

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40



Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to John 1:43-51



At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to

him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake
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Sunday, March 20th, 2016
Sunday of Orthodoxy



To contact our clergy, please call the numbers listed below:

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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

March 20th, 2016

Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

Sunday of Orthodoxy

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

March 27th, 2016

Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas

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

Weekday Services

March 21st, 2016

Prophet Elias

Compline Service

6:00pm Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

March 23rd, 2016

Prophet Elias

Ninth Hour followed by Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

9:45am Fr. Elias

March 25th, 2016

Prophet Elias

Feast of the Annunciation

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

March 25th, 2016

Holy Trinity

2nd Salutations to the Theotokos

6:30pm Fr. Elias

Memorials

March 20th, 2016

Betty Royal
Harry Royal

1 Year Holy Trinity
2 Years Holy Trinity

March 27th, 2016

Helen Chipian Daugherty

1 Year 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, Bob, Claudia, Nick, Angela

*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. *

Procession of the Icons

As an affirmation of their faith, all Sunday School students are encouraged to bring their icons procession is taking place "today **Sunday, March 20th**, and participate in the Sunday of Orthodoxy procession.

DAUGHTER OF MINOS

The Daughters of Minos will have their meeting today **Sunday March 20th at Prophet Elias at 3:00** in the **small gym**. We look forward to seeing everyone there. On behalf of the Daughters of Minos Board we would like to thank all members who joined us for our Membership appreciation this past week. A good time was had by all. Thank you for your support.

Church Office News

We would like to welcome **Mary Strand** as the Administrative Assistant at Holy Trinity. Mary brings a unique set of skills. We are pleased to have her join the team.

We'd also like to give special thanks to **Sandra Vosnos** for all her help and positive attitude during this transition period. Lastly, thank you to all of you for your patience and support.



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS MEMBERS: MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 21

DOP Charai 79 Meeting:
Monday, March 21, 2016--7:00 pm
Prophet Elias Church
2016 Dues: \$50.00

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

Behold the Bridegroom comes in the middle of the night, and blessed is the servant whom He shall find watching. What we Orthodox Christians should be doing at all times should be done now, during the Great Fast, with *great care and devotion*, so that the Fast enjoined by the Apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food, but above all the renunciation of sin. May we continue this sacred and holy season of fasting by asking our Lord to help us, that the prayers of our hearts, the thoughts in our minds, and the words of our mouths may be acceptable to Him. May He give us the strength to finish that which we strive to do so that His Name may be glorified.

THE VIRTUE OF JOY IN THE SEASON OF LENT

We tend to think of Great Lent as a time of sorrow, but one of the hymns sung on the first day of Great Lent refers to it insistently as a time of joy and brightness. Our Lord reminds us that we are to fast joyfully. Lent is characterized by what the Holy Fathers call “bright sadness” or “joyful sorrow”. This is because Lent, like repentance, is at the same time both sad and bright, both sorrowful and joyful. Thus, the purpose of Lent is to lead us into the joy of the Lord. The joy of which we speak is not the joy of the world, which comes and goes and depends on outward conditions. It is a deep, spiritual joy that springs from our loving relationship with Christ. Those who think of Lent purely in terms of fasting and obligations can never fully experience the joy of Lent. The joy of Lent is offered to us in Lenten worship, through the services of Great Compline and the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. These solemn services help us gradually to change our hearts and lives by entering into the bright sadness of Lent, through which we are able to make our own the joy of repentance, the joy of returning to God.

HOLY CONFESSION – A SOUL-SAVING SACRAMENT

A true Christian lives this life as a preparation for the life to come. In his actions, he does not care what will be said of him here, but does care what will be said of him in heaven. He remembers that he is always in the presence of God, the angels, and all the saints. He never forgets that someday they will bear witness of his thoughts, words, and deeds. And so it is with fatherly love and compassion that I once again encourage all parish families to see me -- your priest and spiritual father in this parish – for the Sacrament of Holy Confession. I could not ask this of you if I, myself, ignored this absolutely necessary and soul-saving sacrament. I, too, confess to my spiritual father regularly throughout the year. So please call me to arrange a time for the Sacrament of Confession!

