

Epistle Reading

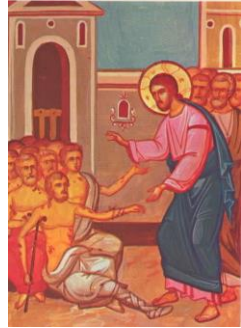
St Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21



Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Luke 17:12-19



At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks.

Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

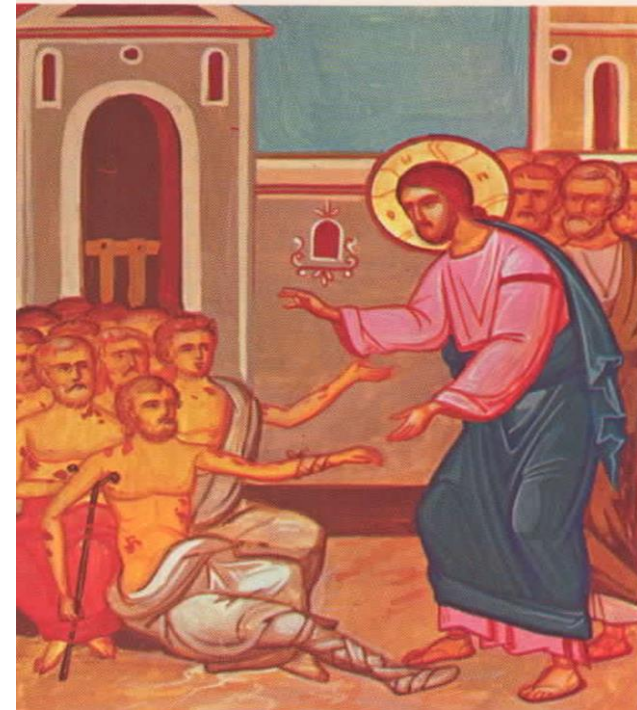


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Sunday, January 17th, 2016

12th Sunday of Luke



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

January 17th, 2016

**Holy Trinity:
Prophet Elias**

12th Sunday of Luke

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

January 24th, 2016

**Holy Trinity:
Prophet Elias**

14th Sunday of Luke

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

Weekday Service

January 18th, 2016

Feast of Saint Athanasios

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

January 20th, 2016

**Paracletis to the Mother of God - Healer of Cancer and
Hope of the Hopeless**

Prophet Elias: 10:30am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

Memorials

January 24th, 2016

Joseph Zervos

20 Years

Prophet Elias

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.



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.



Please help our **Boy Scouts** by bringing your old newspapers with you on Sundays and putting them in the recycling bin in the North parking lot at Prophet Elias. The money helps cover the expense of awards. Your help getting us to the one ton per month goal is much appreciated. Thanks! Troop 877 and Pack 3877

Prophet Elias Renovation Update



We're happy to announce that the work on the dome at Prophet Elias is complete. Thank you Patrick Burton, Deno Kambouris, Chris Sakellariou and Ken Vordos for your time and dedication to completing this project.

Painting of the ceiling and the ex-narthex are currently underway. Once this is complete, deep cleaning will take place followed by installation of the carpeting and pews. We appreciate your continued support and patience as this project nears completion.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

MAY WE NOT BUILD IN VAIN

All of us want to be saved. We know, however that for the realization of our salvation two factors work together: the divine and human, the grace of God and our own will. But we know how distorted and scarred our human nature is, how sick and weak. Many times, we intend to go forward, to approach God, to deaden a passion, to implant a virtue in us, and finally we give way. The wings of our will prove to be of wax, our efforts erratic, the foundation of our spiritual substructure rotten. Then, seeing the fragments of human efforts, this saying from the Psalms comes to our lips: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain". "In vain" means every work of ours done without prayer. Prayer makes the presence of the Lord alive and changes every work, which could have been fruitless into light and glory to our Heavenly Father. May this be the goal of our parish families: that each family helps to build up our parish with fervent prayer on our lips and in our hearts! So be it!

HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR HOUSE BLESSING?

We are now in the joyful season of Theophany during which we have our homes blessed. If you haven't yet considered having your HOME or BUSINESS sanctified with the blessed waters of Theophany, I encourage you and exhort you to please do so! I must say, though, that it is indeed perplexing how few families want their homes blessed, especially considering these very turbulent and dangerous times in which we live. Please consider the immense spiritual benefit that is derived from one's house blessing. 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.

TUESDAY MORNING AND WEDNESDAY EVENING GATHERINGS

The holiday rush is behind us; now is a great time to re-focus on our SPIRITUAL LIVES and our spiritual growth. There are two opportunities this week:

Our TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY- during which we study the Book of Revelation and engage in lively discussion, too - will take place this Tuesday, **January 19th at 10:30am** at Little America.

For those who wish to partake in an EVENING spiritual enrichment gathering, I am offering WALKING IN THE SPIRIT: WISDOM FROM THE HOLY FATHERS this 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, please call my cell phone to confirm whether or not the spiritual enrichment gathering will still be held.)

ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM CANCER

If you, or someone you know, is suffering from CANCER, this service is especially for you! This Wednesday, **January 20th at 10:30am** at **Prophet Elias**, a special service to the MOTHER OF GOD: HEALER OF CANCER AND HOPE OF THE HOPELESS 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 (801-556-1139) to confirm whether or not 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. This brief, yet powerful, prayer service honors the greatest spiritual warrior of all time, the Mother of God, our champion leader, defender of our souls, and protectress of our Orthodox children. Let us ponder on what the home of the Mother of God was like in Nazareth, and ask her to help us order our homes and to live righteously in them!

I will provide copies of this awesome service, so if you don't have this Akathist, don't worry; I will give it to you.

Humbly in Christ,
Father Matthew

Youth Weekly Devotional The Reach of Our Thanksgiving – Give Thanks in Everything

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”.

My Dear Beloved Children as we begin a New Year let us look forward with the hope, love, and peace our Lord has promised and given to us. Let us look at the past and give thanks for the blessings He has bestowed upon us and to the future with the same thanksgiving. Let us look to scripture to guide and inspire us. Have you ever noticed that the Bible contains some very brief commands, yet gives no explanation about how to carry them out? We know that Scripture contains everything we need in order to obey God. Yet sometimes we have to search additional passages for further instructions. For instance, verse 18 in today’s passage simply says, “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Now that’s a very tall command! We’re all quick to thank the Lord for blessings, such as a new baby, home, or an A on a test, but what about illness, heartache, difficulty, or loss? How can we possibly be grateful for these? The answer is, we can’t—unless we recognize that God brings or allows pain and hardship in our lives for His good purposes and glory.

Joseph is an example of this truth. His jealous brothers sold him into slavery, yet God used his difficult situation to save the lives of many people, including those very brothers (Gen. 50:20). When we choose gratitude instead of bitterness, blame, or anger, we’re acknowledging that the Lord is good even when circumstances are not.

Are you dealing with a situation that is tempting you to question God’s love and goodness? Have you wondered why He would allow such suffering or difficulty in your life? There are many things we will never be able to understand this side of heaven, but here is one truth we can know with certainty: Our God is good. What’s more, His purposes are good, and He has promised to be with us in every circumstance. When we believe this, we can give thanks in everything. I give thanks for all off you in my life and the many blessings I receive from you. God bless,

In Love and Gratitude,
+fr. elias

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. Let us begin the New Year with God in our presence by letting Him know we want Him in our homes and workplaces. 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,

Attention Juniors and Seniors in High School Before you decide what to do with your life... Decide what to do with your summer! Apply Today for CrossRoad 2016!

