

## Epistle Reading

### St Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8



TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

## Gospel Reading

### The Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8



The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized

by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

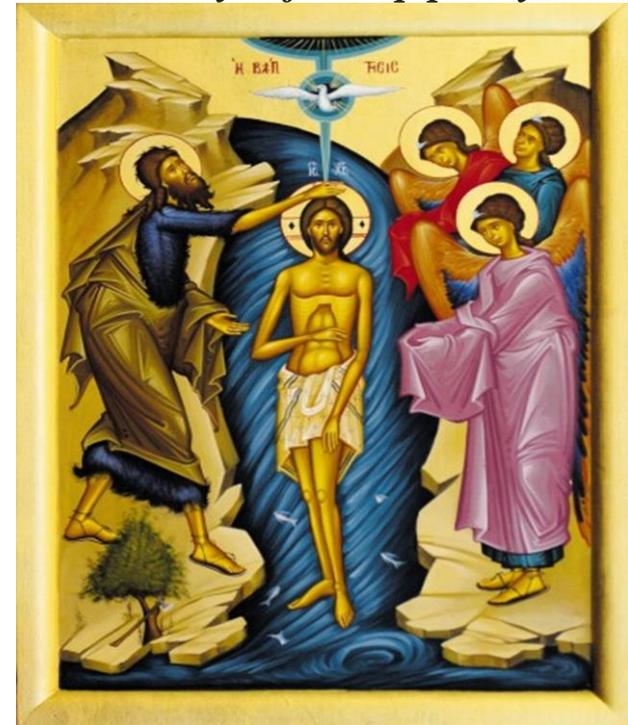


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**Sunday, January 3rd, 2016**

*Sunday before Epiphany*



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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

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Holy Trinity:  
Prophet Elias

**Sunday before Epiphany**

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

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Holy Trinity:  
Prophet Elias

**Sunday after Epiphany**

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

## Weekday Service

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Holy Trinity:  
Prophet Elias:

**Royal Hours/Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil/Lesser  
Blessing of the Waters**

9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy Fr. Elias  
9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy Fr. Matthew

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Holy Trinity:  
Prophet Elias:

**Holy Theophany - Orthros/Divine - Liturgy/Greater  
Blessing of the Waters**

9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy Fr. Elias  
9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy Fr. Matthew

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Holy Trinity:

**Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist**

9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy Fr. Matthew/Fr Elias

## Memorials

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Gus Paras	40 days	Holy Trinity
Mary Doudaniotis	40 days	Holy Trinity
George Zambos	6 months	Holy Trinity
Wilma Pappas	1 Year	Holy Trinity
Mary Campbell	4 Years	Holy Trinity
Ida (Diamando) Vosnos	23 Years	Holy Trinity
Angelo Pappas	42 Years	Holy Trinity
Helen Pappas	55 Years	Holy Trinity
Gus Pappas	66 Years	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 [mattthewthepriest@gmail.com](mailto:mattthewthepriest@gmail.com).

## Prayer List

Joan, Jim, Alexia, Isaac, Ben, Bob, Juliet, Margret, Charissa, Tami

\*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.\*

## 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.

## Office Administrator 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. Duties include; weekly/monthly bulletins, assisting Clergy, website maintenance, excellent computer skills, self-starter, with minimal supervision. Candidate must be familiar with Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel programs. Please send a cover letter and resume to [conniegoc@gmail.com](mailto:conniegoc@gmail.com) or contact Connie Yengich at 801-328-9681.

## The office will be closed on:

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
In observance of  
The Holy Theophany  
Blessing of the Waters

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW**

### **WORDS FOR OUR SALVATION**

#### **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.

Our 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; 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. 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 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.

### **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** thru **January 4th**. Please remember, however, that **January 5th** is a **STRICT FAST DAY** in preparation for Theophany on **January 6th**.

