

Epistle Reading

St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12



BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of Matthew 18:23-35



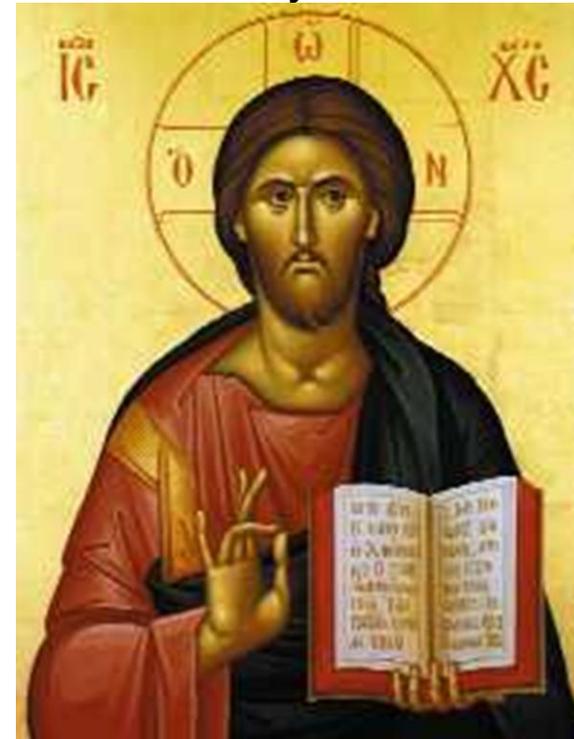
The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow

servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."



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Sunday, August 16th 2015
11th Sunday of Matthew



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Sunday Services

August 16th, 2015
Holy Trinity:

11th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

August 23rd, 2015
Holy Trinity:

12th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

Weekday Services

No services for the Week of August 17th

Memorials

August 16th, 2015

Gus Katis	40 Days	Holy Trinity
Matina Katis	5 Years	Holy Trinity
Mary Katis	6 years	Holy Trinity
Amelia Katis Kartchner	3 years	Holy Trinity
Chris Alexander	40 Days	Holy Trinity
Peter (Panagiotis) Gamvroulas	3 Years	Holy Trinity
Ruth Kalodimos	5 Years	Holy Trinity
Michael Kalodimos	38 Years	Holy Trinity
Kosta Kalodimos	44 Years	Holy Trinity
George Kalodimos	23 Years	Holy Trinity
Katherine Kalodimos	70 Years	Holy Trinity
Kostas Kalodimos	94 Years	Holy Trinity

August 23rd, 2015

George Zambos	40 Days	Holy Trinity
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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

Steve, Tami, Mariane, Rose Marie, Madelina, Preston, Charissa, Tami Christian, Stavroula, Timothy, Rosie, Holly, JoAnne, Alex, Victoria, Patricia, Aleko, Kosta, Vassiliki, Mary, Kaison, Steven, Bill, Mary, Barbara, Amanda, Janie, Chuck, Barbara

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.

WE WANT YOUR CLIPS!

If you have any pictures from any of our Greek Festival's from 1975-2014, WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO SHARE THEM! We will be creating a slide show for our 40th Anniversary. Please scan and email them to our church email at orthodoxy3@gmail.com, or come in and we can scan them for you. Thank you!

Parish Council News

- Next Parish Council meeting **August 24th** at Prophet Elias 6:30pm in the Board Room.



Young at Heart Luncheon

The Young at Heart luncheon will be on Thursday **August 20th** at the Hellenic Memorial Hall at noon. The menu will be, roast leg of lamb, spanakopita, vegetable, salad, roll and wine. Bring a dessert if you like. Remember this is the third **Thursday** in August. See you all there

GOYA CAR SHOW FOR

August 22nd PE Parking Lot HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO THE PROPHET ELIAS Renovation

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

Dear Faithful in Christ,

1. Living for Christ

Having just celebrated the Falling Asleep of the Most Holy Theotokos, I am reminded of a particular petition that is offered by the priest for the people of God: During the Divine Liturgy, we pray for a “Christian end to our life, painless, unashamed and peaceful, and for a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ”. We are reminded that Christ will come again as judge, and we will all stand before His judgment seat. We will be called to account for our lives, our actions, our words. And so we ask for a Christian end to our life. In other words, we ask that we may be found faithful until the end. But if we want to die like Christians, we must live like Christians. None of us knows when death will come upon us; we must always be ready for it. And the only way to be ready for it is to live a life of perpetual repentance; a life in which we humble ourselves before God; in which we struggle to learn love and forgiveness, patience, and goodness; a life that does not live for itself but that finds its fulfillment and joy in God and His Kingdom.