CrossRoad Summer Institute

- Quench your thirst for knowledge
- Explore your vocation
- Dive into Orthodox Theology and Scripture with some of the best professors in the country
- Build lifelong friendships

Step outside your comfort zone to encounter Christ in the face of your neighbor

CrossRoad offers two sessions:

- June Session: **June 18th - June 28th, 2016**
- July Session: **July 5th - July 15th, 2016**

Application priority deadline is **February 1st, 2016**.

Apply online or download an application at www.crossroadinstitute.org

Saint Sophia School Presents Men’s Night

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

When: Thursday, **February 4th, 2016**

Where: HIGH WEST DISTILLERY- WANSHIP, UTAH

Time: **5:00 PM-MEET** to Board the BUS

Cost: \$125

Enjoy a tour of the distillery, appetizers & tasting!

There is still room left if you’d like to join us. Please email alethiabapis@gmail.com to reserve a spot today

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, **January 25th**, 6:30pm at Prophet Elias

Come Dance With Us

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Two Great Attractions
Combined Into
One Fabulous Evening

Synthesi Bouzouki Band
And
Recording Star Aphrodite Vlasserou

Dinner and Dancing
\$65 ea In Advance or **\$75 Day of Event**
Limited Seating -Tables of 10 Available
Cash Bar – Event Starts at **6 PM**
Hellenic Memorial Building
Call Hermione Klekas at **(801) 582-7777** to RSVP
AHEPA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

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 **Prophet 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!

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 lifelong 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**.



*****OPA Greek Dance News*****

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

To all youth who have registered for OPA Greek Dance, we hope you and your families had a Blessed and very Merry Christmas, and a wonderful start to the New Year!!!

This is a reminder that our practices resume at Prophet Elias next week! The dates and times are:

*Parthenon (Grades 11 and 12) – Tuesday, 01-19-16 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

*Athenian (Grades 9 and 10) – Thursday, 01-21-16 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

*Olympian (Grades 6, 7, and 8) – Thursday, 01-21-16 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

We are so excited to see everyone, and look forward to a great dance year!
See you all next week!

PAN ARCADIAN FEDERATION MEETING

(Theodoros Kolokotronis Chapter #90)

Tuesday, **January 19th 6:00pm**

The Other Place

\$30 dues



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!

The Panahaikos Society will be having a Valentines Luncheon on Sunday **February 14th** at **The Olive Garden** 2272 South 1300 East at 12:30 p.m. We will order from the menu. Please **RSVP** by Friday **February 12th** with George Miller 801-244-8587 or Bill Rekouniotis 673-0424. We hope to see you there,
Thank you.

***The Society of Athanasios Diakos
Membership Appreciation Luncheon,
General Assembly and Elections on:***

**SUNDAY, January 31, 2016
1:00 pm—Hellenic Memorial Building**

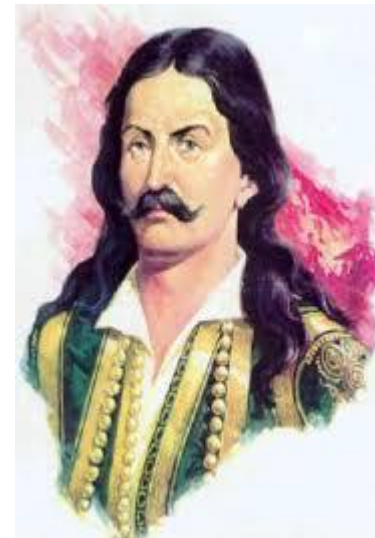
Menu:

Chicken, pilafi, vegetable,
salad, dinner roll, wine & dessert

Members cost: No charge

Non-member cost: \$15.00 adults, \$8.00 children

***Become a member on or before January 31st
& have lunch at no cost!***



*Our membership is open to
all who can trace their
ancestry to Greece, through
parents, grandparents or
marriage. Join us for lunch
and become a member of
our great organization.*

*A memorial service for
departed members of
Athanasios Diakos will take
place on January 31st at
Holy Trinity, at the end of
Divine Liturgy.*