

## Epistle Reading St Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

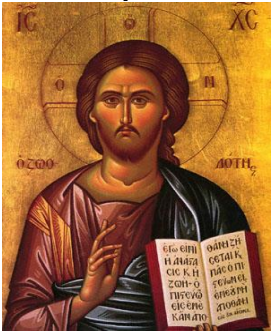


TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## Gospel Reading The Gospel of Luke 8:5-15



The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the

parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



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**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council**



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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Holy Trinity:  
Prophet Elias**

**Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council**

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

**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Holy Trinity:  
Prophet Elias**

**Luke the Evangelist**

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

**Weekday Services**

**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Special Prayer Service for those who have lost a child through miscarriage or stillbirth**

**Holy Trinity:** 10:00am Fr. Matthew

**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Paracletis to the Most Holy Theotokos**

**Prophet Elias:** 5:30pm Fr. Elias

**Memorials**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Bill Loya 40 Days Holy Trinity  
Jamie Votsis Paulos 3 Years Holy Trinity

**\*\*\*\*The Family of Jamie Votsis will host Coffee Hour\*\*\*\***

**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Gust Katsikathas 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**

Tami, Stella, Kari, Margie, 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.\*



**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**PEACE GARDEN DEDICATION TODAY**

We are happy to announce the completion of the Greek section of the International Peace Gardens at Jordan Park. The park is located at 1060 So. 900 West.

The dedication will be held on **October 11<sup>th</sup>** after Liturgy at 1:00 pm. We hope to see you there.

**\*\*\*Reminder\*\* Sunday School Year Book Pictures\*\*\***

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> for Prophet Elias



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

It's all around us -- the sin of blasphemy. Taking the Name of the Lord our God in vain is generally overlooked in these times. Blasphemy and foul language are so commonly heard on television and in movies that even small children often use this kind of language. Interestingly enough, although most people are less offended by blasphemy than by openly crude sexual language, blasphemy is a sin against God and is a very serious offense. The whims of fashion and the decline of civilization do not exempt Orthodox Christians from their responsibilities to God and their families. They must, therefore, guard against the sin of blasphemy, which the church has always recognized as a grievous sin. Let us heed, in this respect, a story told by Saint Gregory the Dialogist:

*"In this city, there lives a certain man who is known to all; three years ago, this man had a son who, if I recall, would then have been about five years old, for whom he had such human love that he did not even try to discipline him.*

*For this reason, the boy, when someone prevented him from getting his way, used to blaspheme the magnificence of God---and let me emphasize that this is something dangerous. When, three years ago, a deadly plague fell upon the region where he lived, this young boy succumbed to it and was near death. As eyewitnesses recounted, while the father took the child into his arms, the boy himself saw evil spirits coming for him. The boy began to tremble, to blink his eyes in fear, and to cry out in despair to his father: "Father, save me, protect me". Simultaneously, as he cried, he turned his face towards his father's chest, as though wanting to be hidden.*

*When the father saw his son trembling, in agony he asked him what he had seen. The son answered: "Black creatures came to me and wanted to take me away with them". No sooner had he finished this phrase, than he immediately blasphemed the name of God and, with this blasphemy, expired.*

*Thus, God, the All-Powerful, in order to show by what sin the boy was given over to these evil servants, allowed him to die with this sin which his father, while the boy was alive, did nothing to prevent. And this boy whom God allowed, by His mercy, to live as a blasphemer, by His righteous judgment was also permitted to blaspheme at his death, so that his careless father might know well his sin. For this father, being indifferent to the soul of his young son, reared for the Gehenna of fire not an insignificant sinner, but a great sinner."*

The use of blasphemous and foul language is obviously not a light matter. In particular, we must be sure that we never approach the Holy Mysteries with this sin on our souls.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES TO NOTE

*Remember, O Lord, the souls of Thy departed infants ...* October is known as International SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. This Wednesday, **October 14th at 10:00am** at Holy Trinity, I will offer a SPECIAL SERVICE for those families who have ever grieved the LOSS OF A CHILD through MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH, or the REPOSE OF A NEWBORN. As the father of *eight* children – two of these reposed through miscarriage – I encourage those who have experienced the loss of a child to attend this prayer service.

