

Epistle Reading

St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24

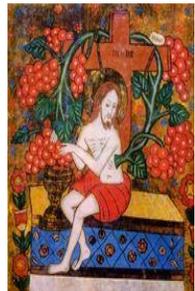


BRETHREN, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the

Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of Matthew 21:33-42



The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the

heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?'"



Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake
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Sunday, August 30th 2015
13th Sunday of Matthew



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

August 30th, 2015

13th Sunday of Matthew

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

September 6th, 2015

14th Sunday of Matthew

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

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

Weekday Services

September 1st, 2015

Blessing of Waters - Beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year

Holy Trinity (only): Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

September 2nd, 2015

Prophet Elias (only): 5:30pm **Blessing of the Pets in Honor of Saint Mamas**
Fr. Matthew

September 8th, 2015

Nativity of the Theotokos

Holy Trinity (only): Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

September 9th, 2015

Akathist to Saints Joachim and Anna, Holy

Holy Trinity (only): 10:00am **Protectors of Families** Fr. Matthew

September 11th, 2015

September 11th Remembrance Prayer Service

Holy Trinity (only): 12:00pm **and Litany for Peace in the World** Fr. Matthew

Memorials

No memorial for Sunday August 30th & September 6th

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, Joan, Mitchell

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.

Vasiliko for September 14th

We need Vasiliko, (basil) for The Elevation of The Holy Cross on September 14th. Please bring your extra basil to either church on Monday Sept. 14th. Thank you.

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 call George at 801-244-8587. We hope to see you there.

FESTIVAL PREPERATION REMAINING

FOOD ITEM	CHAIRMAN	PREP DATES
Pasta Flora	Cindy Skedros and Connie Yengich	August 29-30
Karithopita	Zeta Tsagaris	September 5-6

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have included a list of Festival Chairman for this year. If you would like to volunteer in a specific area you enjoy, please give them a call. Thank you and see you at Festival!

CONGRATULATIONS

Nicholas Paulos for signing with the AEK Athens basketball team.

"I am very excited to start my professional career playing in Greece," Paulos said. "It is a tremendous opportunity for me to play at this level and has always been a dream of mine. Being that my family comes from Greece, there is added value in going back to play there as well."

Accounting/Bookkeeping Position Available

Immediate opening available for a part time 25-29 hour Accounting Assistant position. Located at the Holy Trinity Cathedral office. Requirements are as follows; Highly knowledgeable with all facets of QuickBooks, QuickBooks class coding, bank reconciliation, payroll processing, accounts payable, accounts receivable, invoicing, report processing, and other minor duties. If you meet these qualifications, please send a Resume to Connie Yengich at conniegoc@gmail.com. Interviews will not begin until September 21, 2015. Please contact Connie at 801-328-9681 or cell phone 801-793-9393 for all inquiries. We look forward to hearing from you.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

Dear Faithful in Christ,

NEVER NEGLECT PRAYER

A working couple once asked a holy priest, “Father, when at night we return very tired to our home, we don’t have the desire for prayer”.

“How do you have the desire to eat? Just as you don’t neglect food, no matter how tired you are, all the more so – and even more so – you should never neglect the food of the soul: communicating with God. Don’t ever neglect prayer. At the table, in the morning, in the evening, at night. Especially, don’t neglect to read Compline for any reason, no matter how occupied and tired you are. It is a matter of self-sacrifice and mainly of love. When a certain person, beloved by you, calls you up very late at night, how is it that despite your tiredness, you hook yourselves to the receiver and, furthermore, sometimes one and two hours, without being impatient, but, on the contrary, you rejoice?”

ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS

A Church Father once said this to parents: You have children in your care, for whom you bear responsibility before God. Your job is to instill in them a taste for the good and to teach them to understand what goodness (holiness) is, and what sin and evil are.

A NEW ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR – SEPTEMBER 1

From God comes all good things. But God respects man’s self-determination, his self-will and his freedom and forces no one to believe and to follow His way. God does this because He Himself created man free. While Divine Grace acts as the primary and chief factor and element in the work of man’s salvation, it does not coerce man nor infringe upon man’s free will. With the beginning of the NEW ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR this Tuesday, September 1 – which will be commemorated with Divine Liturgy and the traditional Blessing of the Waters, I humbly ask each parish faithful to re-commit himself to the salvation of his soul as well as re-commit himself to the life and ministries of this parish!

