

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14



BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself

without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45



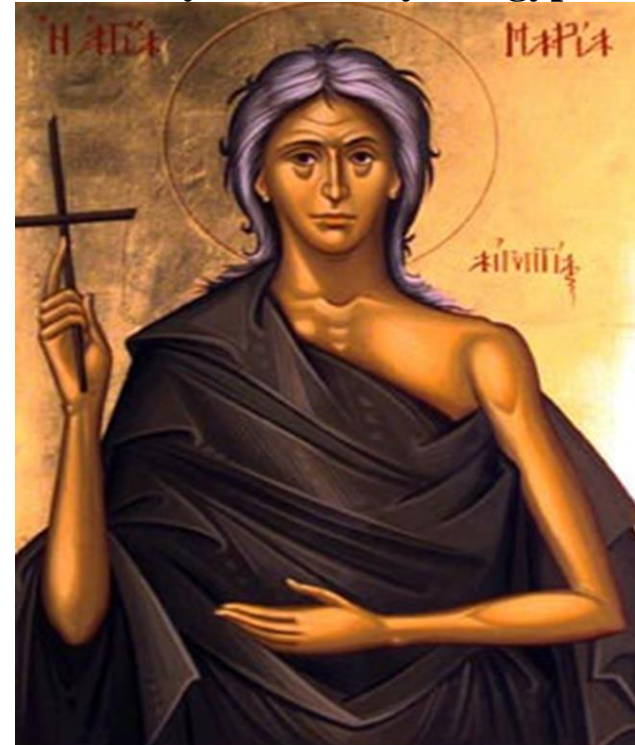
At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are

asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake
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Sunday, April 17th, 2016
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt



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

April 17th, 2016

Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

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

April 24th, 2016

Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

Palm Sunday

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

Weekday Services

April 18th, 2016

Prophet Elias

Compline Service

6:00pm Fr. Elias

April 20th, 2016

Prophet Elias

Ninth Hour followed by Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

9:45am Fr. Elias

April 23rd, 2016

Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

Saturday of Lazarus

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

Memorials

Friday, April 22nd, 2016

Maria Kambaladou at 10:30am 40 Days 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, Konstantine, Yianni, Andrianna, Michalis, Kosma, Andoni, Panayiota, Noula, Veloutho, Kalliopi, Elia, 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. *

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!

The Daughters of Minos will be holding their next meeting on Sunday **April 17, 2016** at **3:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity**. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Daughters of Penelope next chapter meeting Monday, **April 18, 7:00 pm** at **Prophet Elias Church**.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE will be selling **Tsoureki** for \$8.00 a loaf after church April 17 & April 23.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Metropolis District Oratorical Festival participants who competed at the Saint Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Boulder, Colorado last weekend. Peter Souvall took Second Place in the Junior Division and Katina Tatum, Georgeanna Souvall and Angelina Skedros all received Honorable Mention in their respective divisions. We're very proud of all of you! Great job on representing our community.

Holy Trinity Cathedral Holy Week Services

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 24

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9 am Fr. Matthew
Service of the Bridegroom 6:30pm Fr. Elias

HOLY MONDAY

APRIL 25

Service of the Bridegroom 6:30pm Fr. Elias

HOLY TUESDAY

APRIL 26

Presanctified Liturgy **HT Only** 10 am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias
Service of the Bridegroom 6:30pm Fr. Matthew

HOLY WEDNESDAY

APRIL 27

Service of Holy Unction 3 pm Fr. Matthew
Orthros of the Mystical Supper 6:30pm Fr. Elias
followed by anointing

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 28

Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil 9 am Fr. Matthew
Reading of the Twelve Gospels 6:30pm Fr. Elias

HOLY FRIDAY

APRIL 29

Royal Hours 9 am Fr. Elias
Vespers/Unnailing of Christ From the Cross 3 pm Fr. Matthew
Service of the Lamentations 6:30pm Fr. Matthew

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 30

Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil 9 am Fr. Matthew
The Resurrection of 11 pm Fr. Elias
Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

May 1

Agape Vespers **HT ONLY** 11:00am Fr. Matthew/Fr. Elias

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IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

HAVING REACHED THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT...

We see that most of Great Lent is now behind us. Soon we will be transitioning to **HOLY WEEK**. As we approach this most holy period, our Holy Orthodox Church reminds us of our goal, which is the Kingdom of God. Next Saturday, **April 23**, the resurrection of **LAZARUS** is an event that carries a very deep meaning. It is mysteriously linked to the Resurrection of Christ Himself; it is like prophecy in action, and at the same time it anticipates the resurrection of all the righteous on the Last Day. Lazarus is the “saving first-fruits of regeneration of the world”. With the resurrection of Lazarus, death begins to tremble. For there the decisive duel between Life and Death begins and it gives us the key to the entire Liturgical mystery of Pascha. In the early time of the Church, the Saturday of Lazarus was called “announcement of Pascha”. It announces and anticipates the wonderful light and peace of the next Saturday – the Great and Holy Saturday – the day of the Life-giving Tomb.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY UNCTION

While we all know that Holy Wednesday (April 27) is the day on which the Sacrament of Holy Unction is celebrated, many who come to be anointed on this day do so without realizing they must be **PROPERLY PREPARED**. Just as Holy Communion is an occasion that demands of us a certain level of preparation, we should approach Holy Unction spiritually prepared, as well. While it is true that we are all sinners and will always remain sinners in this life, this does not excuse us from our responsibilities to prepare ourselves to be **clean** before the face of God. How do we **cleanse** ourselves in preparation for Holy Unction? -- By partaking in the soul-saving Sacrament of Holy Confession.

