

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40



Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put

foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of John 1:43-51



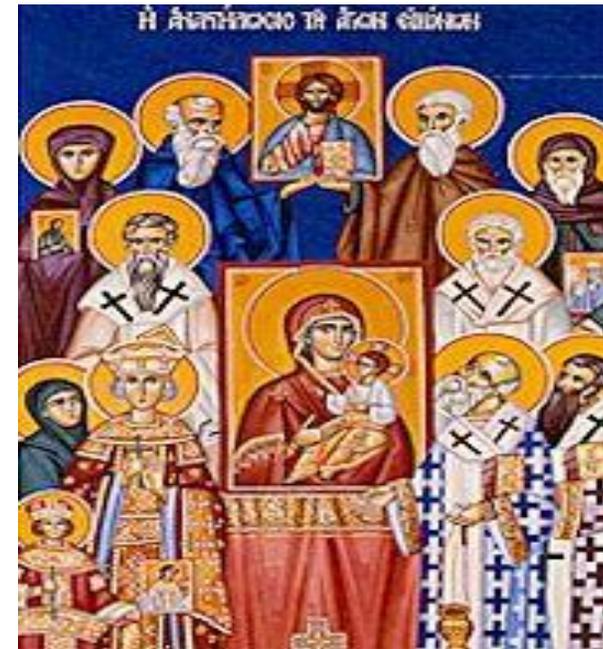
At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered

him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



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Sunday, March 1st 2015
Sunday of Orthodoxy



To contact our clergy, please call the numbers listed below:

Reverend Father Matthew Gilbert: 801-556-1139

Reverend Father Elias Koucos: 801-556-4640

Reverend Father George Politis (retired)

Holy Trinity Cathedral: 279 S. 300 W. SLC, UT 84101, (801) 328-9681
Prophet Elias Church: 5335 Highland Dr. Holladay, UT 84117, (801) 277-2693

Sunday Services

March 1st

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

Weekly Services

March 4th

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Trinity Only: 6:00pm Father Matthew Officiating & Father Elias assisting

March 6th

2nd Salutations to the Theotokos

Holy Trinity: Orthros 6:30pm/Divine Liturgy 8:30pm Father Elias
Prophet Elias: Orthros 6:30pm/Divine Liturgy 8:30pm Father Matthew

Memorials

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

Alexander, Tony, Georgia, Tino, MaryAnn, Anthony, Kelly

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list you can do so by calling the main office at Holy Trinity at 801-328-9681.

Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting at Prophet Elias on **Monday, March 2nd at 7:00pm.**

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

If you want something added to the bulletin, please remember: the information needs to be sent directly to our email (orthodoxy3@gmail.com) by **12:00pm** every **Wednesday** as we do have a **deadline**. We encourage you to keep your bulletin announcements to one simple paragraph with contact information. Please keep in mind if you've already sent an entry for the bulletin we will mindfully repeat it in the bulletin until it is outdated. Along with this, due to space limitations, we will only run each entry for four weeks prior to an events date.

SAVE THE DATE

Share the love Breakfast fundraiser for Saint Sophia School on **Sunday, March 29th** Immediately after services at both **Holy Trinity** and **Prophet Elias**. We appreciate all your love and support.

The William D. Cocorinis Scholarship

This \$1000 scholarship is available to University of Utah students in good standing with an academic emphasis in Modern or Ancient Greek Language, History or Culture. Preference will be given first, to students of merit who are engaged in the study of Modern Greek and second, to students of merit who are otherwise engaged in Hellenic Studies. Application deadline: 5:00 pm on **Friday, March 20th, 2015**. For information contact Mrs. A. Angelides at 801-281.3311

Housing Needed

Housing needed for a final year Medical Student at the University of Utah who is Orthodox from Syria through the month of March 2015. Please call Father Elias [801-556-4640](tel:801-556-4640) if you are able to help or have any suggestions in helping find accommodations for this student.

Thank you, Rev. Fr. Elias Koucos

Reminder

This **Sunday, March 1, 2015** is Sunday of Orthodoxy. All kids in Sunday school please remember to bring your icons for the icon procession. There will be Sunday school following.

 *Holy Trinity Philoptochos Membership Tea* 

To our wonderful ladies in Philoptochos and to those interested in becoming a member...

Please join us for our annual event as we welcome new members and also, take this opportunity to show our appreciation for our current members' ongoing dedication to serving our community!

