

Epistle Reading

St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13



BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his

gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of Matthew 4:12-17



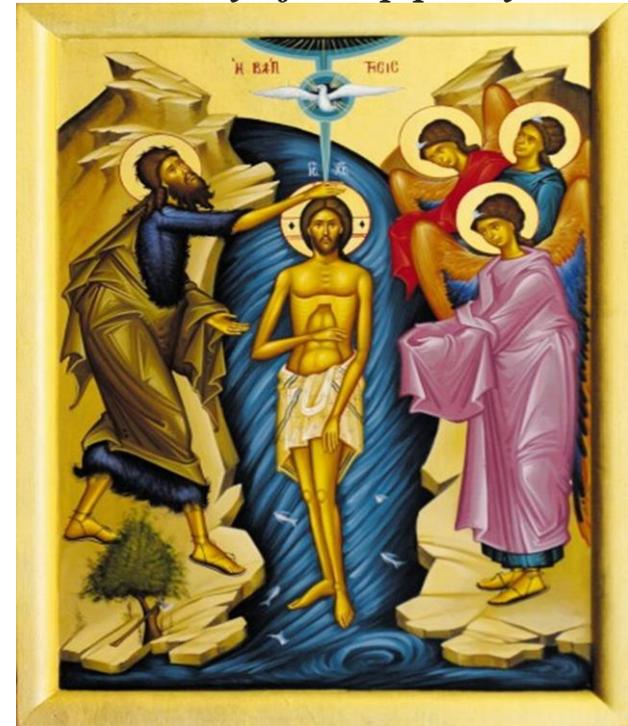
At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of

death light has dawned." From that time, Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



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Sunday, January 10th, 2016
Sunday after Epiphany



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Sunday Services

January 10th, 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

January 17th, 2016

Holy Trinity:

Prophet Elias

Sunday after Epiphany

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

Weekday Service

January 13th, 2016

Akathist to Saint Ephraim of Nea Makri (Healer of Addictions)

Holy Trinity: 10:30am

Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

Memorials

January 10th, 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
Toula (Panagiota) Zambos	8 Years	Holy Trinity
Ida (Mandula) 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 matthewthepriest@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. 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 or contact Connie Yengich at 801-328-9681.

young
at heart

The Young at Heart Luncheon will be held on Thursday **January 14th** at noon at the Memorial Hall. Our menu will be roast leg of lamb, roasted potatoes, vegetable, salad and soup. Ring in the New Year with some food, fun, fellowship and BINGO! Bring a dessert for 2016, and we hope to see all of you there.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! KALH XRONIA 2016!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

ON KEEPING SUNDAYS HOLY

The Lord granted us six days out of every week to carry out business necessary for our earthly life, but the seventh day - only one day – He appointed for rest, for holy rest, rest that must be used for the Lord God, or for the Glory of God. Thus, the first obligation that Sunday imposes on each of us is to set aside all the business that we need to engage in during the six days of the week to support our earthly lives. The second obligation, which Sunday imposes even more strictly on all of us, is to turn away from all impious acts that drive from our souls remembrance of the Lord God, reverence towards Him, devotion to Him, gratitude and a prayerful disposition of soul toward Him: all iniquitous works, and also all unedifying reading, all unedifying conversations, unedifying idleness and various games during which our souls often not only lose remembrance of the Lord God, but forget even themselves, give themselves up to a spirit of impiety and are carried away by delights, of which the undoubted end after death is bitter weeping and wailing. The third obligation that the day of Resurrection places on us is, as is apparent from the example of the first Christians, attendance at the Sunday divine services, especially the Divine Liturgy!

May this New Year mark not just a “new you”, but a new SPIRITUAL you! *So be it!*

VASILOPITA CELEBRATIONS TODAY

As we take part in the festive Vasilopita celebrations at both churches TODAY and hosted by our Ladies Philoptochos Societies, it is important to recall that SAINT BASIL THE GREAT was not only a figure of towering intellectual prowess; he was equally renowned for his vigorous pursuits and tangible successes in establishing charitable institutions, orphanages, and hospitals outside the ancient city of Caesarea in Cappadocia, where he served as bishop. This legacy of Saint Basil provides us with wonderful challenges and examples of service to incorporate in our lives as Orthodox Christians, and it is fitting that we begin the New Year by considering ways and means by which we can respond within our community to the rich legacy bequeathed to us by Saint Basil the Great. One example of this rich legacy finds concrete expression in the work of SAINT BASIL ACADEMY in Garrison, New York, appropriately named for Saint Basil the Great. THANK YOU in advance for your support of our Ladies Philoptochos Societies as they raise money for Saint Basil Academy!

HOUSE BLESSINGS

As we know, it is a tradition in our Orthodox Church to have our homes blessed by the priests sometime after the Feast of Theophany. By having our homes blessed, we seek to have them cleansed, as we would have our souls cleansed. By having our homes blessed, we seek to make them acceptable dwelling places both for God and for those who may enter therein. Since all Orthodox homes should be blessed and dedicated to Christ, please invite me into your homes and/or businesses so that I may bless them with the SANCTIFIED WATERS of HOLY THEOPHANY. Please contact me at your earliest convenience on my cell phone at 801-556-1139 or you may call **Father Elias at 801-556-4640**.

