

## Epistle Reading

### St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19



BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

## Gospel Reading

### The Gospel of Matthew 2:13-23



When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A

voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."



Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake

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**Sunday, December 28th, 2014**

*Sunday after Nativity*



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**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 28<sup>th</sup>

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

\*\*\*There will be no Sunday school for both churches\*\*\*

## Weekly Services

January 1<sup>st</sup>

**HT Only-8:30am** Orthros followed by Liturgy, Circumcision of our Lord and Feast of Saint Basil (Father Elias Officiating)

## Memorials

December 28<sup>th</sup>

Georgette Proestakis 3 Months Holy Trinity

January 4<sup>th</sup>

Athena Angelos 1 Year 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](mailto:matthewthepriest@gmail.com).

## 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, Mihalis, Brent, Marie, Niko, Carol, John, Mary

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our very own **Constadinos Himonas** who was nominated by Gov. Gary Herbert to fill a vacancy on the Utah Supreme Court. If confirmed, he would be the only non-Mormon on the state's high court.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/AHEPA Scholarship Fundraiser

**BASILE the COMEDIAN**

January 31, 2015

Holy Trinity

Dinner and Show \$50.00

contact [joannesaltas@gmail.com](mailto:joannesaltas@gmail.com) for ticket information

online ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities coming in January



## **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.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

### CELEBRATING THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

We are now in the period of celebration in honor of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There is **NO** fasting through January 4. Please remember that Monday, January 5 is a **STRICT fast** day in preparation for the Feast of Theophany.

The **SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF THEOPHANY** include:

**FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY, Monday, January 5**, beginning at 8:30am at Holy Trinity **ONLY**: Royal Hours, Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil, Service of the Lesser Blessing of the Waters (Father Matthew Officiating; Father Elias Assisting).

**HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, Tuesday, January 6**, beginning at 8:30am at Holy Trinity **AND Prophet Elias**: Orthros followed immediately by Divine Liturgy, Service of the Greater Blessing of the Waters (Father Matthew at Holy Trinity; Father Elias at Prophet Elias).

**SYNAXIS OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, Wednesday, January 7**, beginning at 8:30am at Prophet Elias **ONLY**: Orthros followed immediately by Divine Liturgy, (Father Matthew Officiating; Father Elias Assisting).

### ON BLESSING OUR HOMES WITH THE WATERS OF THEOPHANY

The Orthodox Church teaches that we do not have two separate lives—a secular one and a spiritual one—but one life, and that all of it must be holy. We must not be Christians for just a few hours on Saturday and Sunday, spending the rest of our life godlessly, that is to say, without God. The person who has united with Christ in the sacrament of baptism cannot be a part-time Christian, but must be faithful to Christ everywhere and at all times—in church, at work, at home, in relationships with other Christians, and in those with non-Christians—we must be faithful to Christ in the fullness of our life. The Holy Orthodox Church teaches us that a temple is not only a building in which we worship, but that we are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16); that the Body of Christ is not only that of which we partake at the Divine Liturgy, but that we are the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27). And just as the Gifts of the Eucharist are treated with reverence and kept in sanctified vessels in the altar, so should every Christian's life be full of reverence and sanctity not only during a church service, but likewise outside the walls of the temple. A Christian's home must become a small temple, work—labor for the glory of God, and family—a small Church. The Orthodox Church helps her children strive for holiness in their lives and brings sanctification to every Christian home—a small temple. The Church blesses the very foundation of a home in the same way that it blesses the foundation of a church, it blesses a new Christian home in the same way that it blesses a new temple, and yearly, after the blessing of a parish temple with the water of Theophany, the Church brings this holy water into the homes of the faithful. The prayers for the blessing of a temple are different from those for the blessing of a home, because the function of a home is different from that of a temple, but the sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit is one. And just as in the baptism of our Lord all of creation is washed clean and sanctified, every year after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Orthodox Christians sanctify themselves and their homes with the water of Theophany. The Church teaches us to sanctify everything: dwellings, places of work, all our pursuits, and the fruits of our labor. And just as a temple and sacred vessels, once sanctified and set aside for sacred use, can no longer be used for anything profane, in the same way a Christian washed in the baptismal waters, and his home, and all his works can no longer be the dwelling of sin and the works of satan, but only and always—the temple of the Holy Spirit and the fulfillment of the will of our Heavenly Father. This is why the Orthodox Church blesses everything that can be found in a Christian home; and if something is not worthy of being blessed, then there should not be a place for it in the home of a Christian.

I humbly encourage each and every family of this parish to have their home blessed with the sanctified waters of Holy Theophany. Please call me at your earliest convenience to arrange this.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 4

Mindful that many of our parish families may be traveling during the holidays, there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 28. Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 4. I encourage all families who are not traveling this week to attend Sunday worship services.

*Humbly in Christ, Father Matthew*

## THANK YOU!

A **special thank you** to everyone who attended our community "**Breakfast with Santa**" on **December 20th**. This festive family event, filled with the sounds of Christmas, was enjoyed by all and featured a tasty breakfast, visits and photos with Santa, crafts and candy-filled piñatas. A very **special thank you** to our fantastic cooks, photographer, children, parents, pappous & yiayias and of course Mr. & Mrs Claus and their elves.

**Kai tou hronou...**See you next year! **Sunday School Christmas Program**

## SAVE THE DATE

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. The Hellenic Cuisine Academy celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a table for this event, please contact Vickie Peters at 801-262-3233.

## Attention: Daughters of Minos

The Daughters of Minos would like to invite all members to the next meeting on **January 20th at 4:00 p.m. at Prophet Elias small gym**. We will cut the Vasilopita and swear in our Officers for the term **2015-2017**. KriKri will have practice and accept new registrations. Any children in 1st-3rd Grade are welcome to participate at the KriKri dance group. Guidelines and registration will be discussed in detail during our meeting in January and February or you can call Roula Sargetakis at 801-466-6533 for any questions.

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.

### **Stephanie Papanikolas Memorial Scholarship U of U Spring Semester 2015 Applications**

Applications for the Stephanie Papanikolas Memorial Scholarship for the Spring Semester 2015 for students attending the University of Utah are now available in the offices at both Holy Trinity and Prophet Elias. Applicants must submit completed applications to Fr. Matthew before **February 1, 2015**. There will be two scholarships of \$500 awarded.

### **Saint Sophia School**

Introducing...Toddler Tuesday! Registration is now open; Session I starts on September 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 9<sup>th</sup>. Session II starts on January 13<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>. All classes are from 9:00am – 11:00am. Reserve a spot by emailing Brian Lampe [brian.lampe@saintsophiaschool.org](mailto: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.

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### **PANCRETAN 44<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION**



*44<sup>th</sup> National Convention*  
*Pancretan Association of America*  
*Salt Lake City, Utah*

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### **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](mailto:joannesaltas@gmail.com) by **February 21, 2015**.