

Epistle Reading

St Paul's Letter to Galatians 2:16-20

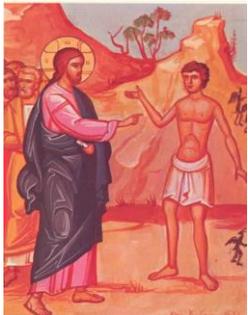


BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me;

and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of Luke 8:26-39



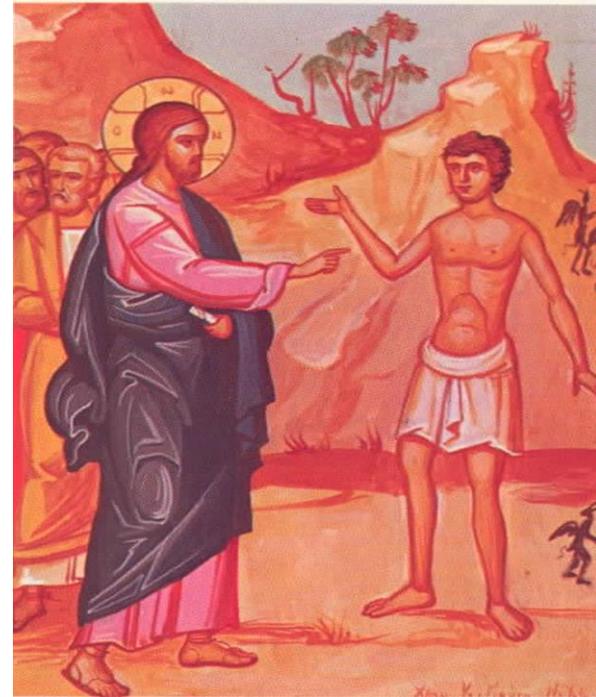
At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.)

Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.



Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake
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Sunday, October 25th, 2015
6th Sunday of Luke



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

October 25th, 2015

**Holy Trinity:
Prophet Elias**

6th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Elias
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Matthew

November 1st, 2015

**Holy Trinity:
Prophet Elias**

5th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Elias
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Matthew

Weekday Services

October 26th, 2015

Prophet Elias:

Feast of Saint Demetrios
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Matthew/Fr Elias

October 28th, 2015

Holy Trinity: 10:00am

Akathist to the Holy Protection of the Mother of God
Fr. Matthew

October 28th, 2015

Prophet Elias: 5:30pm

Paracletis to the Most Holy Theotokos
Fr. Elias

October 31st, 2015

of

Special Prayer Service to Archangel Michael and the Host

**Angels as an alternative to the secular celebration
of 'Halloween'**

Prophet Elias: 10:30am

Fr. Matthew

Memorials

October 25th, 2015

Dena Galanis

40 Days

Holy Trinity

November 1st, 2015

Mary Maroudas

40 Days

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

Joan, Sabrina, Preston, Gus, Madeline, Charissa, Barbara, Angelo

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.

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. Please contact Connie at 801-328-9681 or cell phone 801-793-9393 for all inquiries. We look forward to hearing from you.



It's that time of year again when we ask all of you to please donate clothing for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner we host for the community. You can drop off your donations at Holy Trinity or Prophet Elias. If you have any questions, please call the office at [801-328-9681](tel:801-328-9681). Thanks for your support in this most worthwhile project!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

WORDS FOR OUR SALVATION

Some of our parish faithful have approached me regarding whether or not it is appropriate for Orthodox Christians to participate in 'HALLOWEEN' celebrations and activities that are associated with this secular 'holiday'. As a result, I offer the following REFLECTION about Halloween, which was written by Saint Nikolai Velimirovic. This reflection is not intended to offend anyone, but to serve as a means of enlightenment for Orthodox Christians who have asked me to provide a meditation on the meaning of Halloween.

"As Orthodox Christians we must carefully examine every aspect of our involvement in the world, its activities, holidays and festivals, to be certain whether or not these involvements are compatible with our Holy Orthodox Faith. For a while now everything in the outside world is reminding us that Halloween is near: at school our children are busy painting pumpkins, cutting and pasting bats, ghosts and witches and planning the ideal costume in which to go trick-or-treating.