TODAY – THE TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY

The sense of joy and thanksgiving is apparent on this first Sunday of Great Lent as we celebrate the triumph of Orthodoxy. On this day the Church commemorates the final ending of the Iconoclast controversy and the definitive restoration of the holy Icons to the churches by the Empress Theodora, acting as regent for her young son Michael III. It is written that if Orthodoxy triumphed in the epoch of the Iconoclast controversy, this was because so many of the faithful were prepared to undergo exile, torture, and even death, for the sake of the truth. The Feast of Orthodoxy is above all a celebration in honor of the martyrs and confessors who struggled and suffered for the faith: hence its appropriateness for the season of Lent, when we are striving to imitate the martyrs by means of our ascetic self-denial.

Everyone is asked to celebrate the TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY by participating in the PROCESSION – at both churches - with the holy ICONS. While we tend to think of the

procession with the Holy Icons as being especially for our Sunday School children, ALL of our parish faithful should, in fact, participate in today's procession!

LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK

During each week of Lent, our faces are set towards the objective of our journeying: the Savior's suffering and triumphant Passover. The forty days' journey of Lent recalls in particular the forty years in which the Chosen People journeyed throughout the wilderness. For us, Lent is a time of pilgrimage. It is a time for our liberation from domination by sinful passions; a time for progress by faith through a barren and waterless desert; a time for unexpected reassurance, when in our hunger we are fed with 'manna' from heaven; a time in which we draw near to our true home in Paradise whose door the crucified and risen Christ has reopened for us.

Let us, then, take advantage of the many opportunities we have to attend the weekly Lenten Services, for they can teach us much about repentance and return to God: on MONDAYS: Great Compline; on WEDNESDAYS: the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; on FRIDAYS: Salutations to the Theotokos.

Below are the SERVICES at OUR PARISH during this SECOND WEEK of GREAT LENT:

TODAY:

Procession with the Holy Icons immediately following Divine Liturgy at both churches

MONDAY, MARCH 21:

Great Compline Service, 6pm at Prophet Elias only

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23: Ninth Hour and Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 9:45am at Prophet Elias only

FRIDAY, MARCH 25:

Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation beginning at 9am at Prophet Elias only so that the Saint Sophia School children can attend as well; 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos, 6:30pm at Holy Trinity only

TUESDAY MORNING WITH THE LORD

Our TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will *not* be held this Tuesday, March 22 but will resume on Tuesday, March 29 at 10:30am at the Little America Coffee Shop. So plan on joining us on Tuesday, March 29th, as well as on Tuesdays April 5th and April 12th.

REMINDER: 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
Refocus our lives more on Christ

My Dear Beloved Children as we continue our journey toward our Lord's Holy Resurrection the wisdom of our Holy Orthodox Church provides us the opportunity to learn more and guide us in how we should proceed to reach our destination and goal. Great Lent is the time we prepare for Pascha, and these upcoming weeks help us understand how we should prepare for Pascha, and that our main goal should be **not** to individually "become better," but to re-establish our relationships with God and each other. Through the word of God in the Gospel readings and services, through fasting, more prayer, additional worship services and more alms giving, during Holy and Great Lent the Church provides us with the tremendous opportunity to refocus our lives more on Christ. I encourage you all to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the additional worship services, to take time to pray with family and each other, to fast so we may focus on Christ and provide the means to give to those in need. Let us restore our relationship with God and include a restored relationship with each other as a community and the Body of Christ. We do not travel the road of Lent as isolated individuals, but as members of a family. We should be linked together with each other through our fasting and prayers with ever stronger bonds, and not separated by these disciplines during Lent. Let us travel the road to our Lord's Holy Resurrection together supporting and encouraging each other as we fast and pray. Let our goal be to change ourselves with the help of God and to love each other and take a giant step toward spiritual health and well-being. Let's give every day of our Lenten Journey a chance, to receive more of the fullness of God. Lent is a gift from God that provides us the time to strengthen our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and my dear beloved children with each other.