IT’S TIME FOR SPECIAL BLESSING OF OUR PETS

This Wednesday, September 2 at 5:30pm 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 a beloved patron saint and protector of animals. I will be outside at the FRONT DOORS of Prophet Elias from 5:30pm until 6:30pm -- I decided to offer this in the *evening* to encourage more participation of our families. This has been a favorite occasion for many of our parish faithful, and I look forward to blessing even more animals this year.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BLESSING OF THE PETS:

A HUMANE SOCIETY DRIVE

Please bring PET ITEMS to this blessing service – food, blankets, toys, etc, to be donated to the UTAH HUMANE SOCIETY. All parishioners are asked to contribute – even if they don’t have a pet. Joanne Saltas will deliver these items. We warmly thank you in advance for participating in this drive!

SEPTEMBER 11TH PRAYER SERVICE

In remembrance of the horrific attacks of September 11, I will be offering a special LITANY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD on Friday, September 11 at Noon at Holy Trinity. This will take place during the Greek Festival and I ask that as many as are able to please come and pray that our Lord will have mercy upon, and grant peace, to the whole world.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS – SEPTEMBER 14

This feast – which is a STRICT FAST DAY – commemorates an event of great significance. After Saint Helen had found at Jerusalem the Holy Cross upon which Christ was crucified, she built a church to hold the precious relic. The Christians held the Holy Cross in such regard that they soon began to celebrate this Feast in honor of the finding of the Cross. A special feature of the church service on this day is the procession in which the Cross is borne aloft on a tray of flowers (especially basil; it was the sweet smell of basil that guided Saint Helen’s expedition to find the place of the Cross). The priest then elevates it in each

of the four directions, praying that God will protect and preserve all His faithful from every evil. The Gospel of the day relates to the Crucifixion, and it is read to remind the people that Christ suffered death upon the Cross for the salvation of all mankind and that by his death he conquered death.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20

After considerable thought, I have decided to implement – on a *trial basis* – a CHANGE IN THE TIME of ALL Orthros and Divine Liturgy services thru mid-May. Beginning Sunday, September 20 and all weekday liturgical services thru Mid-May, Orthros will begin at 9am and Divine Liturgy at 10am (unless otherwise noted) to encourage greater and more consistent participation during Sunday and weekday liturgies. I will, however, retain “summer” hours (8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy) from Mid-May until Mid-September. May this assist and inspire us to lead a more vigilant spiritual and liturgical life in Christ.

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. I especially implore the parents of our school-age youth to become more involved in the life of the parish and to come forward to assist in the Sunday School and youth programs of the parish. 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! We look forward to welcoming all new and returning teachers and students into our Sunday School family this year!

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 an 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!

PARISH YOUTH PROGRAMS

As Father Elias is responsible for Youth Ministry in the parish, I had asked Father Elias to re-establish a Youth Ministry Team whose purpose would be to assist him in developing and cultivating youth programs in our parish. If you are approached to serve on this noble and much-needed ministry, please consider this a calling from God and respond favorably! With the new school year now upon us, please consult Father Elias with any inquires you may have regarding upcoming youth activities.

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.

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

WE ARE EQUIPPED TO SERVE – SERVE GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

1 PETER 4:10-11

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS. IF ANYONE SPEAKS, THEY SHOULD DO SO AS ONE WHO SPEAKS THE VERY WORDS OF GOD. IF ANYONE SERVES, THEY SHOULD DO SO WITH THE STRENGTH GOD PROVIDES, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE PRAISED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. TO HIM BE THE GLORY AND THE POWER FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

