Epistle Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15;7:1-5,47-60



IN THOSE DAYS, Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, arose and disputed with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated men, who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, and set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us." And gazing at

him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

And the high priest said, "Is this so?" And Stephen said: "Brethren and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, 'Depart from your land and from your kindred and go into the land which I will show you.' Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living; yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him in possession and to his posterity after him, though he had no child.

"But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands; as the prophet says, 'Heaven is my throne, and earth my footstool. What house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?'

"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth against him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Gospel Reading The Gospel of Matthew 14:22-23



At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said "Come" So Peter got out of the hoat and walked on the water and came to

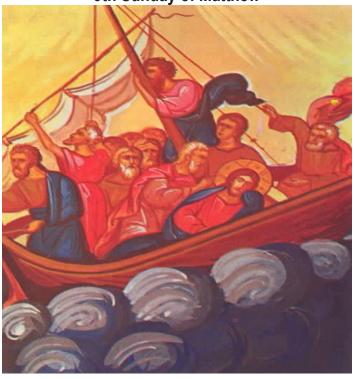
said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink

he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.



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Sunday, August 2nd 2015 9th Sunday of Matthew



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Reverend Father Matthew Gilbert: 801-556-1139 Reverend Father Elias Koucos: 801-556-4640 Reverend Father George Politis (retired)

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Sunday Services

August 2 nd , 2015 Holy Trinity (only)	9th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am F	r. Matthew			
August 9th , 2015 Holy Trinity (only)	10th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am F	r. Matthew			
	Weekday Services				
August 3 rd , 2015 Holy Trinity Only:	10:00am Paraclesis to the Theotokos	Fr. Matthew			
August 4th, 2015 Holy Trinity Only:	10:00am Paraclesis to the Theotokos	Fr. Matthew			
August 5th, 2015 Holy Trinity Only:	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration Fr. Matthew				
August 6th, 2015 Holy Trinity Only:	Feast of the Transfiguration Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fr. Matthew				
August 7th, 2015 Holy Trinity Only:	10:00am Paraclesis to the Theotokos	Fr. Matthew			
<u>Memorials</u>					
August 2 nd , 2015 Mary M. Mannos Spirro Mannos	40 days 14 Years	Holy Trinity Holy Trinity			
August 9 th , 2015 Nick Ziakis	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.

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, Jamie

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!

A Note About Stewardship

- At the November 2014 Parish Assembly a motion was passed for a minimum stewardship commitment of \$600 per family/\$300 per individual steward, with accommodations for students and others who may have financial need.
- In order to be eligible to vote at the November 2015 Parish Assembly you must have met the minimum or made alternative arrangements through Fr. Matthew.

Parish Council News

• Next Parish Council meeting **August 10th** at Holy Trinity 6:30pm in the Board Room.

Young at Heart Luncheon

The Luncheon for this month will be held on Thursday, August 20th at noon, in the Hellenic Memorial Hall. We look forward to seeing you all there! More details to follow.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

THE FAST OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS The first fifteen days of August are very special days because they are dedicated to the Virgin Mary. It is a time of strict fasting as we prepare for the Dormition, or Falling A sleep of the Mother of God. As we celebrate the Paraclesis service each weekday morning, we exalt the Holy Virgin's virtues, and lift up to her in prayer our loved ones, for their health and well-being. We rightly and worthily glorify the Most Holy Theotokos on these days out of all the days of the year with special solemnity. Unfortunately, there are many who actively dishonor the Mother of God, the saints, their icons, their relics and their feasts. By denying her and the saints, people only are hurting themselves. So many times have we seen miracles, answered prayers, and guidance from the Most Holy Virgin Mary. She has shown only love for her Son, His Holy Church and everyone in it. The Holy Church glorifies the honorable Dormition or Translation of the Mother of God from earth to heaven. She died peacefully without illness. And we can learn her story in the icon and the Holy Tradition of the Dormition. Her soul was taken up in the divine hands of her Son and carried up into Heaven, accompanied by the sweet singing of angels. Her most pure body was then transferred by the apostles to Gethsemane where it is honorably buried. We see according to Tradition that Thomas had not arrived on time for the funeral of the Holy Virgin. When he arrived on the third day after her passing away he insisted on seeing her in her tomb. Yet when they opened the tomb, her body was not there. She was, according to Tradition, taken up to heaven. In the icon we see the life-bearing body of the Theotokos laying on a bier, surrounded by the apostles and hierarchs, and in the center of the icon the Lord holding in His hands the most pure soul of the Theotokos. The Mother of God -- the Mother of Christ -- upon her death, became the child of Christ.