In His Love and Service,

+fr. elias

Upcoming GOYA Activities

Our annual March Community Service project is helping serve at our Communities Dinner celebration of the Annunciation and Greek Independence Day. This year's event will be held on Sunday, March 20th **TONIGHT** at 6:00pm at the Hellenic Cultural Center. We are asking for your help in serving dinner and to enjoy an opportunity to come together again as fellow GOYA'ns to help serve and enjoy dinner. You can help fill community service hours at school and enjoy fellowship and comradery and dinner. Please arrive at 5:45 and if possible in a white shirt and dark pants for the boys and white blouse and dark pants or skirts for the girls. It's up to you to help make this event successful and enjoyable for all so please help get the word out and bring a friend.

JR. AND SR. GOYA LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

Save the Date – April 5th 2016 Provide Family Shelter dinners for the Road Home.

Make and serve meals for those in need.

WATCH FOR MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

The GOYAN GAZETTE

We will begin publishing our first Youth Newsletter and we need your help in providing information about you. Please let us know what you're doing in school, what you would like to hear about and learn about. Please email Mrs. Orié Kambouris at oriekambouris@hotmail.com or Fr. Elias at frliask@yahoo.com. Please let us know your thoughts and ideas and what's going on in your lives. Congratulations to Chrysoula Sefandonakis and Maria Sarkisyan who submitted the winning name.

CAMP EMMANUEL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Once again, Camp Emmanuel will be held at Manzano Mountain Retreat in Torreon, NM, near Albuquerque. The Junior Session (ages 11-14) will be held June 12-18, while the Senior Session (ages 15-18) will take place June 19-25. Online Registration for Camp Emmanuel is open and available at: www.events.denver.goarch.org/. The deadline for early registration at a reduced rate is March 31, and the final registration deadline is May 6, 2016.



Sunday, March 20th at 6:30 pm,
Holy Trinity Memorial Building

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

and Annunciation
of the Theotokos

ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΣ!

ΖΗΤΩ ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΕΘΝΟΣ

Please join us in celebrating with a program
by the Greek School,
and Aliko Drakou as a Guest Speaker,
followed by dinner

Tickets can be purchased at the door and both church Narthex's
Sunday morning, or at the church office.
Adults \$15 and Children \$10



SAVE THE DATE

OCPM - Philoptochos Lenten Retreat

The whole community including Sr. Goya and College Students are invited
Wednesday, **March 30th** at **Holy Trinity 5:45 pm** Presanctified Liturgy **6:30 pm.**
Pot Luck Dinner; Main Dish will be provided, bring your favorite Lenten dish Rev.
Fr. Stephen Powley will give a presentation on our Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry
Please plan to attend

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER ORTHODOX PARISHES

Pan-Orthodox Services will be held at our sister Orthodox parishes during Great Lent and all parish faithful are warmly invited to attend:

Sunday, March 20, 6:00pm: Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church (1606 S. 1000 W., Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers and Procession (*bring your icon*), followed by a Lenten meal);

Sunday, April 3, 6:00pm: Holy Transfiguration, Ogden;

Sunday, April 10, 6:00pm: Saints Peter and Paul, Salt Lake City;

Sunday, April 17, 6:00pm: Greek Orthodox Mission, Salt Lake City

The Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah is hosting its Lenten Retreat at its parish on Saturday, March 26 from 11am-4pm and warmly invites all to attend. Guest lecturer will be Niko Petrogeorge of FOCUS* North America (*Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve). He will speak on "Restoring Living Icons – Orthodox Philanthropy to our Neighbor". The three pillars of Great Lent are prayer, fasting, and charity; Niko's presentation will focus on charity. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP by March 24** to franthonny@gomissionparishut.org.