MY DEAR BELOVED CHILDREN THE LORD HAS GIVEN US AN AMAZING RESPONSIBILITY AS ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS. HE HAS CALLED US TO BE HIS SERVANTS AND ACCOMPLISH HIS WORK HERE ON EARTH. JUST THINK ABOUT HOW REMARKABLE THIS IS: ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO NEEDS NOTHING AND CAN DO ALL THINGS, ACTUALLY INVITES US TO SHARE IN WHAT HE IS DOING AND TO DRAW US CLOSER TO HIMSELF, TO BRING US HIS CHILDREN TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY, AND TO CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED. BEING A SERVANT OF THE LORD REQUIRES THAT WE PUT OURSELVES UNDER HIS AUTHORITY, LISTEN TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS, AND CARRY OUT HIS COMMANDS. IN OUR OWN STRENGTH, THIS TASK IS BEYOND OUR ABILITIES, BUT WHEN WE ARE WALKING OBEDIENTLY WITH HIM, HE SUPPLIES ALL THAT WE NEED. OUR LORD NEVER GIVES US AN ASSIGNMENT FOR WHICH HE WILL NOT EQUIP US HIS CHILDREN. HE BEGINS BY DEVELOPING A CHRIST LIKE CHARACTER WITHIN US. THEN, AS WE COOPERATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US, GOD TRANSFORMS A SELF-CENTERED HEART INTO THE HEART OF A SERVANT WHO DELIGHTS IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS. TO FURTHER ENABLE US AS ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS TO DO HIS WORK, THE LORD GIVES US SPIRITUAL GIFTS, WHICH ARE TO BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS. WITH SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS IN MIND FOR EACH OF US, THE HOLY SPIRIT BESTOWS THE PRECISE GIFTS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH GOD'S PURPOSES.

GOD HAS ISSUED US THE INVITATION; HE HAS PROVIDED THE STRENGTH AND ABILITY. ALL THAT IS NEEDED ARE SOME WILLING SERVANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE ON EARTH. LET US JOIN WITH OUR LORD IN HIS WORK, AND USE OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS, AND MAKE AN IMPACT FOR CHRIST IN THIS WORLD.

IN HIS LOVE AND SERVICE,

+FR. ELIAS

40th Annual Festival Sponsorship Luncheon

This annual event was held August 17th and attended by over 230 people. In honor of the 40th anniversary of the Salt Lake Greek Festival past Festival chairmen were also invited to attend. Thank you to everyone who helped make the luncheon successful. Special thanks to Connie Yengich, Jim's Family Restaurant, The Dionysios Dancers and Philoptochos.

Please help make the 40th Anniversary of the Salt Lake Greek Festival just as successful by volunteering to help.

GREEK PASTRY BOOTH WANTS YOU!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

GREEK FESTIVAL

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

279 South 300 East

ALL SHIFTS AVAILABLE

10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

CREATE YOUR OWN SHIFT OR SIGN UP FOR A FOUR-HOUR SHIFT

10 TO 2

2 TO 6

6 TO 10

Reply by September 8TH with your desired shift time
Joanne Saltas, joannesaltas@gmail.com or 801-558-4591.

Thanks and see you at the Greek Festival!



Interested in Cub or Boy Scouting?

All boys and their families are invited to the Fall Kick-off of the Cub and Boy Scout Season. It's at 7pm **September 16th**, Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church auditorium, 5335 Highland Drive. We'll have treats and a special guest for a free program. It's our chance to meet you and show you what we have to offer your boy age 7 to 18. Be a part of a group that loves the outdoors and doing community service; Cub Pack 3877 or Troop 877 of the Boy Scouts of America. Mark Hunter, 801-750-8472 or Bob Nelson, 801-278-2823 Email:

troop3877@yahoo.com, troop_877@yahoo.com

SALT LAKE GREEK FESTIVAL 2015

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13



279 South 300 West

www.saltlakegreekfestival.com

2015 GRAND PRIZE

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

Donation: \$100.00

Contact Parish Council members for information



**Mercedes-Benz
of Salt Lake City**

**Prize drawing will be Sunday at 7 p.m.
Ticket holder need not be present to win.**

**Provided by Ken Garff's Mercedes Benz
of Salt Lake City and the Greek Festival.**

HELLENIC GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

The Hellenic Cultural Association of Salt Lake City is a proud co-sponsor of the first-ever Hellenic Genealogy Conference which will be held on Saturday, **September 26TH** from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the **Hellenic Memorial Building (Holy Trinity Cathedral)**, 279 South 300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

The HCA is pleased to extend a personal invitation for you, your family and friends to be part of this historic event. Hellenic genealogy research has become an important part of learning, seeking, and preserving our Greek heritage.

There will be 12 lectures covering topics such as: accessing civil and church records in Greece; using U.S. records to find key genealogical information such as surnames and villages; reasons behind the wave of immigration in the early 1900's; the Revolution of 1821 and its impact on ancestors; and DNA in Greek Research. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Lica Catsakis who will address the topic, "The Evolution of Hellenic Genealogy: Then and Now."