### **A NEW YEAR - TIME FOR A SPIRITUAL CHECK-UP**

New Year's Day will come and go. Many of us will make New Year's resolutions, but what about our spiritual resolutions? Father Gabriel of the Pskov Caves Monastery in Russia says that, "one must discover the truth about oneself, and see oneself as one truly is. That is, you must meet your own self. And believe me, it's an important acquaintance. A vast number of

people live their lives never even bothering to discover themselves at all. Sometimes we only have the vaguest notions or fantasies of who we are, and so depending upon our own vanity, pride, resentments, and ambitions, we see nothing. But the truth, however bitter it might seem to us, is that we are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. And this truth only comes to us through scriptural and honest examination of oneself -- through true humility. For true humility does not humiliate a man."

### **SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF THEOPHANY INCLUDE:**

**FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY, Tuesday, January 5, beginning at 9am at Holy Trinity AND Prophet Elias: Royal Hours, Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil, Service of the Lesser Blessing of the Waters (Father Matthew at Holy Trinity; Father Elias at Prophet Elias);**

**HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, Wednesday, January 6, beginning at 9am at Holy Trinity AND Prophet Elias: Orthros followed immediately by Divine Liturgy, Service of the Greater Blessing of the Waters (Father Matthew at Prophet Elias; Father Elias at Holy Trinity);**

**SYNAXIS OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9am at Holy Trinity ONLY: Orthros followed immediately by Divine Liturgy, (Father Matthew Officiating; Father Elias Assisting)**

### **HOUSE BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR**

To all our pious faithful who wish to have their HOMES and BUSINESSES BLESSED with the SANCTIFIED WATERS of HOLY THEOPHANY: Please contact me at your earliest convenience so that I may visit and bless you at your homes and/or businesses. I am eager to spend time with each and every one of you. You can reach me on my cell phone at 801-556-1139.

As we prepare to have our homes blessed, may we remember that prayer is a request for what is good and beneficial to our soul, offered by the devout people of God. But we do not restrict this request simply to what is stated in words.... We should not express our prayer merely in syllables, but the power of prayer should be expressed in the moral attitude of our soul and in the virtuous actions that extend throughout our life... This is how we pray continually – not by offering prayer solely in words, but by joining ourselves to God through our whole way of life, so that our life becomes one continuous and uninterrupted prayer!

### **TUESDAY MORNINGS WITH THE LORD**

Our TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY-- during which we continue to study the awesome Book of Revelation -- will resume Tuesday, **January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** at Little America. Why not make a resolution to join us in the New Year! We'd love to have you!

*Humbly in Christ,  
Father Matthew*

**Youth Weekly Devotional**  
**Fear or Faith? – Live As God Intends**

**Ephesians 5:15-17**

*“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is”.*

My Dear Beloved Children I want to wish you and all your family a very Happy and prosperous New Year filled with all God’s richest blessings. As we begin a New Year we have the opportunity to re-dedicate our lives and grow in the faith and knowledge of our Lord. Many Christians will go through life missing divine opportunities because they are afraid to live as God intends. Fear can paralyze us into inaction—then our life fills with lost chances to serve, minister, or see the Lord’s work up close. Consider the 11 disciples who stayed in the boat when Peter got out and walked to Jesus. How many times must each man have regretted choosing safety over the intense joy of stepping on water next to the Son of God? But Andrew, John, and the others missed their opportunity. Unfortunately, many of us stay in the boat all our lives. And we may wonder why our lives seem empty.

We easily surrender to fear’s potency when we attempt to endure trouble in our own strength. We weren’t created to live in such a way. God designed us to function best when we allow Jesus Christ’s divine power to replace our weakness. As he stood on the surface of the Sea of Galilee, Peter looked around at the fierce wind and remembered that no human can walk on water. His own strength was inadequate to keep him afloat, and he quickly sank. Jesus’ greater power was sufficient to lift Peter from the sea and carry them both safely to the boat.