Holy Theophany – which we celebrated this past Wednesday – teaches us that to do the will of God means to be obedient to the will of God; that through Him Who cleanses comes sanctification and holiness; that through the Holy Trinity is revealed the Way toward communion with God and healthier relationships. Let us, who bore witness to our Lord's Baptism, allow Theophany to be for us a window through which God's will, holiness and love

might be more clearly revealed. And let us likewise respond through our genuine obedience, sincere prayer and resolve to reconcile our relationships with God and one another.

TUESDAY MORNINGS WITH THE LORD

With the holiday season now over, our **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**- during which we continue to study the awesome Book of Revelation - resumes this Tuesday, January 12 at 10:30am at Little America. Why not make a resolution to join us in the New Year! We would love to welcome you into our midst!

INTERCESSION FOR ADDICTIONS

If you, or someone you know, is suffering from alcohol, drug, or other addictions, this service is especially for you! This Wednesday, **January 13th at 10:30am** at **Holy Trinity**, a special service to **SAINT EPHRAIM OF NEA MAKRI** will be offered. Please try to attend, and if you are unable, please let me know so that I can especially remember you or your loved ones during the service! If, however, we encounter hazardous winter weather conditions on this day, please call my cell phone to confirm whether this service will still be held.

THE PRAYERS OF A MOTHER

All MOTHERS AND MOTHERS-TO-BE are invited to gather on **Sunday, January 24th at HOLY TRINITY** to *read aloud together* the **AKATHIST TO THE MOTHER OF GOD, NURTURER OF CHILDREN**, in church while I am giving Antidoron at the end of services. It is my hope that, as this wonderful group enlarges, we will be able to have *two groups* that pray this Akathist at least once a month at both churches simultaneously at the conclusion of a Sunday Liturgy during the distribution of Antidoron. It has been heartwarming to see the response at Prophet Elias and I pray that our beloved mothers at Holy Trinity will also take prayer in this brief, but powerful, service. I will provide copies of this awesome service, so if you do not have this Akathist, don't worry; I will give it to you.

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 on Wednesday, **January 20th**, at **6:30pm** in the **Prophet Elias Boardroom**. I would like to offer this once-a-month gathering in the *homes* of our faithful; if you would be willing to host one, please let me know. While the January “Walking in the Spirit” will be held at Prophet Elias, I am hoping that, for February, someone will come forward and welcome us into their home! (As a reminder, if we encounter hazardous winter weather conditions on this evening, please call my cell phone to confirm whether or not this gathering will still be held.)

*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.

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 would like to join us. Please email alethiabapis@gmail.com to reserve a spot today

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Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Parish Council and Stewardship Committee of our parish, we would sincerely like to thank all of the Stewards who gave so abundantly of themselves this past year in support of our beloved community. If not already completed, we strongly urge you to fulfill your pledge for 2015 so that we may finalize contributions. As well, may this serve as a friendly reminder to please remember to fill out your pledge card for 2016.

Daughter of Minos

Χρονια Πολλα!

Wishing all of you a Happy Healthy New Year! Our Daughters of Minos meeting will be held on **January 17th at 3:00 p.m.** at **Profit Elias**. We will be holding our final registration for Kri Kri 1st-3rd grade for this year, and we will have our first practice during the meeting. Grandmothers, moms please make sure you are in attendance for the meeting while your children, grandchildren practice. We will be taking dues for the New Year as well as our annual Vasilopita to bring in the New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Save the Date

Saturday, February 6th, 2016 “A Community Event”

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

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Annual Vasilopita Sunday

LOUKOMATHES

January 10, 2015

Following Liturgy at Holy Trinity

Please join us in celebration of the New Year in enjoying everyone's favorite
LOKOUMATHES!

Proceeds to benefit St. Basil's Academy



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.

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. 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**.



Who was Saint Basil?

During the fourth century, one of the greatest Fathers of the Christian Church appeared on the spiritual horizon of the Orthodox Faith. His name was Basil and he was Bishop of Caesarea, Cappadocia (Asia Minor). He was born four years after the First Ecumenical

Council held in the year 325 A.D. Saint Basil was one of the three Cappadocian Fathers of the Church (the others were Gregory of Nazianzus, his best friend, and his brother, Gregory of Nyssa).

Saint Basil was the first person in human history to establish an orphanage for little children. He also founded the first Christian hospital in the world. His fame as a Holy Man spread like wildfire throughout the Byzantine world. He was considered one of the most wise and compassionate clergymen in the entire history of the Church. His Feast Day is observed on January 1st, the beginning of the New Year and the Epiphany season. The Church, therefore, in respect for his many contributions to the Church and to mankind in general, combined the joy and happiness of the New Year with the glory of the birth of Christ, and the Epiphany into what is known in the Orthodox Church as the Vasilopita Observance.