Saturday, March 7th

10:00am-12:30pm

Cottonwood Country Club

1780 E Lakewood Drive

Holladay, UT

A continental breakfast will be served.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

For questions/information please contact:

Georgia Katsohirakis 801-635-4345/gkatsoh@msn.com
Christy Daskalakis [801-558-1310](tel:801-558-1310) / christydask@gmail.com

Youth Group Events
GODPARENT SUNDAY

It's Godparent Sunday at **Prophet Elias, March 8th**. Plan to attend church with your godchild.

Jr. /Sr. Oratorical Festival

Sunday March 8th. New this year-- we are combining the event with both Sunday School programs. The Oratorical Festival will take place at Prophet Elias. There will be **no Sunday school at Holy Trinity**. Philoptochos will host lunch afterwards. Please come support our youth! Any questions, please call Paul Karahalios at [801.870.1514](tel:801.870.1514) or Elenie Sefandonakis at [801.718.7515](tel:801.718.7515). More details to follow.

"Lord Jesus our God, help us to hear your voice, to accept your challenge, and to follow you in the way of your kingdom."

My Dear Beloved Youth,

We are about to begin our annual journey through Great Lent and the Great Fast. During Great Lent, our Holy Orthodox Church has prepared for us a banquet of holy services to help in our journey to Christ's Holy Resurrection and to replace the banquets and parties that are dominant in our lives the rest of the year. Let our focus turn to Christ and come as His Holy Body to worship, with the services provided and to start the fast, to read scripture and to increase our prayer life. As our diets change to help us focus on these things that need to change in our lives during this period, let us turn to Christ and His Church. Let us turn toward Him and away from the worldly desires and look inward and outward. Inward through the services and ascetic disciplines and to look outward through acts of love, philanthropy and charity to all our neighbors. Let our fast help feed those in need and not merely replace hamburger with shrimp. Let our worship bring us closer in love to each other. Let the reading of scripture fill our hearts with joy and let our prayers bring peace in our world. Let us accept the challenge and hear Him calling to us and grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord. My prayer is for a very Holy and Blessed Lenten Journey that is very spiritually edifying and rewarding for you and all your families.

In His Love and Service,
God Bless Fr. Elias

There is a parishioner in need of furniture. If you are interested in donating, call the church office at 801-328-9681, or email orthodoxy3@gmail.com.

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 are on sale now. 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).



Please be advised: at this time a parking sticker must be displayed on your front windshield in your lower corner. If it is not visible you may receive a ticket while parking in the lot. Parking stickers are available in both Church offices and in the Narthexes. If you have received a parking ticket you can take it to the front office at Holy Trinity and we will take care of it. Thank you for your cooperation.

AXIA!

"Wall of Fame"

Honoring Women at the Pancretan National Convention in Salt Lake City
As part of the Women's AXIA night during the Pancretan National Convention, we are asking you to contribute photos or collages of important and influential women who have contributed to the Cretan Community (for example, mothers, grandmothers, aunts). These will be displayed prominently at the venue, along with a short statement about the woman (or women).
Please submit a photo (or collage of photos), unframed, in an 9 x 12 inch format, along with a statement about the woman or women pictured, no longer than 200 words. Please note that photos and collages will not be returned.

Contact Elleni Katsanevas at: [801897-0130](tel:8018970130) to submit entries or, send to:

Elleni Katsanevas

3685 South Lincoln Park Drive

Salt Lake City, UT. 84115

DEADLINE April 15, 2015

Each submission must be submitted with a \$5 entry fee.

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart will be having their monthly luncheon on **Thursday March 12th** at the Memorial Hall at noon. Our menu will be spaghetti with tomato sauce, vegetable, salad, roll and some wine, coffee with dessert. We hope to see all of you there for good food and good company.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATTHEW

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Today we celebrate the final ending of the Iconoclast controversy and the definitive restoration of the holy Icons to the churches by the Empress Theodora, acting as regent for her young son, Michael III. This took place on the first Sunday in Lent, March 11, 843. This feast of Orthodoxy is above all a celebration in honor of the martyrs and confessors who struggled and suffered for the Faith; hence its appropriateness for the season of Lent, when we are striving to imitate the martyrs by means of our ascetic self-denial.

At the CONCLUSION of Divine Liturgy this morning, EVERYONE is invited to process around the nave of the church displaying our ICONS as our priests, altar servers and parish faithful celebrate the TRIUMPH and RESTORATION OF ICONS in our Orthodox Church worldwide.

