

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15



TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Luke 18:10-14



The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



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Sunday, February 21st, 2016
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee:
Triodion Begins Today



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

February 21st, 2016

Holy Trinity:
Prophet Elias

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

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

February 28th, 2016

Holy Trinity:
Prophet Elias

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

Weekday Service

February 24th, 2016

Prophet Elias

Paraclesis to Saint Nektarios the Wonderworker

10:30am Fr. Matthew

Memorials

February 21st, 2016

Mary Pappasideris Chachas	40 Days	Holy Trinity
Andrea Ziouras	40 Days	Holy Trinity
Aphrodite Marcooles	3 Years	Holy Trinity
Anthony Marcooles	50 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, Jen, LaVaun, Tamara, Juliet, Ed, Charissa, Madeline, Kenzie,
Christina, Agnes, Irene, Mike, Zach

*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. *

Parish Council

Meeting is at 6:30pm on February 22, 2016 at Prophet Elias.

Daughter of Minos

The Daughters of Minos will be holding their meeting on Sunday **February 21st at 3:00p.m.** at **Holy Trinity**. We would like to invite all old and any new members to join us for our annual membership appreciation fellowship. Our KriKri will also be practicing during this time. Membership dues are also due by February 21st! Please feel free to send in your membership dues to:

Daughters of Minos
%Sophia Fradelakis
1331 E. Shays Grove Lane
Murray, Ut 84121

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sophia at 801-643-6558 or Maria Papadakis at 801-576-8423. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

*****Reminder, St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, this Sunday, February 21st, 2016 at Holy Trinity*****

All students, grades 7th-12th are invited to participate. There will be one competition for all the kids.

First place winners from the Junior and Senior division will represent our parish at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival in Boulder, Colorado.

There will be a total of 4 winners (2 from the Senior division and 2 from Junior division).

Cash Prizes for Senior and Junior Division Each:

First Place: \$50

Second place: \$25;

Third place: \$20

There will also be a complimentary continental breakfast sponsored by the Parish Council. Please join us!

Any questions, please call Paul K., [801-870-1514](tel:801-870-1514);
Elenie S., [801-718-7515](tel:801-718-7515), or Denise N., [801-604-6782](tel:801-604-6782)

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

TURNING OVER OUR CARES TO THE LORD

When things in life go wrong, when they do not work out according to our plans, when relationships within our family seem difficult, when our children are not doing well, when sickness and fatal disease strike, when we do not know what to do, when we cannot find peace, when we cannot study, when we cannot even pray and feel totally lost – let us not lose hope. Let us simply say: “My God, do whatever You wish. I do not know; You know. You love me. If You want me and my household to disintegrate – let it happen, if that is Your will.” If we say this, then God, who loves His creature, comes and gives us strength, grace, and comfort which are beyond understanding.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE TRIODION

TODAY commemorates the first Sunday of the Triodion. The purpose of the Triodion period intended by the Holy Church Fathers is that it is a preparatory exercise and exhortation to prepare ourselves for the spiritual labors of the upcoming Fast of Great Lent, having put aside our loathsome habits. For the coming of the Fast, the divine Fathers summon us to arms with a heralding trumpet that we might purge ourselves of the long accumulated poison of the passions laid down by the demons’ line of battle in order to entrap us. Let us arm ourselves properly and set off to the labors of the Fast. What are our weapons? The chief weapon among the virtues is repentance and humility.

KNOWING CHRIST IN HIS SAINTS

As we draw near to a saint and pray to him, we feel that he loves us and that he is interceding for us. Beside him, we find a welcoming space, an endless infinity and warmth. Through his speaking or through his silence, through his work or through his inaction, through his life or through his death, he transmits the comfort and certainty that our Savior has visited us from on high and that death has been conquered. Saint Gregory Palamas says that we come to know Christ Himself in the person of the saint because “God and His saints have the same splendor and glory”.

The following **WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES** are offered to strengthen us in our life in Christ. If you are unable to attend, but would like me to include you or your loved ones in the prayers of the Church, please don’t hesitate to give your (baptismal) names to me; don’t forget to specify at which service (or all!) you are seeking intercession.

Wednesday, February 24, 10:30am at Prophet Elias: Paraclesis (Supplication Service) to SAINT NEKTARIOS - a great and powerful healer of all kinds of ailments, especially terminal illnesses.

Wednesday, March 2, 10:30am at Holy Trinity: Akathist to the Mother of God – SOFTENER OF EVIL HEARTS - as a ‘preparation’ for the upcoming Great Lenten period.