Most of our schools, local community organizations and entertainment on television, radio and press will share in and capitalize upon the festival of Halloween. Many of us will participate in this festival by going to costume parties, or by taking our children trick-or-treating in our neighborhood after dark on October 31st. Most of us will take part in the Halloween festivities believing that it has no deeper meaning than fun and excitement for the children. Most of us do not know the historical background of the festival of Halloween and its customs.

The feast of Halloween began in pre-Christian times among the Celtic peoples of Britain, Ireland and Northern France. These pagan peoples believed that physical life was born from death. Therefore, they celebrated the beginning of the "new year" in the fall, on the eve of October 31st and into the day of November 1st, when, as they believed the season of cold, darkness, decay and death began. Instructed by their priests, the Druids, the people extinguished all hearth fires and lights and darkness prevailed.

According to pagan Celtic tradition, the souls of the dead had entered into the world of darkness, decay and death and made total communion with Samhain, the Lord of death, who could be appeased and cajoled by burnt offerings to allow the souls of the dead to return home for a festal visit on this day. The belief led to the ritual practice of wandering about in the dark dressed in costumes indicating witches, hobgoblins, fairies and demons. The living entered into fellowship and communion with the dead by this ritual act of imitation, through costume and the wandering about in the darkness. They also believed that the souls of the dead bore the affliction of great hunger on this festal visit. This belief brought about the practice of begging as another ritual imitation of the activities of the souls of the dead on their festal visit. The implication was that any souls of the dead and their imitators who are not appeased with "treats", i.e. offerings, will provoke the wrath of Samhain, whose angels and servants could retaliate through a system of "tricks", or curses.

In the strictly Orthodox early Celtic Church, the Holy Fathers tried to counteract this pagan new year festival by establishing the feast of All Saints on that same day (in the East, this feast is celebrated on another day). The night before the feast (on "All Hallows Eve"), a vigil service was held and a morning celebration of the Eucharist. This custom created the term Halloween. But the remaining pagan and therefore anti-Christian people reacted to the Church's attempt to supplant their festival by increased fervor on this evening, so that the night before the Christian feast of All Saints became a night of sorcery, witchcraft and other occult practices, many of which involved desecration and mockery of Christian practices and beliefs. Costumes of skeletons, for example, developed as a mockery of the Church's reverence for holy relics. Holy things were stolen and used in sacrilegious rituals. The practice of begging became a system of persecution of Christians who refused to take part in these festivities. And so the Church's attempt to counteract this unholy festival failed. This is just a brief explanation of the history and meaning of the festival of Halloween. It is clear that we, as Orthodox Christians, cannot participate in this event at any level (even if we only label it as "fun"), and that our involvement in it is an idolatrous betrayal of our God and our Holy Faith. For if we imitate the dead by dressing up or wandering about in the dark, or by begging with them, then we have willfully sought fellowship with the dead, whose Lord is not a Celtic Samhain, but Satan, the evil one, who stands against God. Further, if we submit to the dialogue of "trick or treat," our offering does not go to innocent children, but rather to Satan himself.

Let us remember our ancestors, the Holy Christian Martyrs of the early Church, who refused, despite painful penalties and horrendous persecution, to worship, venerate or pay obeisance in any way to idols who are angels of Satan. The foundation of our Holy Church is built upon their very blood. In today's world of spiritual apathy and listlessness, which are the roots of atheism and turning away from God, one is urged to disregard the spiritual roots and origins of secular practices when their outward forms seem ordinary, entertaining and harmless. The dogma of atheism underlies many of these practices, denying the existence of both God and Satan.

Our Holy Church, through Jesus Christ, teaches that God alone stands in judgment over everything we do and believe and that our actions are either for God or against God. No one can serve two masters. Therefore, let us not, as the pagan Celts did, put out our hearth fires and wander about in the dark imitating dead souls. Let us light vigil lamps in front of our icons, and together with our families, ask God to grant us faith and courage to persevere as Orthodox Christians in these very difficult times, and to deliver us from the Evil One."