THIS EVENING there will *not* be Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Prophet Elias. *Instead*, for all those interested in attending, we will gather at Saints Peter and Paul at 6pm to celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers.

HOW SHOULD WE OBSERVE THE GREAT FAST?

Fasting and prayer are a means of embellishing our soul and bringing it back to its original state. We must strive, with God's help, to attain the traits of Christ the Savior. We know that He was meek, humble, and good, and we must try to imitate Him. However, we have no strength to do this by ourselves; therefore we must ask the Lord for help. It is impossible for the light bulb to give us light without electrical power, and it is impossible for us to live without God; as He Himself said, "Without Me, you can do nothing".

Let us continue to take advantage of the many opportunities we have to attend the weekly Lenten Services, for they can teach us much about repentance and return to God: on MONDAYS: Great Compline; on WEDNESDAYS: the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; on FRIDAYS: Salutations to the Theotokos.

Below are this week's upcoming services at Holy Trinity and/or Prophet Elias:

MONDAY, MARCH 2: Great Compline, 6pm, at Prophet Elias only;

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6pm, at Holy Trinity only;

FRIDAY, MARCH 6: 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos, 6:30pm, at both churches;

PLEASE SEE ME FOR HOLY CONFESSION!

We cannot take God's mercy for granted, for our Lord is not only a loving Father but also a righteous Judge. Each of us will receive recompense for our actions. So may we all hearken to the voice of the Church, inviting us, urging us to "set out with joy upon the season of the Fast, and prepare ourselves for spiritual combat", that cleansed by fasting and the works of repentance, we may be led back into Paradise, into the everlasting joy of our Lord and Savior. Please call me to arrange a time for the Sacrament of Confession!

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS LENTEN RETREAT PLANNING MEETING

This year, we will not have a Holy Friday Youth Retreat. INSTEAD, we will offer a SATURDAY OF LAZARUS LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, April 4 at Prophet Elias beginning around 11am. At this time, I am asking all individuals (Sunday School teachers as well as any parish faithful) who would like to assist in the Saturday of Lazarus Retreat to attend a PLANNING MEETING this Thursday, March 5 at 6:30pm in the Prophet Elias Small Gym. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to assist in our retreat, please let me know by calling me on my cell phone (556-1139).

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Our TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be held this Tuesday, March 3, at 10:30am, at the Little America Coffee Shop. We have had wonderful participation and I warmly encourage our faithful to attend!

If you would like to receive my bi-weekly FEED MY SHEEP e-message, and/or if you would also like to receive my bi-monthly CROSS+WALK newsletter (this can be emailed or mailed), you may call, text, or write me at 801-556-1139 or matthewthepriest@gmail.com.

GODPARENT SUNDAY AT PROPHET ELIAS

Godparent Sunday at Prophet Elias will take place *next* Sunday, March 8 and I encourage everyone to take part in this special day on which a brief, yet special, prayer service will be offered. The Godparent is a very important person in the Baptismal Service and in the life of the baptized Orthodox Christian. It is the Godparent who rejects the devil, accepts Christ, and who makes the profession of faith on behalf of the individual. Thus, the role of the Godparent is a sacred one. Given the sacredness of this spiritual relationship, a Godparent must live his or her life according to the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church and participate regularly in the services and sacraments of the Church. One cannot profess the truth and beauty of the Faith without first actively living it – this applies, of course, to all of us, not just Godparents!

*Humbly in Christ,
Father Matthew*

Camp Emmanuel Registration Opens Feb. 25th

Attention Junior and Senior GOYA'ns:

The Annual Camp Emmanuel Retreat is beginning preparations.

Register and enjoy fellowship with other Orthodox Christian Youth and build lifelong friendships. Camp Emmanuel will be held at Manzano Mountain Retreat in Torreon, NM, near Albuquerque. The Junior Session (ages 11-14) will be held June 7-13, while the Senior Session (ages 15-18) will take place June 14-20. Online Registration for

Camp Emmanuel will open on Wednesday, February 25th and be available at: www.events.denver.goarch.org/?eventId=51&controller=event&task=individualRegister the deadline for early registration at a reduced rate is April 1st, and the final

registration deadline is May 1, 2015. Register and enjoy an opportunity to learn and grow in an Orthodox Christian community atmosphere.

Register early and take advantage of the early bird discount.

Any questions please call Fr. Elias [801.556.4640](tel:801.556.4640)