Many of us do not realize that we should refrain from any sacrament, especially Holy Communion and Holy Unction, without first having partaken of (at least twice a year!) Holy Confession – this includes married couples, single people, the elderly, the middle-aged, the young, and children from at least five years of age! Because many of us do not partake of the Sacrament of Holy Confession on a regular basis, we most certainly have accumulated sins that dirty our souls and which need to be confessed and remedied.

Many of us also do not realize that we should refrain from approaching the Sacraments if we have been engaging in any unchaste sexual behaviors, or are in a relationship that is not blessed by God in the Sacrament of Marriage (living together, sexual relations outside of marriage, etc.).

It is important for us to teach and to model to our families that we should not approach the Holy Sacraments with carelessness, but that we should always approach with piety and attention, deep repentance and humility.

AS WE BEGIN THE SIXTH WEEK OF OUR LENTEN JOURNEY...

Below are the **SERVICES** at our parish this week:

MONDAY, APRIL 18:

Great Compline Service, 6pm at Prophet Elias only

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20: Ninth Hour and Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 9:45am at Prophet Elias only

SATURDAY, APRIL 23: SATURDAY OF LAZARUS: Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy, 9am at both churches

ABOUT THE DATE FOR ORTHODOX PASCHA

For those who are wondering how the **DATE** for **ORTHODOX PASCHA** is calculated: In the year 325 A.D., a Council of the holy Church Fathers was convened in the city of Nicea, in Asia minor (now the modern country of Turkey). Part of the work of the Council was to determine, once and for all, the date when Christians should celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. The calendar in use in the Christian world of the early fourth century was one implemented by the pagan Roman Emperor Julius Caesar in 30 B.C. So the Fathers at Nicea determined the date of the celebration of Christ's Resurrection based on the “Julian” calendar, using this formula: **“Christ's Resurrection will be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 20 (the spring equinox), and after the Jewish feast of Passover”**. However, virtually all *Western* Christians now calculate the date of the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ solely on the “Gregorian” calendar, that is, the first Sunday after the first full moon, after March 20. However, the “Gregorian” calendar **does not** take into consideration, and ignores, the historical fact that the last days in the earthly life of our Savior took place in Jerusalem precisely as the Jewish community was commemorating the events of the Exodus. Orthodox Christians, on the other hand, continue to calculate the date of the Feast of the Resurrection based on the “Julian” calendar, which continues to **include** precisely the **historical continuity of the Jewish Passover and the Passion Week and Resurrection of Christ**.

TUESDAY MORNING WITH THE LORD

Our **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will not meet until May. We will now pause for a few weeks to prepare to celebrate our Lord's Saving Passion and Resurrection, as well as Bright Week! Our next Tuesday Morning Bible Study gathering will be **Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30am at the Little America Coffee Shop**.

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS RETREAT

Our **SATURDAY OF LAZARUS LENTEN RETREAT** will be held *next Saturday, April 23* at **Prophet Elias** beginning around **11am**. Parents, please plan to bring your children following Divine Liturgy on this day! We also welcome and invite any assistance you can offer in making this year's retreat a spiritually fruitful one!

*Humbly in Christ,
Father Matthew*

Upcoming GOYA Activities

GOYA Lenten Salutation Service and Dinner

Friday, April 15, 2016 6:30pm Prophet Elias

7:45pm Dinner at Buca di Beppo Fort Union 935 Fort Union Blvd.

Please RSVP to Fr. Elias by Wednesday, April 13th to reserve dinner space

Saturday of Lazarus Youth Retreat

Saturday, April 13, 2016 11:00am Prophet Elias

Making palms, Holy Week stations, crafts, lunch, retreat crosses

Join in an edifying and spiritual retreat in fellowship

GOYA End of Year Boondocks Outing

Thursday, May 12, 2016 6:00pm Boondocks 75 South Fork Dr., Draper, UT

Dinner and amusement park activities. Prices and more info to follow.

JUNE GOYA Nature Hike and Picnic info to follow

June Sr. GOYA Drive-In Movie Night info to follow

July GOYA Swim Party 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. Orië 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.

PAN ARCADIAN CHAPTER MEETING

Our next dinner/business meeting is Tuesday, **April 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm** at The Other Place Restaurant. Hope to see you there.