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

For several years now I have been offering various services to re-awaken in us the desire to strengthen our life in Christ. Go into any Orthodox Church and you will find the walls (and sometimes the ceilings) covered with icons of the saints. Although these are often of great beauty, they are not merely intended as decorations. They represent the unseen congregation that accompanies the living congregation in its worship. Christ, the Lord of all, presides, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, first among the saints, watches over us. We beseech our Lord for mercy, we run in prayer to His holy Mother seeking her protection, and we ask a saint for help, guidance, or healing.

This Wednesday, October 28 at 10am at Holy Trinity, I will pray the AKATHIST TO THE HOLY PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. While this feastday (the Protection of the Mother of God) was already commemorated with a Divine Liturgy on October 1st – which is its proper day of commemoration – the Greek people commemorate this feast also on October 28, which is known as "Oxi Day". These days, all of us are increasingly alarmed by the suffering and calamities that are afflicting nations and peoples throughout the world. It seems that the world is stepping further and further away from God's commandments and continues to transgress them. Let us gather for this service and pray to the Lord that He grant us repentance and correction, that by the intercession of His Holy Mother, the Theotokos, we may be vouchsafed His mercy in this life and to receive salvation in the life to come.

On Saturday morning, October 31 at 10:30am at Prophet Elias, I am offering a SPECIAL SERVICE to ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE HOST OF ANGELS as an ALTERNATIVE to the secular recognition of 'Halloween'. As Orthodox Christians, may we resolve to make this day one of heightened prayer with our families, calling upon the intercession of the Bodiless Powers – the Angels – to protect us from all visible and invisible enemies, for witches and demons are real and the way to combat them is with the Name of Jesus Christ. I encourage our families to partake in this service.

All other weekday liturgies and other services can be found under the services listings in this bulletin.

The HOLY NATIVITY FAST begins on November 15 and lasts forty days. It was instituted by the Church so that we would worthily greet the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord after having cleansed our hearts by prayer and repentance. This is the last of the FOUR fasting periods of the calendar year; it is an ideal time for our parish families to set aside time for the Holy Sacrament of Confession. Please call me to arrange this!

TUESDAY MORNINGS WITH THE LORD

Our TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY on the Book of Revelation will continue this Tuesday, October 27 at 10:30am at the Little America Coffee Shop. The goal of this study is to not only teach, but to wake up our consciences and point out the way of repentance and salvation.

We welcome you to join us on our spiritual study. We are all on this spiritual journey together to learn more deeply about the teachings of our Holy Church, and to seek God's will in our lives. May the soaring eagle of our Theology, Saint John the Theologian, help us in this task!

*Humblly in Christ,
Father Matthew*

YOUTH WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

The Source of Our Identity - God

1 Peter 2:9-10

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy".

My Dear Beloved Children how often do we evaluate ourselves on the basis of our feelings rather than what God says? The problem is, our feelings are always changing. From one moment to the next, we never know what circumstances will arise to test our faith.

Maybe today is "one of those days"—my shirt or blouse I wanted to wear is in the laundry, Yikes I have a test today and I'm not ready, There are a couple of events that are conflicting, who do I ask to the dance, During such times, it can be difficult to think of yourself with "a clearheaded judgment". But remember, Satan tempting us will do whatever he can to divert our attention from the Lord. When we direct our focus toward circumstances instead of the Word of God, we accept what the situation seems to indicate or what others say, instead of what the Lord tells us.

So what do the Scriptures say about us? Today's passage calls us as believers "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and God's own possession." And our purpose is to "proclaim the perfection and greatness of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light."

How encouraging it is to know that we've been called into God's "marvelous light." We have the help to escape the "darkness" of our circumstances. As Orthodox Christians, we're empowered by the Holy Spirit, who enables us to overcome Satan's manipulative tactics.

When circumstances seem unbearable, remember the Lord paid a price for us (1 Corinthians 6:20). Wake up each morning with the knowledge that you are valuable to your Father. Trust in His Word, not your feelings, and allow the Holy Spirit to change your self-perception.

In His Love and Service,

+fr. Elias

UP COMING YOUTH EVENTS



Youth Fall Harvest

Sunday, **October 25th, 2015**

6:00pm - 8:30pm Prophet Elias

Youth ages 3-12 years old

Food, treats, magic show, activities

Wear your costume but nothing demonic and come

enjoy a great fun evening. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join in on the fun.