*A wonderful opportunity!* On Wednesday, **October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am** at Prophet Elias, I encourage our parish faithful to pray with me the AKATHIST to MARTYR VARUS, an INTERCESSOR FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP OUTSIDE THE ORTHODOX CHURCH. This is such a powerful and beautiful prayer service to Saint Varus, whose day of commemoration is October 19. All of us, I am sure, have lost a good friend, or even a family member, who was not a member of our Holy Orthodox Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to pray for them!

*No tricks here!* On Saturday morning, **October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 of this service.

*Calling all mothers!* I would like to establish a MOTHERS' PRAYER FELLOWSHIP, whereby mothers would come to church once a month specifically to pray together the AKATHIST TO THE MOTHER OF GOD, NURTURER OF CHILDREN. If you are interested in organizing and/or participating in a monthly Mothers' Prayer Fellowship Group to pray for your children, please let me know. You can email me at [matthewthepriest@gmail.com](mailto:matthewthepriest@gmail.com) or call me on my cell phone at 556-1139.

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

### TUESDAY MORNINGS WITH THE LORD

Our **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** on the Book of Revelation will continue this Tuesday, **October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** at the Little America Coffee Shop. The Revelation of Saint John the Theologian forms a worthy conclusion to the whole of sacred Scripture. Revelation consists of twenty-two chapters. But the text unfolds rapidly. It concerns, as the author tells us, the Revelation which God gave to Christ and which through His angel He made known – revealed – to Saint John who at the time was in exile on the island called Patmos. Patmos has been regarded as a holy island and has been the object of pilgrimage from all over the Christian world.

We welcome you to join us on our spiritual study. Don't be shy. We are all on this spiritual journey together to learn more deeply about the teachings of our Holy Church. May the soaring eagle of our Theology, Saint John the Theologian, help us in this task!

### WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

For those who wish to partake in an EVENING spiritual enrichment gathering, I am offering WALKING IN THE SPIRIT: WISDOM FROM THE HOLY FATHERS; the next one will take place this Wednesday, **October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Prophet Elias Boardroom.

*Humbly in Christ,  
Father Matthew*

## YOUTH WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Our Help in Prayer – The Holy Spirit

### **Romans 8:26-27**

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

My Dear Beloved Children we tell ourselves we want to be more determined to spend more time in prayer, we come to the appointed time, drop to our knees, open our mouth, and—draw a blank. Sure, we manage a few words about what we need the Lord to do for us and our family, but we should be praying for more than that, shouldn't we? Yes, we should. We as Orthodox Christians have needs that are indeed the Father's concern; not even the smallest detail escapes His notice. However, He tells us His children to imitate Jesus—we should “not merely look out for our own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:4).

Selfless prayer, though, isn't natural to us. We too easily (and wrongly) think of God as a genie—someone to do our bidding as we live life our own way. Thankfully, He has supplied us a Helper. The Holy Spirit, our willing and able partner in praying effectively, intercedes for us when we can't “pray as we should” (Rom. 8:26).

How should we cooperate with the Spirit's intercession for us? First, we must recognize God's authority, holiness, and glory. Then, we need to submit our lives to His will and leadership. When we do, God's will and desires become foremost in importance for us. Finally, we must submit our future to Him, trusting Him to bring great good out of negative as well as positive events in our lives.

In submission to the Holy Spirit, we will discover greater peace and joy. We will also find new words for our prayers to the Father as we bring petitions inspired by His Spirit. Even more importantly, we will develop a deeper understanding of God's greatness.

My Dear Children please know you are always in my prayers.

In His Love and in Prayer,

+fr. elias

## LET US COME TOGETHER IN LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP

Youth Ministry Board Meeting – Sunday, **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, 2015 in the Prophet Elias Boardroom **4:00pm**.

### Ages of Youth Groups

Lambs - Hope- Joy 3 years old to 10 years old

Jr. GOYA 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 8th grade

Sr. GOYA 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 12th grade

OCF College Students

### UP COMING YOUTH EVENTS



### Jr & Sr GOYA

Join us for an evening at the

**CRAZY CORN MAZE**

**Thursday, October 22**

Meet at Prophet Elias 5:30pm - 6:15 pm for Dinner

6:15 pm car pool to Crazy Corn Maze

8800 South 4000 West

**We need parents to carpool – please help!**

Choose your option:

**Maze \$4.50**

**Haunted Trail \$7.50**

**Maze and Trail \$9.00**

**8:30pm** parents pick up at **Crazy Corn Maze**

**9:00pm** pick up at **Prophet Elias**



## UP COMING YOUTH EVENT (cont)



### Youth Fall Harvest

Sunday, **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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 31<sup>st</sup>**.

