorial Scholarship U of U Spring Semester 2015 Applications

Applications for the Stephanie Papanikolas Memorial Scholarship for the Spring Semester 2015 for students attending the University of Utah are now available in the offices at both Holy Trinity and Prophet Elias. Applicants must submit completed applications to Fr. Matthew before February 1, 2015. There will be two scholarships of \$500 awarded.

Youth Ministry Information

Thank you everyone who participated in helping raise money and goods for the Road Home! Your generous donations will help those in need during this time of year when help is needed the most. On behalf of our Youth we express our gratitude and appreciation for all your generous and thoughtful contributions and support! We have drawn the names of the winners for the third week of December and they are Dimitri Giamalakis, Kristy Papas, Mila Paulos Mike Manousakis, Bob & Maria Nelson, Nicholas Galloway. Congratulations to our winners. Watch for next week winners.

Blessing of The Waters

January 6th Blessing of the waters at Sugar House Park at **3:30pm** at the Fabian Lakeside Pavilion near the pond dress warm. After blessing of the waters we will meet at the Pi Pizzeria on 200 South East of 1300 East.

Happy New Year!

My Dear Beloved Children,

I hope that you and all your families had a very Blessed and Holy Nativity celebration. I would like to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year with continued growth in our Lord. Another New Year has dawned and God has given to us this brand New Year that we may look ahead to with a sense of anticipation and excitement towards the new things God wants to do in our lives. As this New Year dawns let us give thought to this new time frame and the goals we can plan to make that will serve Christ and His Kingdom in a greater way. Let us give thought to how we can make this New Year one that richly counts for Christ and which will make it a very spiritually rewarding and productive year. Let us fix our eyes on Our Lord in 2015 and be transformed in His likeness and not be distracted by the things of this world. We have everything we need to help us along the way. We have the testimony of the saints who have given us the example to follow along with Christ. We have The Word of God in the scriptures. We have the opportunity to come together as the Body of Christ to worship and pray. Let us aim higher, reach further, dream bigger, and believe stronger. Let this coming be a year of great spiritual advancement and achievements and one that makes a difference in your life and those around you. Reach out to your family and friends to give and share your time and talents. Let this be the kind of year we can look back on and view as one of the best years of our lives because of our spiritual growth in our Lord. Christ through His Birth offers us new life and salvation. Let us celebrate it with great joy in this New Year and always.

May you all receive the abundant and rich blessings of our Lord at the beginning of this New Year as we offer Him glory and honor unto the ages of ages! Happy New Year!

Rev. Fr. Elias Koucos

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Annual Vasilopita Sunday

January 11, 2015

Following Liturgy at Holy Trinity

Please join us in celebration of the New Year and purchase one of the beautiful and tasty Vasilopita's, and everyone's favorite Loukomades! If you would like to donate a Vasilopita, please bring it to the Hall that morning. Proceeds from the Vasilopita will go to benefit St. Basils Academy and the St. Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Yengich at [801.793.9393](tel:801.793.9393).



Project Recognize

The Daughters of Penelope is continuing Project Recognize. This project seeks to recognize women of Hellenic descent/Phil-Hellenes/Daughters of Penelope who served or currently serve in any branch, or in any capacity of the military and the Peace Corps. Please send the names to Joanne Saltas via email at joannesaltas@gmail.com by **February 21, 2015**.