Metropolis Basketball Tournament 2016

Registration Is Now Open. Participant Registration fees are **\$200** per completed registration from now through **October 31st**.

From **November 1st – 30th**, late registration rates are **\$250** per person.

Register at:

<http://youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2016-events/2016-basketball-event-weekend/>

JR. AND SR. GOYA WOLF CREEK FALL RETREAT **WE LIVE FOR CHRIST, HOW DO WE APPLY THIS IN OUR LIFE**

Retreat Masters Cassandra Garibaldi & Sarah Hunt

From Holy Cross in Boston

Friday and Saturday, **Nov. 6th and 7th** near Heber, Utah

Meet at **Prophet Elias** north parking lot on Friday the November 6th at 5:00pm

Car Pool to Wolf Creek ranch leaving Prophet Elias at 6:00pm sharp

WE NEED HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION – PLEASE VOLUNTEER

Cost is **\$25** per GOYA'n

Bring a signed release form, fee, sleeping bag, mat, pillow, hiking boots warm clothing, gloves, hats, enthusiasm, fun, and Christian fellowship.
Release forms on line on the Church web site www.gocslc.org and in the Narthex of both Churches.

Pick up on Saturday, 3:00pm Wolf Creek Ranch (directions forth coming)

Questions please call or text Fr. Elias [801-556-4640](tel:801-556-4640) or email frliask@yahoo.com

Sponsored by the Metropolis of Denver

The 2015 Front Range Pan-Orthodox Fall Retreat will be held **November 20th-22nd, 2015**, at Covenant Heights Retreat Center in Estes Park, Colorado. Youth, ages 11-18 years, are invited to retreat away from everyday challenges for a weekend of hiking, canoeing on the lake, spiritual growth and fellowship. The retreat master will be Fr. James Shadid.

More information and registration can be found at:
<http://youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2015-events/2015-front-range-pan-orthodox-fall-retreat>.

+fr. elias

NOVEMBER IS YOUTH MINISTRY MONTH

Youth will participate in the Liturgical Services and other activities serving in our Parish at both Churches. Please support and acknowledge our Youth as they participate.

- Reading the Epistles
- Taking the Collections
- Ushering in Church
- Sponsoring the Coffee Hours
- Singing in the Choir

Short Talks before conclusion of Liturgies on Sunday

+fr. elias

IT'S HOOP TIME



Basketball Season is just around the corner. Coaches please sign up now. We need coaches for all age groups.
Girls 6th grade through 12th grade
Boys 5th grade through 12th grade
Please sign up now. Games start in December and we will play at Prophet Elias

If we get coaches signed up we can start practices middle or end of **October**. Players can sign up on UCAA Web Site starting in October. More info to follow.

Coaches please call, Text or Email Fr. Elias. freiask@yahoo.com. [801-556-4640](tel:801-556-4640)

Dates for upcoming Youth Events for our Youth and Parents to Schedule

GOYA Elections/Lunch after church Sunday **November 1st**, 2015 at 1:00pm at Holy Trinity for Parents and ALL Jr. & Sr. Goyan's Fliers in Sunday School Rooms

GOYA Retreat at Wolf Creek Fri/Sat **November 6th & 7th**. Meet at Prophet Elias 5:30pm on the 6th. Fliers in Sunday School Rooms

Youth Board Meeting Sunday, December 6th 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Prophet Elias

Basketball Sign-ups for League Basketball and Metropolis Tournament now open Sign up before **October 30th**, 2015

GOYA League signs up at: <http://ucaasports.com/Metropolis> Dallas Tournament at: <http://youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2016-events/2016-basketball-event-weekend/>

Dance Parent Meeting **October 20th** 7:00pm at Prophet Elias

Pizza with the Padre

Youth discussion and social
Thursday, **November 19th**, 2015
Prophet Elias carpet area

7:00 8:30 open to GOYA AGE YOUTH. You can also receive credit toward Sunday School attendance. (absence makeup)



BULLETIN DEADLINE

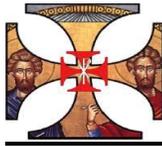
Please remember to have your information for the weekly Bulletin into the office each **Tuesday**, before Noon. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Arcadian Ladies October Event

Sunday, **October 25th** Prophet Elias Church
Arcadian Ladies will be the sponsor for the COFFEE-AFTER-CHURCH GATHERING. All proceeds go to the Prophet Elias Sunday School.