Christ tells us that the Kingdom of God is like a pearl of enormous value. When someone finds it and realizes its worth, he sells everything he has in order to obtain the pearl. At the Divine Liturgy, we are reminded that what is more important than anything in this world, more valuable than anything in life, more precious than life itself, is the Kingdom of God. If we sacrifice everything for that Kingdom, we will find that we have not really sacrificed anything at all, but rather, we will have gained something more precious than anything in the world. We will have gained eternal life, the life of God and His Kingdom, which shall have no end. To help you and your family on your spiritual walk in Christ, I ask each of you to invite me, your unworthy priest, into your lives by allowing me to be – both in word and in deed – truly your family’s spiritual father.

2. SPECIAL PRAYER FOR STUDENTS GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

TODAY at Holy Trinity, I will be offering a special prayer for all students – young and old – who will be returning to school in these coming days, that their secular education may be sanctified and blessed by the Lord our God. Please come onto the solea when I invite all students to come forward for this prayer.

3. SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you are interested in teaching SUNDAY SCHOOL this year, I encourage you to please contact me, or Elenie Sefandonakis (Holy Trinity), or Paul Karahalios (Prophet Elias) at your earliest convenience. We look forward to welcoming all new and returning teachers and students into our Sunday school family this year! It is said, “As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined”. In Orthodoxy, that is translated to, “What the child learns, the adult does not abandon”. Let us all, therefore, make the spiritual lives of our young people the ultimate priority! Allow me to re-print and share with you the following excerpt that was written by Father Athanasios Mitilinaios (+ 2006). No matter how often I read this, it truly causes me to *reflect* and to *think*. I ask for your forgiveness in advance if it offends anyone, as it is not my intention to offend, but simply to present this spiritual perspective. Father Mitilinaios writes:

“Influenced by the Christianity of the West, our church communities today are mainly preoccupied with the provision of social activities for the youth, where the young people can

have fun and play sports and video games. However, do we cultivate a spirit of repentance through these things, or do we limit ourselves to basketball or other tournaments? It is nice to have videos and spiritual movies to keep our children off the streets. But do we cultivate the spirit of *salvation*? From the moment that we fail to create a spirit of repentance along with these activities, then it is more than obvious that the church is no longer on the right path. It is off course; it has been influenced. It has espoused the Western mentality, which does not renew its members. This is most unfortunate and most of us fail to see this. Truthfully speaking, a church that keeps and maintains the spirit of repentance as priority, stressing precisely that spirit to the faithful—this church is walking the true path, because by doing so, souls are being earned for the Kingdom of God.”

4. IT’S TIME FOR SPECIAL BLESSING OF OUR PETS

On Wednesday, September 2 at noon at Prophet Elias, I will offer a special blessing service for the protection of our FAMILY PETS and ANIMALS in honor of SAINT MAMAS, who is commemorated on this day and is one of the beloved patron saints of animals. I will be outside at the FRONT DOORS of Prophet Elias from noon until 1pm for those who may want to bring their pets for blessing. This has been a favorite occasion for many of our parish faithful, and I look forward to blessing even more animals this year.

5. SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For those who are eagerly awaiting the TUESDAY MORNING Bible Study at the Little America Coffee Shop, we will most likely resume studying the Book of Revelation beginning Tuesday, September 22. For those who wish to partake in a bi-weekly EVENING spiritual enrichment gathering, I will be offering WALKING IN THE SPIRIT: WISDOM FROM THE HOLY FATHERS beginning the third week in September. More information regarding these spiritual offerings coming soon!

6. ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Soon I will be preparing the ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE for both Holy Trinity and Prophet Elias, which families should be receiving during the first few days in September. I will be taking last year’s names of Altar Servers and including them into this year’s new schedules (*except* if a parent contacts me and tells me otherwise, or if he is newly-graduated from high school. So parents, please let me know if your son does not wish to be an Altar Server this year.) If your son is not yet an Altar Server but he WOULD LIKE to be included on either the Holy Trinity or Prophet Elias Altar Servers Schedule, please let me know as soon as possible! I can be reached on my cell phone at 556-1139.

7. FEED MY SHEEP E-MESSAGE

If you would like to receive my weekly FEED MY SHEEP e-message, please let me know by calling, texting, or writing me at [801-556-1139](tel:801-556-1139) or matthewthepriest@gmail.com.

*Humbly in Christ,
Father Matthew*

YOUTH WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Accepting Criticism - Examining Ourselves

Proverbs 10:18

“Instruction guards righteous ways of life, but instruction incapable of criticism goes astray.”

My Dear Beloved Youth,

None of us like criticism. It's often unsolicited and rarely fun. Many times, we reject our critic's words because of the harsh spirit in which they may be spoken. The exception is obviously derogatory comments or bullying, which should not be tolerated and reported.

Yet God can take even a wrong attitude, bad timing, or harsh tone of voice and still tell us something we need to hear. That's why we are wise to pay attention when someone critiques us. Invited or not, criticism forces us to examine ourselves and take notice of weak areas. This helps us discover who we really are and avoid unnecessary mistakes. If we fail to listen, our potential for mental, emotional, and spiritual growth is limited.