TUESDAY MORNING WITH THE LORD

This Tuesday, **February 23**, our **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet at 10:30am at the Little America Coffee Shop. We are nearing the end of our Study on the

Book of Revelation and after we have completed this wonderful study, we will begin the Study of Corinthians! We look forward to seeing you; you are always welcomed to join us!

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS IN MARCH

Our departed loved ones will be remembered on three consecutive Saturdays beginning Saturday, March 5th. If you would like your departed loved ones commemorated at these Divine Liturgies, please give your list of names (baptismal names only) to me. The names submitted will be read on each of the three **Saturdays: March 5th, March 12th, and March 19th**. Since those who have fallen asleep are members of the Church Triumphant, we, as a parish family, have the obligation to continually remember in prayer our reposed brothers and sisters.

FASTING GUIDELINES IN PREPARATION FOR GREAT LENT AND PASCHA

The Week of **February 21** is Fast-Free.

The Week of **February 28** is a Normal Fasting Week (Wednesday and Friday);

The Week of **March 6** - there is No Meat Consumption (beginning March 7), however Dairy is Permitted this week;

Sunday, **March 13** is the Last Day for Dairy products;

Monday, **MARCH 14** begins Great Lent, during which we participate in a Strict Fast - as our personal health condition permits - and with the guidance of our spiritual father. On weekends during the Great Fast, wine and oil are allowed, and fish is allowed on the Feast of the Annunciation as well as on Palm Sunday.

VESPERS OF FORGIVENESS

The Church, in her wisdom, has prescribed a period of preparation before God’s faithful celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at Pascha (Pascha is May 1st this year). On Sunday, March 13th, which is the eve of Great Lent, immediately following Divine Liturgy at both churches, we will gather and ask forgiveness of God and one another so that we may enter through the gates of this most spiritually profound period in the ecclesiastical year. Though our participation in this special Vespers service is *optional*, all parish families are strongly encouraged to attend this truly beautiful service, remembering that forgiveness is both the beginning of, and proper condition for, the upcoming Lenten season.

DAYS ON WHICH THERE CAN BE NO MEMORIALS SCHEDULED

Please be aware that NO Memorials can be scheduled on the Third Sunday of Great Lent which is the Veneration of the Holy Cross (April 3), and from the Saturday of Lazarus (April 23) through the Sunday of Thomas (May 8).

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS RETREAT

As we did last year, we will offer once again a SATURDAY OF LAZARUS RETREAT for our youth on **Saturday, April 23 at Prophet Elias**. Parents, please mark this on your calendars and plan to bring your children on this day. More details will follow!

*Humbly in Christ,
Father Matthew*

Youth Weekly Devotional

The Proper Stewardship Attitude – Your Own of Your Own

1 Chronicles 29: 13-14

“And now, Lord, we give thanks to you, and we praise Your Glorious Name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we are able to be zealous in offering to You? For all things are Yours, and of Your own we give to you.”

My Dear Beloved Children as we gather at each Divine Liturgy we hear the words proclaimed in prayer by the clergy, “Your own of Your own.” The priest will raise the bread on the paten and the wine in the chalice as a gesture in offering. The elements of the bread and wine symbolize first the offering of Christ, following on the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, “This is My Body... This is My Blood... given for you. The gifts are offered up to God, and God offers Himself back to us in the form of the bread and wine. The elements also symbolize the works of the hands of the people. The labor to make and produce the bread and wine and the labor to provide the means to purchase these items. However, in doing so the priest affirms that what is offered already belongs to God. The Holy Eucharist represents all of creation that is freely given by God and now offered back to God by us His children. The Holy Eucharist is thus the standard of our Christian Life. As stewards accountable to God for all creation and who through Baptism have been healed, “we praise, bless and thank God” for all He has done for us. As I mentioned in last week’s message, my dear children we possess nothing from ourselves, everything belongs to God and is given to us by the Father through His Son. Use the talents and unique abilities that are yours to build the Body of Christ in your relationships with your parents, teachers and especially your peers. Let us not forget God and cut ourselves off from the source of life. Let us remember that everything belongs to God and what we offer is “Your own of Your Own’ and let us give from our heart.

In His Love and Service,
+fr. elias

Each month we will select a Youth Steward of the Month from the submissions we receive, so I would like to ask from each of you to submit by email to my email address (freliask@yahoo.com) on how you gave thanks to God. Please submit by the 25th of each month. So we can make a selection and post a picture and acknowledge your gifts of time and talent to all of us.