For class descriptions and registration information go to: <https://hellenicgenealogyconference.wordpress.com/conference>

Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/hellenicgenealogyconference>

Your \$25 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Sign ups will also be available during Greek Festival in the Museum.

Any questions, please contact **Andrea Orton** [\(801\) 557-4137](tel:8015574137) or any of the **HCA Board of Trustees**.

44th National Convention Commemorative Album

The 44th National Convention in Salt Lake City is just a memory now, but you can keep this memory alive with a commemorative album! The album will be 300 pages - full color - featuring the entire convention, ads and history of Utah Cretans. The cost of the album is \$50 each, including shipping. If you bought a full-page ad or 3+ pages of history, your album is included.

Don't miss your chance to get a copy of this limited availability "keepsake". We are only printing minimal copies of the album based on orders, so order yours today!

Ad page sales are closed and the Album design is underway. The album will be finished before Christmas. Our plan is to ship the Albums early December. Contact **Elpitha Tsoutsounakis** at paascalbum@gmail.com with any questions. Orders can be completed online: <https://squareup.com/market/paasc2015> .

FESTIVAL POSTERS

Will be available this Sunday in the Narthex at Holy Trinity and at the office. If you have any questions, please call the office at 801-328-9681. Thank you.

Contact a Parish Council member for information.

ONLY 1,000 TICKETS AVAILABLE!



*****SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS*****

• **Sunday School Teacher's Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. at PE in the Saint Sophia Board Room. Dinner will be provided. Current and new teachers for both churches. Please plan to attend! Please contact Paul K. at [801.870.1514](tel:801.870.1514) or Elenie S., at [801.718.7515](tel:801.718.7515).

• ****First Day of Sunday School****

September 20, 2015. Both churches. Registration and class will be held! See you there!

• ****Sunday School Teachers Needed**** if you are able to help teach Sunday School, please contact Paul K. at [801.870.1514](tel:801.870.1514) for PE or Elenie S., at [801.718.7515](tel:801.718.7515) for HT. Thank you!!

• ****Welcome Back Sunday School Picnic****

Sunday, September 27, 2015—please join us for a welcome back Sunday School Picnic. Everyone welcome. Please join us at the PE Pavilion at 12:30 p.m. More details to follow.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Six \$1000 scholarships were awarded by the Salt Lake AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope chapters at their community BBQ on Sunday, August 16, 2015. The recipients were Artemis Sefandonakis, Anna Reganis, Samuel Sampinos, Marie Jessie Floor, Michael Saltas, and Faith Gamvroulas. We are proud of all the applicants and wish them success.

Scholarships will be offered again next year to students from our Salt Lake City Orthodox Churches and to members of the AHEPA family. Please watch for our future fundraising events.

Although membership in an AHEPA organization is not required for our scholarships, additional scholarships are available both regionally and nationally for members. Michael Saltas and Anna Reganis both recently received regional scholarships.

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!**

Sanctifying Time and Space:

Privilege and Responsibility as an Orthodox Young Professional
October 16-18 in beautiful, historic, artsy Santa Fe, NM

Registration: www.youngprofessionalsretreat.com
RSVP: [Facebook Event](#)

Keynote Speaker: Archimandrite Gerasim (Eliel)
Dean, St. Seraphim's Cathedral in Dallas
Welcome Address: Mat. Constantina Palmer

Author, *The Scent of Holiness: Lessons from an Orthodox Women's Monastery*

In addition to the keynote presentations, the retreat will feature activities including a fall color hike in the Santa Fe National Forest, the opportunity to explore historic downtown Santa Fe, evening celebrations, and worship at Holy Trinity Antiochian Orthodox Church.

For registration, travel, hotel, and booking information, please visit www.youngprofessionalsretreat.com.

About the Theme "Sanctifying Time and Space":

As Americans, as young professionals, and as Orthodox Christians, it is our privilege and our responsibility to hold fast to our Faith against the oppositions of our culture and to do whatever good is within our calling and capacity. To fulfill these roles, we need the support of genuine relationship and connection with fellow Christians. The influence of Orthodox Christianity on local, national, and global culture begins - as it always has - with mutual prayer and encouragement. Our hope is that we will return to our home parishes better prepared to redeem the time given to us. Flyers available in the Narthex

Fr. Elias