**Annual Outdoor Blessing of the Water**

Wednesday, **January 6th** will be our annual outdoor blessing of the water at Sugarhouse Park at 3:30 at the main pond. Parking in the first parking lot you pass when coming around followed by Dinner after the blessing at a place to be announced. Please dress warm and plan on joining with everyone to share in a very rewarding and edifying spiritual gathering.

**GOYA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**No games until January 9, 2016**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys at Prophet Elias 10:00am  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys at St. Thomas Moore 11:00am  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls at Prophet Elias 11:00am  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys at Prophet Elias 2:00pm  
9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys at St. Vincent 2:00pm

**Come out and cheer our youth on to victory!**

**Attention Juniors and Seniors in High School**

**Before you decide what to do with your life...**

**Decide what to do with your summer!**

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- July Session: **July 5th - July 15th, 2016**

Application priority deadline is **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**.

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ΤΟ ΝΕΟΝ ΕΤΟΣ 2016



### Saint Sophia School

Enrollment for Toddler Tuesday is now open for 2016. Please call the school office today to enroll.

When: **January 5<sup>th</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Time: **9:00 AM-11:00 AM Tuesdays**

Why: To experience a creative, hands-on, child centered program for parents and toddlers ages 18 months to 2 1/2 years. (Parent or responsible adult must attend).

Please call or stop by with any questions or to request a Toddler Tuesday packet sent to your home.

Thank you,  
Ms. Mary  
Toddler Tuesday Teacher  
**801-424-1297**



**Save the Date**

### **AHEPA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Dinner Show and Dancing  
Featuring the Fabulous

Synthesi Bouzouki Band  
And  
Recording Star Aphrodite Vlasserou

More information to follow or call  
**Jim Klekas at (801) 971-6060**

## PROSFORO MINISTRY COMMITTEE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

The Prosforo ministry committee is in need of volunteers to offer baking two to four loaves of Prosforo once a month at Prophet Elias. Please contact Mary Yannias @ [801-671-3591](tel:801-671-3591) or [maryyannias@yahoo.com](mailto:maryyannias@yahoo.com) to get involved in this ministry. There will be a demonstration and details on how to prepare Prosforo on Saturday, **January 9th at 10:00am**. Address is 4755 Wander Lane, Holladay. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Preparing Prosforo is a beautiful offering to Christ and brings many blessings to you and your family.

### Saint Sophia School Ladies' Night

If you were unable to attend the Saint Sophia School 2015 GALA, there is still time to sign up for Saint Sophia School LADIES' NIGHT

When: **January 10th, 2016**

Where: Paint Mixer-Sugar House

Time: **3:30pm**

Cost: **\$100**

There is still room left if you'd like to join us. Please email [alethiabapis@gmail.com](mailto:alethiabapis@gmail.com) to reserve a spot today

### Home and Business Blessings

I will also be available to do house blessings along with your place of business. Please call me to set up a date and time. I would love to share the time with you and bless your homes and business. My cell is **801-556-4640** Happy New Year with all God's richest blessings.

In His love and service,  
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## VASILOPITA

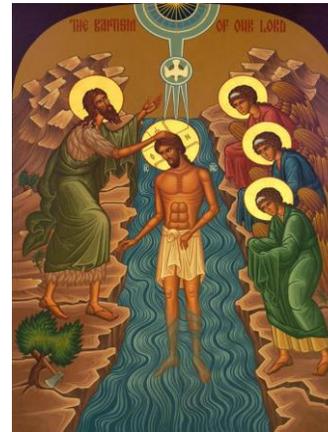


Each year on the first day of the New Year the Feast Day of St. Basil the Great is celebrated. In honor of this feast, the Philoptochos Societies across the country hold a Vasilopita event to benefit the Academy of Saint Basil.