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

We are working on roof issues at both of our locations. At P.E., we have requested bids for roof replacements over the areas including the large gym, small gym, and stage area. At H.T., we have requested bids for patch work on the north side of the gymnasium. We expect to have bids in hand and determine a course of action by the end of the month. We are receiving advice and guidance throughout this process from John and Dino Pappas of Roofers Supply Company, and we very much appreciate their assistance and expertise. We have been told that the work will be best performed when the weather allows, which may be 30 - 45 days away. We are doing what we believe is best to protect our property in the interim. It is our pleasure to provide you this update.

Your Parish Council

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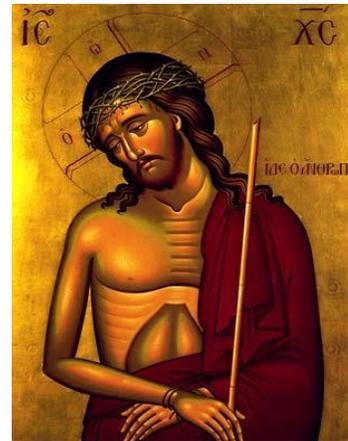
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

The Church office receives several requests each week to send out “e-blasts” to the community. Many times these requests come in at the last minute. We understand that everyone’s information regarding upcoming events is important, however due to scheduling and other administrative duties of the Church staff, the Church office will limit electronic communications to Wednesdays (event information) and Fridays (weekly bulletin). This means that if you desire to have a communication sent out during the week, it must be received in the Church offices by 12:00 PM on the day before the above designated dates for electronic communications. This does not relate to clergy communications which you may receive separately via email communication. We appreciate your understanding.

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.

In order to keep the weekly Church Bulletin relevant to upcoming events, we are asking that all organizations and individuals please limit your information to three weeks prior to your event. A “Save the Date” may also be provided with details to follow later if your event is more than the three weeks away from publication



DONATIONS FOR LENTEN FLOWERS

If you would like to donate towards the flowers needed during the Lenten Season to decorate the Kouvoulion and Icons, please send your donations to the church office, or give at the Narthex at either church. We are grateful for any donations.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten and Paschal Season!

SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

Please note that **all** events need to be scheduled through the church office. For any sacraments that need to be scheduled, please reach out to Fr. Matthew for scheduling.

If you have a meeting or event scheduled at either facility, please contact the church office at 801-328-9681 one week prior to your scheduled event, to arrange for access to the building, set-up and any other needs you may have to help us make your event a success. We appreciate your cooperation.

Summer Adventure Camp at Saint Sophia School

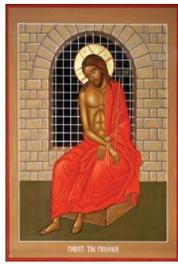


Summer Adventure Camp is for 3 year olds (toilet trained) through 9 year olds.

Our aim is to continue the early years’ growth that defines Saint Sophia School’s foundational philosophy: to Discover, Explore, Imagine, and Create. The summer experience will combine enrichment with play for an enhancing summer experience. Each activity is grounded in the belief that learning begins with “wonder.” Sessions will navigate between sports, cooking, culture, dance, music water play, building, gardening, and more.

Please contact the school at 801-4241297 for more information





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.



The Young at Heart will be on
Thursday, April 14th at noon at the
Hellenic Memorial Hall
We hope to see you all there!

Philoptochos Giving Tree

The Philoptochos at both churches will have a "Giving Tree" set up for Pascha.

We are asking for donations and items to go into the baskets that will be delivered to our elderly parishioners. Please help out and give generously!

Thank you for your unending support to the Philoptochos and to our community!



GREEK DAY AT THE MOVIE
Sponsored by Philoptochos

Come enjoy My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 with all your friends and family Sunday, **March 27th** at **2:20 pm** at Century 16, Sandy Union Heights Theater
7670 S. Union Park Ave (1300 E)

Tickets may be purchased on Cinemark.com
It is first come, first serve, there are no seats reserved
If you have any questions, please call
Shelley Anderson [801-860-3585](tel:801-860-3585)

Bring the whole family and all your friends.