Follow this format as an example:

This is how I thanked God this month:

My Time: _____

My Talent: _____

(If I can) My Treasure: \$_____

Upcoming GOYA Activities



**Saturday, March 5 GOYA’s Annual
Fundraiser,
NEON APOKREAS at Holy Trinity!
Wear Neon Colors!**

There will be a contest for most creative
look!

Social Hour: 6:30 pm, **Dinner** 7:30 pm, **Dancing:** 9-12 am

Tickets sold after church or RSVP by calling:

Pam Zoumadakis 801-273-1191

\$15 Adults \$20 at the door

\$10 Children 12 & under \$15 at the door

Wish Raffle!

HELP US FLY

WE NEED TO SEND THE WINNERS OF OUR ORATORICAL FESTIVAL TO THE METROPOLIS ORATORICAL COMPETITION IN DENVER. IF YOU HAVE ANY SKY MILES YOU CAN DONATE PLEASE CONTACT ME BY CALLING 801.556.4640. LET OUR YOUTH KNOW WE CARE AND HELP IF YOU CAN. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.

+FR. ELIAS

GOYA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY February 27, 2016

6th Grade Boys @ St. Olaf's 12:00pm
7th Grade Boys @ St. Olaf's 3:00pm
7th Grade Girls @ St. Olaf's 1:00pm
8th Grade Boys @ St. John The Baptist 5:00pm
9th – 10th Grade @ Judge 5:00pm
11th – 12th Grade Boys @ Judge 4:00pm

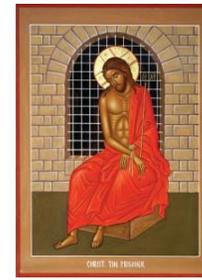
COME OUT AND CHEER OUR YOUTH ON TO VICTORY

Around the World of Orthodoxy Fundraiser

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church is having a fundraiser. Appetizers, cash bar, silent auction, dinner, talent show and dancing at Around the World of Orthodoxy Talent Show Gala & Silent Auction, **February 27, 2016, 5:30-11:00pm** at St Thomas Moore Catholic Church. Tickets are **\$45** and are available online at saintpeterpaulchurch.org/news-events or by calling Carrie Murphy at 801-643-9211

GODPARENT SUNDAY

Please keep in mind that **Godparent Sunday** at **Prophet Elias** is on **March 6th**. We encourage all Godparents to come to Church with their Godchildren and receive Holy Communion together.



PHILOPTOCHOS LENTEN RETREAT

I Was in Prison, and You Visited Me

Guest Retreat Speaker
Father Stephen Powley
Executive Director
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

Schedule

Community Event:

Wednesday, March 30, Evening Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
5:45 pm. Holy Trinity Cathedral
Pot Luck Lenten Meal
Presentation by Fr. Stephen

Thursday, March 31, 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Clergy of All Orthodox Jurisdictions Only:
OCPM WORKSHOP & Lunch
Holy Trinity Boardroom

Thursday, March 31, 7:00-8:30 pm
Open Training Session for All Interested in Joining Prison Ministry Team
Holy Trinity Hellenic Cultural Center

Make plans to attend this inspirational presentation, as Fr. Stephen shares his journey of over 30 years with this unique ministry and the amazing things he has seen God do for those living the dark prison life. The profound impact of Jesus' teachings to prisoners, brings the Gospel alive to us today.

Daughters of Penelope Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2016
7:00 pm

Prophet Elias Church
Saint Sophia North door

Special Guest Presenter



JERRY FLOOR
The Importance of Music in Our Lives

a must attend event
nonmembers welcome for presentation

2016 Dues: \$50.00



KRITIKI

HOROESPERITHA

HOSTED BY MINOS & MINOTAVROS

FEBRUARY 27, 2016

6:30 SOCIAL HOUR | 7:30 DINNER

HELLENIC MEMORIAL BUILDING
279 SOUTH 300 WEST

Musicians

Dimitris Vakakis - Lyra
Christos Makridakis - Laouto
Tony Marmatakis - Laouto
Minas Katzakis - Krousta (Percussions)

Entertainment

KriKri & Minotavros Dancers

Tickets

\$40 ADULT (18+) \$50 AT THE DOOR
\$20 YOUTH (6-17) \$30 AT THE DOOR
5 years old and younger FREE
\$15 after 10pm

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