

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrew 11:9-10; 32-40



BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God. 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 armies 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 tempted, 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 Matthew 1:1-25



Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of

Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.



Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake

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Sunday, December 21st, 2014

Sunday before Nativity



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

December 21st

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

**** SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES ****

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING, DECEMBER 24:

Royal Hours and Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil, **8:30am** at **Holy Trinity only** (Father Matthew Officiating, Father Elias Assisting);

CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING, DECEMBER 24:

ORTHROS, **6:30pm**, DIVINE LITURGY, **7:30pm**, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, at **PROPHET ELIAS ONLY** (Father Matthew Officiating);

CHRISTMAS MORNING, DECEMBER 25:

ORTHROS, **8:30am**, DIVINE LITURGY, **9:30am**, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, at **HOLY TRINITY ONLY** (Father Elias Officiating)

Memorials

December 21st

Pete Paulos	40 Days	Holy Trinity
Helen Kalivas	5 Year	Prophet Elias
Tony Kalivas	17 Year	Prophet Elias

****HT Philoptochos will be hosting coffee hour at HT & PE****

December 28th

Georgette Proestakis	3 Months	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.

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Monday Dec 22nd at Holy Trinity at 6:30pm

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

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

Upcoming Events: **January 31st, 2015**. Save the date, *Basil the Comedian* is coming to Salt Lake City. Contact joannesaltas@gmail.com for more information.



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**.

801-466-6533

SANTA'S COMING.....

Children of all ages are invited to join our community sponsored event on Saturday, **December 20th** from **9:00am** to noon in the small gym at Prophet Elias, 5335 S. Highland Dr. Along with Breakfast there will be Photos with Santa, Christmas Stories with Mrs. Santa, Activities, Crafts and Fun with Family and Friends. See you there! Breakfast \$5.00 Photo with Santa \$3.00.

Sunday School Christmas Program

On Sunday **December 21st** there will be a Continental breakfast following liturgy at both churches. If you have any questions please call Paul Karahalios at 801-870-1514, or Elenie Sefandonakis at 801-718-7515.

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).

Annual Christmas Angel Tree

If you have not brought your Angel Tree gift please take them to Prophet Elias or St. Sophia School by December 22nd. Thank you.

Parish Council Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Council members!	
Gus Colessides	Pete Saltas
Dr. Philip Kithas	Maria Shilaos-Nelson
Thomas Peters	Dr. Tykie Skedros
Deno Priskos	

Attention: Daughters of Minos

Elections and the next meeting will be in **January** under a new presidency that we are really excited to welcome. The election committee has received nominations for all positions but anyone who wishes to run or nominate additional people, can still do so by contacting election committee members Orië Kambouris at 801-808-6542 or Christie Zervos-Tatum at 801-243-8144.

Thank you,
Roula Sargetakis
President, Daughter of Minos

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 **Kristy Pappas, Mila Paulos, Mike Manousako, Nick Colessids**. Congratulations to our winners. Watch for next week winners.

Let Our Focus of the Season Be On Christ

Let us remember that the season celebrates the love of God revealed in the coming of Christ. For those with faith, the colored lights, the green trees, the wreaths and the flowers are the symbols of the joy of Christmas. Let us celebrate the joy of Christ's coming!
Let us also share the love that God brings with His Holy Nativity with others. Christ has come to bear witness to the Father's love for us. We too can share this love with others, especially with the poor and less fortunate among us. We can be sensitive to those who cannot easily celebrate because of a loss in their lives. Let us be the ambassadors of God who share His care and philanthropy.



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.

CrossRoad 2015 Applications Available Now!

Calling all high school juniors & seniors who may be interested in applying to this 10-day summer program at HCHC! CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Hosted on the scenic Hellenic College Holy Cross campus, overlooking the beautiful Boston skyline, participants experience daily worship, visit local parishes, tour Boston, and spend a day at the beach.