PAN ARCADIAN FEDERATION

We're going to the movies! **My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2!** Meet in lobby of Century 16 Theatre, 3300 South State Street; **Sunday, March 27, 2016** at **1:30**; movie is at **2:15**. We'll try and all sit together. Everyone is invited. Thanks!



The Annunciation of the Theotokos March 25th

The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on March 25 each year. The Feast commemorates the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would become incarnate and enter into this world through her womb.

The biblical story of the Feast of the Annunciation is found in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke (1:26-39). The

Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, who was living in Nazareth, and said to her, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you." Mary was perplexed and wondered what kind of greeting this was.

The angel told her not to be afraid, for she had found favor with God. He said, "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

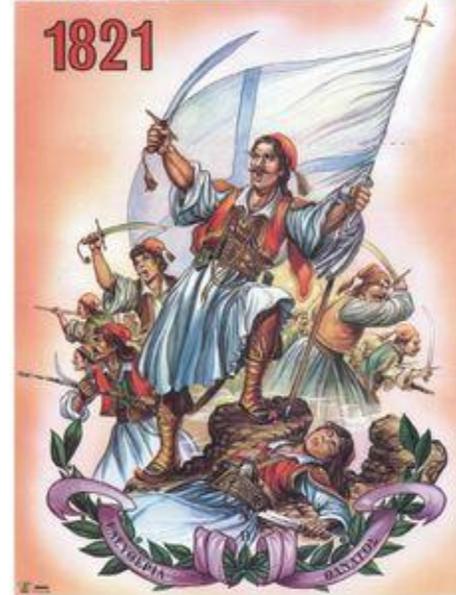
Mary responded to the angel by asking how this could happen since she had no husband. The angel told her that the Holy Spirit and the power of God would come upon her, and that the child to be born of her would be called holy, the "Son of God." The angel then proceeded to tell the Virgin Mary that her cousin Elizabeth had conceived a son in her old age (John the Baptist), and affirmed that with God nothing is impossible.

In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word." Upon her response, the angel departed.

It is on the Feast of the Annunciation, that Orthodox Christians commemorate both the divine initiative of God, whereby He took on flesh from the Virgin for our salvation, and the human response, whereby Mary freely accepted the vocation offered to her. He elected to become man, and He desired to do this with the willing agreement of her whom He chose as His mother. Mary could have refused, for she was not a passive instrument, but an active participant with a free and positive part to play in God's plan for our salvation. Thus, when on this and other feasts the Orthodox Church honors the Theotokos, the Mother of God, it is not just because God chose her but also because she herself chose to follow His will.

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1821



Greek Independence Day

Written by: [The Editors of Encyclopædia Britannica](#)

Greek Independence Day, national holiday celebrated annually in [Greece](#) on March 25, commemorating the start of the [War of Greek Independence](#) in 1821. It coincides with the [Greek Orthodox Church's](#) celebration of the [Annunciation](#) to the [Theotokos](#), when the Archangel [Gabriel](#) appeared to Mary and told her that she would bear the son of God.

[Greece](#) had been part of the Ottoman Empire since 1453. The Greek revolt was precipitated on March 25, 1821, when Bishop Germanos of Patras raised the flag of revolution over the Monastery of Agia Lavra in the [Peloponnese](#). The cry "Freedom or death" became the motto of the revolution. The Greeks experienced early successes on the battlefield, including the capture of [Athens](#) in June 1822, but infighting ensued. By 1827 Athens and most of the Greek isles had been recaptured by the Turks.

Just as the revolution appeared to be on the verge of failure, Great Britain, France, and Russia intervened in the conflict. The Greek struggle had elicited strong sympathy in Europe, and many leading intellectuals had promoted the Greek cause, including the English poet [Lord Byron](#). At the naval [Battle of Navarino](#), the combined British, French, and Russian forces destroyed an Ottoman-Egyptian fleet. The revolution ended in 1829 when the [Treaty of Edirne](#) established an independent Greek state.

In celebration of Greek Independence Day, towns and villages throughout Greece hold a school flag parade, during which schoolchildren march in traditional Greek costume and carry Greek flags. There is also an armed forces parade in Athens.