Please come and greet and meet our parishioners and any guests
DONORS for the TREATS are already scheduled

Please give Karen Anastasopoulos call at **801-913-2414** or email [**karenanast@gmail.com**](mailto:karenanast@gmail.com) with any questions or if you'd like more information.



Philoptochos General Membership Meeting:

Monday **October 26th**, 2015

Agenda:

7:00pm-7:30pm Administrative matters,
Initiative updates and
Project plans

7:40pm-9:00pm Guest Speaker
State Legislator Carol Spackman Moss

She will share experiences from her recent trip to Ethiopia

LOCATION: Holladay City Hall
4580 South 2300 East
Holladay, Utah

CASTO ROOM
(Downstairs-elevator access)

Coffee/Dessert

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

Sunday, **November 8th, 2015** at 2:00pm at Holy Trinity
Your stewardship commitment must be met by this date in order to vote. Please contact the Church offices if you have any questions.



Your Parish Council Needs You!

Applications for the Parish Council are being accepted.
All parishioners in good standing are qualified to run.
Please consider offering of your time and talent to the progress of our community.

Applications can be obtained from and returned to the office at Holy Trinity.

CRETAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Is scheduled for Sunday, **November 15th** from **3:00 pm to 5:00 pm** at Prophet Elias. Please join us as the final report is presented regarding the convention. Your participation to this important meeting will be greatly appreciated. See you then.

The **Panahaikos Society** will be having their Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Cottonwood Club on Sunday **November 22nd** at 1:00 p.m. More details to follow.
Also we will have our Annual Thanksgiving Raffle that same Sunday immediately after church at both churches. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

Daughters of Penelope invite the community to the annual DOP/DSW Shopping Event (Ft. Union) Sunday, December 6, 2015, 6:00 pm.
Discounts. Further information coming.



YOUNG HEART LUCHEON

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! The Young at Heart will be having their annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday **November 12th** at noon at the Hellenic Memorial Hall. We will be serving turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, yams, dinner roll, wine and for dessert pumpkin pie, with some BINGO!! We hope to see all of you there.



The Society of Athanasios Diakos

Is heading for Wendover Nevada on Saturday **November 14th**. Leave Prophet Elias at **8:30 a.m.** leave Memorial Hall at **9:00 a.m.** Receive **\$7.00** back and a **FREE Buffet**. RSVP with

Bill Kandas 801-272-1906 or Basil Chelemes 801-580-1338.

Only serious participants need to call.

Diakos trip to Wendover it'll be **\$17.00** a person

Save the Date
St. Sophia School Presents

A night on the Red Carpet at the Grand America Hotel
Saturday **November 14th, 2015**
Please RSVP by **November 11th, 2015**

LIGHTS! CAMERA! AUCTION!
A Night on the Red Carpet
A Benefit for Saint Sophia School
 Saturday, November 14, 2015
 5:30 PM

SAINT SOPHIA SCHOOL

Grand America Hotel
55 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT

\$125 per person
RSVP by 11/01/2015

Silent & Live Auction
Cocktails • Dinner • Dancing

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Troop 877 Fundraiser November 8th 2015

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!



Time: Sunday - November 8th 2015 - Noon to 2:00 pm
Place: Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church (5335 E Highland Dr)
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Tickets available at the Door



Festival Appreciation and
Oxi Day Luncheon
Sunday, **October 25th**
1:00 pm
Holy Trinity Memorial Building

Please be our guests in celebrating the
success of our communities
40th Greek Festival, and Commemorating
Oxi Day

OXI Day commemorates the day that Greek Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas rejected the ultimatum given by Italian dictator, Benito Mussolini, on October 28, 1940.



"On the 28th of October 1940 Greece was given a deadline of three hours to decide on war or peace but even if a three day or three week or three year were given, the response would have been the same. The Greeks taught dignity throughout the centuries. When the entire world had lost all hope, the Greek people dared to question the invincibility of the German monster raising against it the proud spirit of freedom."

Franklin D Roosevelt, US President 1933 - 1945