While not all opinions are valid, it's important to respond well and evaluate criticism correctly. First, do not immediately reject the comment, blame the person, or defend yourself. Instead, consider what was said and ask God if He's trying to tell you something. Then, thank the person for his interest in your growth, and explain that you'll reflect on his observation. If he was sincere, he'll be appreciative, but if his intentions were negative, this will disarm him. Next, evaluate the criticism and determine what exactly is under scrutiny—your beliefs, your character, your behavior, or God? Finally, view this as an opportunity for growth, and, if necessary, apologize to the person you've offended.

Jesus died on the cross for our sake, so we as Orthodox Christians are certain of His love and approval. When we remember this, the disapproval of others will take on less significance and cause less hurt. Then, as we learn to respond correctly, we will be blessed to find ourselves growing

In His Love and Service,

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Dear Parishioners;

We'd like to extend our apologies for the delay in reopening of Prophet Elias. Once the carpet and pews were removed, it was evident that the walls had not been cleaned in more than 20 years. We explored painting the brick and opted to steam clean it instead. Also the company that had been hired in the past to clean the chandeliers is no longer in business so we've been scrambling to determine how to best clean them. In the meantime, all of the windows have been re-caulked and the light bulbs have been replaced with LED bulbs, which will result in a considerable operational savings. The steam cleaning is underway and we hope to soon be able to paint the ceiling, lay the new carpet and re-install and clean the pews.

While in the past we have held services in the gym, with festival preparations underway and a shortage of manpower, we made the difficult decision to hold services at only one church.

Again, our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. We believe the improvements will be well worth the wait. We hope to be back in the church for services on Sunday, September 6th. In the meantime, we hope to see you all at Holy Trinity Cathedral for Sunday services and to celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary on Saturday, August 15th.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.
-Your Parish Council

PANAHAIKOS SOCIETY

The Panahaikos Society will be having its annual family picnic at George Miller's home at 1312 Harvard Ave. on **Sunday August 30TH** at **5:00 p.m.** Menu will be steak, pilafi, corn on the cob and salad, side dishes and desserts are welcome. Please RSVP will George at 801-244-8587. We hope to see you there.

YOUNG AT HEART WENDOVER TRIP

Come recoup and relax after the Greek Festival!! The Young at Heart will be going to Wendover, Nevada on Thursday **September 17th**. Leave Prophet Elias at **8:30 a.m.**

Leave Memorial Building **9:00 a.m.** leave Wendover **5:00 p.m.** Only serious participants RSVP with Bill Kandas 801-272-1906 or Bill Rekouniotis 801-673-0424. Cost \$15.00. Get \$7.00 back and a **FREE BUFFET!**



AHEPA'S BARBEQUE

A Community BBQ sponsored by AHEPA is scheduled for **today** Sunday, **August 16th**, 2015 at the **Prophet Elias Pavilion**. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**. Menu will include: Lamb, and Chicken on the Spit, as well as Pilafi, Corn on the Cob,

Salata and Watermelon. Desserts will be provided by the Daughters of Penelope. Music, Food and Fun cost **\$20** for Adults / **\$10** for Children (12 and under). Proceeds go toward Scholarships. This year's recipients of the six \$1000 scholarships offered by the SLC AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope chapters will be announced at the picnic. Social Hour starts at 5 and we will serve food by 6. You are welcome to come earlier to play cards. Please mark your calendars. If you have questions, please call **Chris Floor**: 801-450-2105.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
DESSERT & DIAPERS

Please bring a dessert for the Scholarship Picnic to be held **today** Sunday, **August 16th**, 2015 on the PE Grounds. Social **5:00 pm**. Meal **6:00 pm**. Everyone invited.

The DOP of SLC will be collecting much needed disposable diapers for the Food Bank. Please bring them (any size) to the picnic.



THE SOCIETY OF ATHANASIOS DIAKOS

Annual Family Barbecue

Sunday **August 23rd** at **5:00pm**

Where: **Fairmont Park**

(2361 South 900 East North Bowery)

Menu: New York Strip Steak, patates, corn, salata, & roll

Cost:

Adults **\$15.00**

Children Under 12: **\$10.00**



FESTIVAL FOOD PREP SCHEDULE

FOOD ITEM	CHAIRMAN	PREP DATES
Baklava	Fran Matragos and Connie Yengich	August 18, 19 & 20
Tyropites	Stephanie Pappas	August 22-23
Galatopita		Aug 21
Pasta Flora	Cindy Skedros and Connie Yengich	August 29-30
Karithopita	Zeta Tsagaris	September 5-6

SALT LAKE GREEK FESTIVAL 2015

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13



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2015 GRAND PRIZE

WIN YOUR CHOICE OF A
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or a 250 GLK (Diesel Model)
(Only ONE vehicle is awarded)



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Donation: \$100.00
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Prize drawing will be Sunday at 7 p.m.
Ticket holder need not be present to win.

Provided by Ken Garff's Mercedes Benz
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