When someone dies, we say that he or she has "fallen asleep". What does this mean? This means that for the true Christian there is no death. Death was conquered by Christ on the cross. But there is a translation, a rearrangement of his condition. We say that his soul is in another place, in another age, or in another world beyond the grave, eternal, without end. That is what is meant by "falling asleep". It is as if it were a temporary dream after which, by the voice of the Lord and the fearful trumpet of the Archangel, all the dead shall live and come forth each to his place: either to the resurrection of life or to the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:29). This is what the Christian means by translation. The Holy Virgin never feared death. In fact, she was ready to die for Christ even at the Cross of Christ. In a frightful time when all of the apostles had scattered to save themselves, the Panagia never left the side of her Son and her God. She had no fear. Day and night she spent her time in prayer. The Most Holy Theotokos went often to the Holy Sepulcher of the Lord, and here she offered up fervent prayer. More than once, enemies of the Savior sought to hinder her from visiting her holy place, and they asked the High Priest for a guard to watch over the grave of the Lord. The Holy Virgin continued to pray right in front of them, yet unseen by anyone. On one such visit to Golgotha, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and announced her approaching departure from this life to eternal life. In pledge of this, the Archangel gave her a palm branch. With these heavenly tidings the Mother of God returned to Bethlehem. She summoned Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and other disciples of the Lord, and told them of her impending repose. Since her repose, she has shown her unending love for us all. She is "quick to hear" and always answers our prayers and supplications. During these fifteen days of the Dormition of the Theotokos, make every effort to attend as many services as possible. Allow the Holy Virgin to intercede for us, and, allow her motherly love to fill us. Let us all love our Lord, His Holy Mother, and all of the saints with our whole heart, mind, and soul.

<u>WEEKDAY SERVICES</u> during the first two weeks of August have been scheduled for our spiritual edification and growth as we remember the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos. Let us take note of

the schedule of services (listed under the "services" section) that will be held at Holy Trinity only and avail ourselves of these spiritual opportunities. Please give to Father Matthew the first names (baptismal names, please) of your loved ones so that Father can offer up prayers for the health and sanctification of their bodies and souls during the Paraclesis services.

<u>BLESSING OF FRUIT ON AUGUST 6</u> On Thursday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord will be commemorated. Following Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity, a special prayer will be offered, blessing the fruit, especially grapes that the faithful may bring on this day. This feast falls during the harvest season signifying that all we have depends on God's great goodness. All blessings come from God and we are reminded once again that through the fruits of the harvest, He is present in our lives.

Everyone is welcome to bring <u>FLOWERS</u> to church on the Panagia's feast on <u>August 15</u>; as a reminder of her falling asleep, flowers are brought to the church to be blessed. When they are taken to one's home, they are no longer just flowers, they are tangible evidence of the beauty of all things that come from our Lord.

	Here first names of your loved ones By Submit to Father Matthew for Paraclesis.
Humbly in Christ, Father Matthew	



FESTIVAL FOOD PREP SCHEDULE

FOOD ITEM	CHAIRMAN	PREP DATES	
Melomakarona	Elpitha Votsis and	August 1, 2	
	Katina Sefandonakis		
Macaroons	Nola Slager and	August 5th	
	Katherine Burton		
Galaktoboureko	Nola Slager	August 3-4	
Keftethes	Yanni Armaou Prep	August 9	
	Chris Kontgis Festival		
Pastichio	Nola Slager and	August 10-11	
	Connie Yengich		
Baklava	Fran Matragos and	August 18, 19 &	
	Connie Yengich	20	
Tyropites	Stephanie Pappas	August 22-23	
Pasta Flora	Cindy Skedros and	August 29-30	
	Connie Yengich		
Karithopita	Zeta Tsagaris	September 5-6	
Galatopita	Angelica Bailey	y September 7	

AHEPA'S BARBEQUE

A Community BBQ sponsored by AHEPA is scheduled for Sunday, **August 16th**, 2015 at the **Prophet Elias Pavilion**. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Menu will include: Lamb, Goat, 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.