The Philoptochos invites all parishioners to attend the VASILOPITA event to be held at each church Sunday, **January 10th**, 2016 after the Divine Liturgy service. Please consider donating a Vasilopita. Bring it to either **Holy Trinity Cathedral** or **Prophet Elias Church** on Sunday, **January 10th**.

Please plan to stay and participate in this event to raise funds for Saint Basil Academy which is the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home for children in need. The academy provides a loving Christian environment where resident children are nurtured to adulthood.

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### *The Way of the Lord*

*Let us faithful sing of the greatness  
of God's dispensation toward us.  
For in our fallen state, becoming  
man, the only pure and perfect One,  
He effects our purification in the  
Jordan, sanctifying both me and the  
waters,  
and shattering the heads of dragons  
lurking there.*

*Let us then draw water with  
gladness, brethren;  
for to those who draw in faith the grace of the Spirit is  
given invisibly by Christ God, the Savior of our souls.*

*(Idiomelon, The Blessing of Waters at Theophany)*

## FAITH ENDOWMENT ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2016 FINANCIAL AID TRAVEL GRANTS TO IONIAN VILLAGE

NEW YORK – Continuing for the tenth consecutive year, “FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism” will once again sponsor a series of financial aid travel grants this summer to campers participating in the Ionian Village Summer Camp program. FAITH provides full and partial scholarships to those participants who qualify.

The travel grants are primarily need-based financial aid; however, each applicant’s academic performance will also be weighed into the evaluation review process. Priority is given to high school seniors. Ionian Village participants will travel across Greece visiting significant sites of Greek history and culture. At the end of each program, the campers return home with strengthened faith, lifelong friendships and an expanded appreciation for the Orthodox Church and Greek culture.

Mrs. Elaine Jaharis, a Founder of the FAITH Endowment, Ionian Village Alumna and Chair of the Committee spoke on behalf of the Founders, “We (the Founders of FAITH) are proud to support young people wishing to participate in Ionian Village. The Camp provides a truly transformative and enriching experience for intellectual and spiritual growth and life-long friendships as these young people connect to their Hellenic roots. For over 40 years, Ionian Village has been, and still is, the premiere program for young Greek Americans to understand their Hellenic heritage and identity, and we are very pleased to offer this financial aid opportunity through our program.”

In 2015, FAITH underwrote 63 full and partial financial aid travel grants for young people to attend the Ionian Village Summer Camp. Eva T., who received a 2015 FAITH Travel Grant to Ionian Village, recalled her experience as a camper, “There are absolutely no words to express my sincere gratitude towards FAITH. I learned so much about our rich and beautiful motherland, the others around me, myself and our Orthodox Faith.” Each year, FAITH also funds a series of several scholarship programs including many merit-based scholarships for the FAITH Scholarships for Academic Excellence program to high school students graduating from public, parochial and private high schools across the country.

FAITH – Ionian Village Travel Grant applications are NOW available for participants of Session One and Session Two, ages 16-18: [www.thefaithendowment.org](http://www.thefaithendowment.org). Completed applications must be received by February 5, 2016.

*FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism* supports the development of innovative educational, cultural, and scholarship programs for young people that promote an understanding of the Orthodox faith, Hellenism, and the relationship of the two to America’s history and multicultural landscape. For more information, please call: **1-212-644-6960**. Please call Fr. Elias with any questions and or concerns: **801-556-4640**.

## Prophet Elias Renovations Update



We are in the midst of nearing completion of the dome work. It is in the paint stage at this time, and anticipate completion by the end of next week, with scaffolding still onsite. The sealing of the brick is complete. The outside restoration of the wood doors is still in progress. The work that will commence after the completion of the dome is; the painting of the ceiling, complete cleaning of the church, installation of the new carpeting, and the re-installing the pews.

Again this Sunday, the interior of the Church will be open for 15 minutes after services and during coffee hour. Please come and look at the progress and ask any questions you may have. We only ask that you stay in the space directly inside the church for safety reasons. We appreciate your continued support and patience as we restore the interior of our church.