From **November 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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. 6<sup>th</sup>** and **7<sup>th</sup>** near Heber, Utah

Meet at **Prophet Elias** north parking lot on Friday the November 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 [freiask@yahoo.com](mailto:freiask@yahoo.com)

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## Sponsored by the Metropolis of Denver

### 2015 Front Range Pan-Orthodox Fall Retreat

The 2015 Front Range Pan-Orthodox Fall Retreat will be held November 20-22, 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>.

### Youth Policy on Sunday School Attendance

Participants in Dance and Basketball will need to be aware that your participation in these programs will be dependent on 75% attendance in Sunday School and will be enforced. Please make every effort to attend Sunday School and participate in the Sunday School Program growing in faith and knowledge of our Lord. There are extenuating circumstances that will at times prohibit you from attending Sunday School and you can make up the absence by meeting with Fr. Elias for a brief discussion and question and answer time. Absences need to be made up. Please call Fr. Elias to set up a time to meet. ([801-556-4640](tel:801-556-4640)) Teachers will be reporting on the attendance of all students.

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### 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

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### **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 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Boys 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:freiask@yahoo.com).  
[801-556-4640](tel:801-556-4640)

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### **HCA ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Hellenic Cultural Association will be having its annual membership luncheon and Axios awards on Sunday **October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30pm at Holy Trinity. This year's recipients are Louie Thiros, and Gregory Skedros. Please come and join us. No charge for members and \$25.00 for non-members.

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**ZUMBA!**



### **Saint Sophia School presents**

**ZUMBA October 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM** (notice new time).

Please join us in the big gym at Saint Sophia School. Email [alethiabapis@gmail.com](mailto:alethiabapis@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you,  
Alethia

### **Philoptochos Meeting**

Please join us on Wednesday, **October 14<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30pm at Holy Trinity, for our monthly meeting. We hope to see you there!

### **Daughters of Penelope**

Meeting Monday, **October 19<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00pm** at Prophet Elias Church.

### **Daughters of Minos**

Meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on **October 18<sup>th</sup>** at **4:00p.m.** After our short summer break, we look forward to seeing everyone!

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

Festival Appreciation/Oxi Day Luncheon  
Sunday, **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, **1:00pm**  
Holy Trinity Memorial Building

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### **Arcadian Ladies October Event**

Sunday, **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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.



### Prophet Elias Church Sunday Coffee/Fellowship Hour:

Individuals, families, groups, and clubs can now sign up to sponsor the weekly after church coffee/fellowship hour. Proceeds collected go to the Sunday School. Christie and Terry Tatum will continue to make and serve the coffee. Their help with this is very much appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be available at church or contact Cindi Keane [cindixkeane63@gmail.com](mailto:cindixkeane63@gmail.com) or Joanne Saltas at [joannesaltas@gmail.com](mailto:joannesaltas@gmail.com).

Thanks to those who have volunteered for the following dates:

**October 11<sup>th</sup>:** Yvonne, Drew Pauls & Nicole, David, George Rebol

**October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Christopher, Gus, Niko Katis

**October 25<sup>th</sup>:** Arcadian Ladies Club



### **An Evening to Benefit IOCC Wine and Chef Tastings**

Enjoy a lovely evening of Wines from all over the world, and fabulous food Tastings by the Chef at The Alta Club and best of all you will be supporting IOCC helping families in Syria, Greece, Cameroon and other countries around the world.

The date Thursday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 2015 time **5:30pm** to **8:00pm**,

With your generous donation **\$85.00** per person.

Purchase tickets at [iocc.org/SLC](http://iocc.org/SLC)

Or

Tickets at IOCC table during coffee hour after church

Please come and join us to make a difference!

### **Philoptochos meeting at Prophet Elias**

General Membership Meeting:

Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## 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.

### **Save the Date** **St. Sophia School Presents**

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



## Bible Word Search Puzzle

Y N N J D R E H P E H S K S T  
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ABOMINATION	PESTILENCE
ADAM	PHARAOH
ANGEL	PHILOSOPHY
ANGELS	PRIEST
BOOKS	PROPHET
EBENEZER	PROVERB
EDEN	SALVATION
EZEKIEL	SHEPHERD
GABRIEL	SINS
GOD	
HEAVEN	
JESUS	
JEZEBEL	
PARABLE	