June Session: June 20 – June 30

July Session: July 7 – July 17

Application Priority Deadline: March 2nd 2015

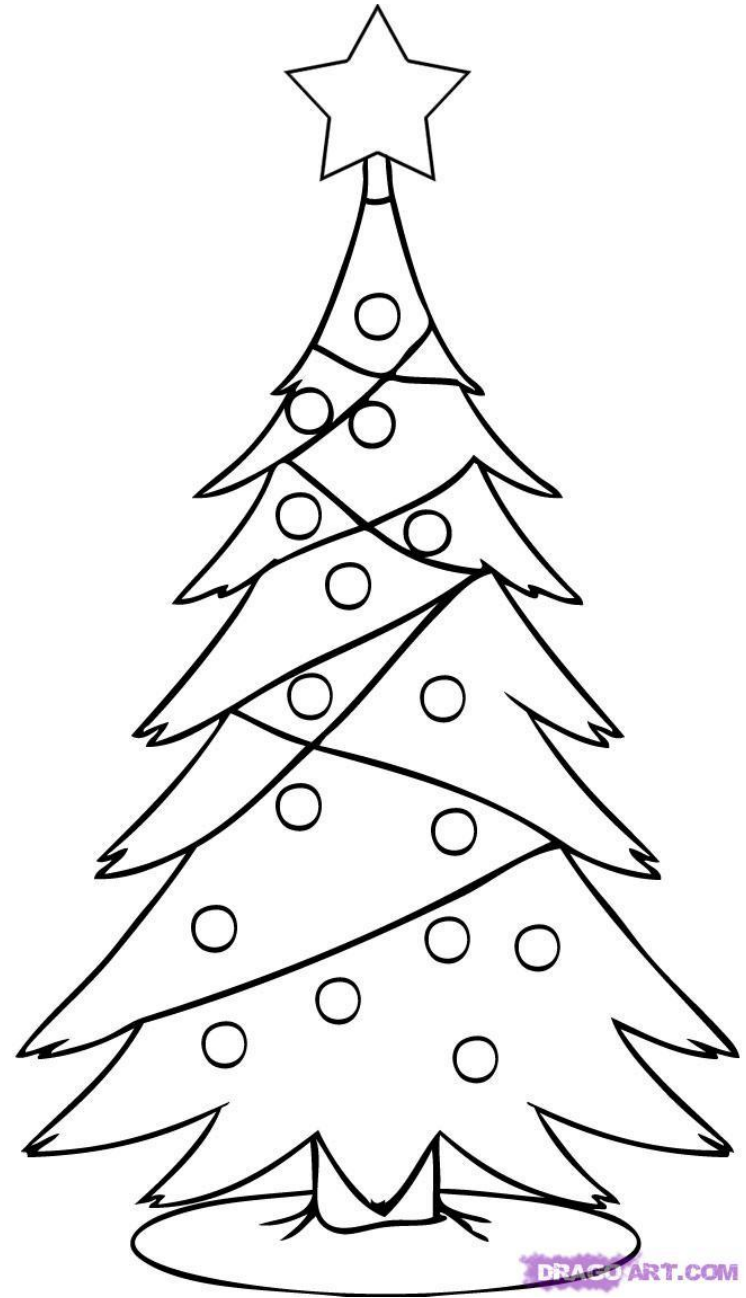
Apply at <http://www.crossroadinstitute.org/apply>. Call Fr. Elias with any questions at 801-556-4640.

Saint Sophia School

Introducing...Toddler Tuesday! Registration is now open; Session I starts on September 2nd – December 9th. Session II starts on January 13th – May 12th. All classes are from 9:00am – 11:00am. Reserve a spot by emailing Brian Lampe

brian.lampe@saintsophiaschool.org, or pick up your enrollment application at Saint Sophia School located at 5341 Highland Drive, Holladay, Utah 84117, or call Prophet Elias at 801-424-1297.

KID'S CORNER
COLOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE



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CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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Matt.2:6-16

Fleeing To Egypt

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ANGEL APPEARED
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CHILD CAREFUL
DEATH COUNTRY
DREAM FURIOUS
EGYPT INCENSE
ESCAPE JOSEPH
EXACT MOTHER
FOUND PROPHET
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HEROD REPORT
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