Youth Weekly Devotional THE DECISIONS THAT LEAD TO SATISFACTION ROMANS 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

My Dear Beloved Children in Christ.

Think about a circumstance in your life you'd like to change if you could. Were you frustrated, worried or angry? To experience the freedom of gladness and satisfaction in the midst of it—whether a hardship or unfulfilled desire—we must first accept the situation as having been allowed by God, even if He didn't cause it. In these situations, we need to pray, "Lord, I choose to accept this as though it's coming from You. No matter what I see or feel, I'm choosing to look to You." Then we can rest in His omnipotence and the knowledge that we are children of the living God. Instead of feeling like we are helpless, hopeless victims of our circumstance, we should know we are cared for and guided by our sovereign Father through whatever may come. The second crucial decision is total submission. This doesn't mean that we approach God insincerely and say, "Well, Lord, I just want to thank You for this! It's all just so sweet, Jesus." No, it's not. Be honest and admit, "This is painful and I don't like it. But I choose to submit to You because You are trustworthy and loving. I am willing to persevere until You accomplish in me whatever You want. I choose to draw from Your strength for everything I need." My Dear Beloved Children, if you make this decision and follow through, your fears will lose their power. Either you believe Romans 8:28 or you don't. And if you do, you can entrust yourself to the Lord, knowing that He has your best interest at heart, and will take care of you, and won't ever leave your side. When we embrace these truths, we will have no reason to be anxious. In His Love and Service.

FR. ELIAS

$\begin{array}{c} \text{GOYA CAR SHOW} \\ \text{AUGUST } \mathbf{22^{\text{ND}} PE PARKING LOT} \\ \mathbf{10 \text{ AM}} - \mathbf{2 \text{ PM}} \end{array}$

We hope that all of you can stop by for a special afternoon and take a look at some amazing cars! If you have an old beauty that you would like to show off, we need you! Please come and support the car show, and the youth in their endeavor to raise funds. Please see flyer for more details.



Contact a Parish Council member for information



Camp at Saint Sophia School

Summer Adventure Camp is for Pre-k 3 (3 years old and potty trained by June 1) through 2nd grade. The Adventure Camp is located at Saint Sophia School, 5341 So. Highland Dr. Our goal is to continue the early years' growth that defines Saint Sophia School's foundational philosophy: to Discover, Explore, Create, and Imagine. The summer experience will combine enrichment with play for an enhancing summer experience. Each activity is grounded in the belief that learning begins with "wonder." Sessions will navigate between sports, cooking, culture, dance, music water play, building, gardening, and more. The summer curriculum will offer such themed sessions as:

LOOKIN FOR COOKIN

SPECTACULAR SPORTS
FOREST FRIENDS

JUNGLE SAFARI
ISLAND PARADISE
SPLASHARAMA

SILLY SCIENCE BUDDING ARCHITECTS

MUSIC FESTIVAL OLYMPIADS

GREEN THUMBS CHEMISTRY FOR KIDS

Summer Camp: Two-week sessions lasting 10 weeks. (5 Sessions)

Post Camp: Not included in Summer Camp price. Details to be announced at a later date.

Sign-up: As few as 1 two-week session in any combination or whole camp.

Days: M – F

Hours: 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Extended hours a.m.: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Extended** hours p.m.: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Dates: Cost per each session:

Session V: August 3 – August 14 Half Day 9:00 – 4:00 \$385.00
Post Camp Week: August 17 – August 28 Whole Summer Camp \$1,925.00

Extended a.m. and p.m. care by the hour Half Day Summer \$975.00

Saint Sophia School

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Call today for more information 801-424-1297

TODDLER TUESDAYS: 18 Month to 2 1/2 (with parent) 9:00-11:00 AM

PRE K 3'S: 9:00-12:00 MTWTHF
PRE K 4'S 9:00-12:00 MTWTHF
KINDERGARTEN: 9:00-3:30 MTWTHF
EXTENDED LEARNING: 12:00-3:30 MTWTHF

KIDS CORNER

