

## Epistle Reading

### St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11

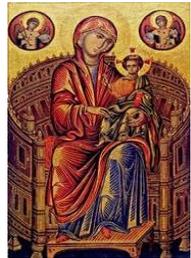


BRETHREN, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all,

as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## Gospel Reading

### The Gospel of Matthew 19:16-26



At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him,

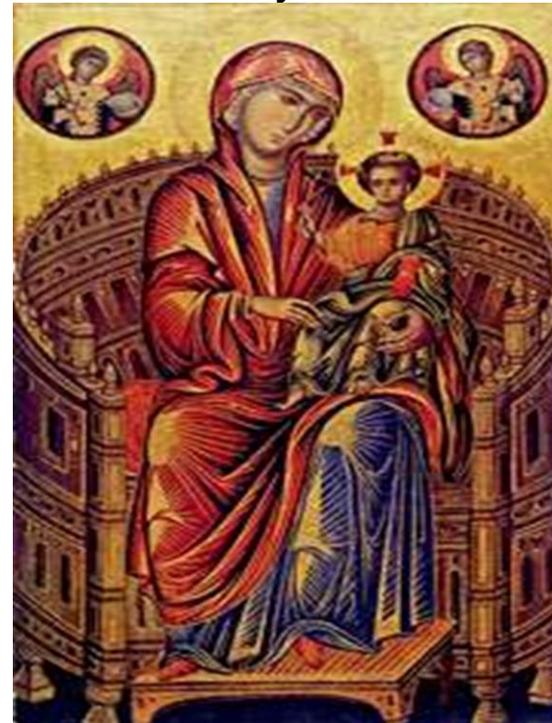
"All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



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**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015**  
**12th 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 23rd, 2015**  
Holy Trinity:

**12th Sunday of Matthew**  
Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

**Weekday Services**

**August 27th, 2015**  
Holy Trinity (only):

**Paracletis to Saint Phanourios**  
10:00am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

**August 29th, 2015**  
Holy Trinity (only):

**Beheading of Saint John the Baptist**  
Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

**Memorials**

**August 23rd, 2015**  
George Zambos

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](mailto: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

\*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](mailto:orthodoxy3@gmail.com), or come in and we can scan them for you. Thank you!

**Parish Council News**

Next Parish Council meeting **August 24th** at Prophet Elias 6:30pm in the Board Room.

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

**FESTIVAL PREPERATION REMAINING**

FOOD ITEM	CHAIRMAN	PREP DATES
Tyropites	Stephanie Pappas	August 22-23
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!

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

Dear Faithful in Christ,

### LIVING FOR CHRIST ... PART TWO

A holy priest once asked the question, "ARE YOU PREPARED TO WALK THE PATH OF HOLINESS?" There is no middle ground! Either we're holy or we're not! Any stubborn passion with which we do not struggle will corrupt us. We have to fight it, and not only fight it, but fight it and win! And we have to keep fighting until the day we die. Then we will be the victor. A holy person is one who is seized by the forces of eternal life, seized by the powers of eternity. This is why we must strive for holiness, strive toward God, and God will be with us. This is my wish for you. May the Spirit of the Lord -- the Holy Spirit -- illumine you all, and may the mercy of God be with you. The Lord save you!

### SPECIAL SERVICE TO SAINT PHANOURIOS

This THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, I will offer a PRAYER SERVICE to SAINT PHANOURIOS, the Great Martyr of Rhodes, whose memory is commemorated in the Orthodox Church on August 27. The service will begin at 10am at Holy Trinity. Saint Phanourios, a splendid athlete of the Lord and invincible martyr, is beloved especially by the Greek people. It is a pious Orthodox custom that if we've lost or misplaced something, we seek Saint Phanourios' intercession in finding our lost item by baking a PHANOUROPITA CAKE. The one condition that Saint Phanourios asks of us is, when baking this cake, we also ask the Lord for the forgiveness and salvation of Saint Phanourios' mother who led a promiscuous life. I invite and encourage our parish faithful to attend this service; if anyone would like to bring Phanouropita cake to be blessed at the service, you are warmly encouraged to do so. Afterward, the holy blessed bread is shared by those at church and others. By the prayers of the Martyr, may Christ God have mercy upon us all.

### 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.

### 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 on September 1 – which will be commemorated with a 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 our parish!

### IT'S TIME FOR SPECIAL BLESSING OF OUR PETS

On 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.

### 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 have 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](mailto:matthewthepriest@gmail.com).

*Humbly in Christ,*

*Father Matthew*

**YOUTH WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL**  
**LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

1 JOHN 4:7-8

*7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

My Dear Beloved Youth,

I wanted to first take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyful, happy and successful new school year. May our Lord keep you close to Him as you learn and grow and protect you from any harm and may He help you grow and experience His love and wisdom through the coming school year and always.

As you prepare to begin a new school year let us take to heart the words of our Lord to love one another. What is this mystery we call love? We often see love depicted in literature, theater, motion pictures, videos, or hear it sung of in songs. It is shown as an emotional feeling of attention and emotion toward a person we love. One of the best-known works of Western art is surely that section of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel which depicts God reaching down to touch Adam's fingertip and give him life. This is how God showed his love for us by sending his one and only Son into the world for our salvation. Of all the portrayals this is one of the most profound and helps describe the type of love that God is telling us to have for each other. True Love is actually entering into the mystery of Love that is the nature of Trinitarian Godliness towards each Person of the Holy Trinity. It is not just a feeling, but a condition from the depths of being.

How can we learn to live in this condition and become active participants in this profound love of God, We His creation and all of Creation? By practice - By the practice of turning away our awareness and focus from just our own feelings, desires, wants, and ambitions to the practice of choosing to put others and their needs before our own. By the practice of doing kindness, compassion, thoughtfulness, and service to others without thought of reward. As our heart turns its doors to open wide towards others and forgetting of just our self, then we start to live in this great mystery of God and people remade in His Likeness. May we enter that quiet chamber of peace, attentive to His Presence, and live in the ocean of Love that flows out from God over the whole world. Let the love with which God loves us be extended to all.

In His Love and Service,  
+fr. elias

Dear Parishioners;

We'd like to extend our apologies for the delay in reopening of Prophet Elias. Once the carpet and pews were removed, it was evident that the walls had not been cleaned in more than 20 years. We explored painting the brick and opted to steam clean it instead. Also the company that had been hired in the past to clean the chandeliers is no longer in business so we've been scrambling to determine how to best clean them. In the meantime, all of the windows have been re-caulked and the light bulbs have been replaced with LED bulbs, which will result in a considerable operational savings. The steam cleaning is underway and we hope to soon be able to paint the ceiling, lay the new carpet and re-install and clean the pews.

While in the past we have held services in the gym, with festival preparations underway and a shortage of manpower, we made the difficult decision to hold services at only one church.

Again, our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. We believe the improvements will be well worth the wait. We hope to be back in the church for services on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.  
-Your Parish Council

**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

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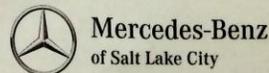
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## 2015 GRAND PRIZE

**WIN YOUR CHOICE OF A  
350 GLK (Gas Model),  
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Donation: \$100.00

Contact Parish Council members for information



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

Provided by Ken Garff's Mercedes Benz  
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## 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 26<sup>TH</sup>** 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**.

## 44<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:paascalbum@gmail.com) with any questions. Orders can be completed online: <https://squareup.com/market/paasc2015>.

Contact a Parish Council member for information.

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Psalm 51

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