PAN ARCADIAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Western District Arcadian Scholarship application is available from Karen Anastasopoulos (karenanast@gmail.com and 801-913-2414). An applicant may be a member of a PFA chapter (Salt Lake City Theodoros Kolokotronis Chapter #90), a child of a member OR a grandchild of a member. **Deadline is May 1, 2016.** Contact Karen with any questions.

Daughters of Minos

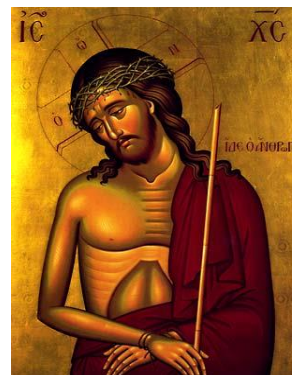
Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show

Saturday May 7, 2016

Little America Hotel 11:00 a.m.

Please join the Daughters of Minos for their Annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show (Chico's and Four and Twenty Sailors). **Adults \$45 Children \$17.** Prepaid Reservations will be taken beginning this Sunday at both Prophet Elias and Holy Trinity.

For more information and to make Reservations, please contact Eleni Maroudas [801-949-5868](tel:801-949-5868) and Jennifer Klonizos [801-230-8124](tel:801-230-8124). We look forward to seeing everyone at this beautiful event for Mother's Day!



DONATIONS FOR LENTEN FLOWERS

If you would like to donate towards the flowers needed during the Lenten Season to decorate the Kouvouklion 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!

DAUGHTERS of PENELOPE National Scholarship:

2016 DOP National (undergraduate & graduate) Scholarship applications now being accepted. Available to a woman who is a DOP or Maids of Athena or who has a current immediate family member who is a member of DOP or AHEPA. If interested contact daughtersofpenelope79@gmail.com or call national chairman, Antoinette Zacharides at [732-458-8782](tel:732-458-8782). Deadline May 1, 2016

Save the Date

The **Spring General Assembly** will be on **May 15th** at Prophet Elias Church.

**Taste of Greece
Sunday, June 19th**

Come Celebrate Pentecost Sunday, Holy Trinity Cathedral Feast day, along with Father's Day!
More details to follow.

Anastasi Dinner

Please plan to attend a delicious dinner with your fellow parishioners in celebration, of the Resurrection, immediately following the **Saturday; Anastasi Services** at both churches, The Parish Council will be serving the community favorite, lamb, dinner. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of Pascha! We look forward to seeing you all there after services.

New Divine Liturgy Books

If you haven't notice our Divine Liturgy books are in need of being replaced.
We appreciate all your patience in allowing us time to do this.
We are asking that you help in offsetting the cost in any way possible.
Please remember, "Even the smallest grain of rice can tip the scale".
Anything you have to offer is appreciated.
May you have a blessed Pascha.



Saturday April 23, 2016
Youth Lenten Retreat
Kindergarten through 12th grade
11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Prophet Elias**

This year's Youth Lenten Retreat will be held on the Saturday of Lazarus, April 23rd after morning liturgy at Prophet Elias at **11:00 a.m.** This year's theme is "Journey through Holy Week" which will feature events from Saturday of Lazarus to the Resurrection of Christ. Stations include: Tying Palms for Palm Sunday, Decorating Easter Eggs, Lenten Songs, Holy Unction, and the Mystical (Last) Supper, The Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord. A light lunch will also be provided. The retreat is free.

Additionally, any youth needing to make up Sunday School Attendance will receive credit for attending/assisting with the retreat. Any questions, please call:
Paul K. at 801-870-1514,
Denise N., at 801-604-6782
Elenie S., at 801-718.7515

We look forward to seeing you!



THANK YOU!

The Community would like to extend a sincere “Euxaristo” thank you to the endeavours of **A Taste of Greece**. Your efforts to continually entice us with your excellent cuisine and filotimo in caring for our community exceeds our expectations. Your most recent donation of \$32,500, is a huge blessing to our community. May you continue to strive to accomplish all that you have done.

FESTIVAL MEETING



Please join us for a Festival meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, at 6:00 pm, at the Holy Trinity Memorial Building. We would appreciate all the Chairpersons to attend and provide feedback from the 2015 Festival, and also for the upcoming 2016 Festival.

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

Parish Council is continuing to address various needs and updates at both Churches. We hope that you have recognized and experienced many of the upgrades to our Churches and facilities. We are looking forward to celebrating the resurrection with you at the Anastasi Dinner. The menu is ready and it will be a great way to break your fast with our fellow parishioners.

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ

Thank You

Thanks to the great support of our parishioners, A Taste of Greece has purchased or donated over \$272,500 for the following items for our Community:

- (New) \$10,000 to fix the roof at Prophet Elias
- (New) \$5,000 to fix the roof at The Hellenic Cultural Center (Memorial Building)
- (New) Matching funds up to \$2,500 to replace the pumps in the basement at Prophet Elias
- (New) Matching funds up to \$15,000 to replace the HVAC unit(s) dining room of The Hellenic Cultural Center
- 110 Choir robes
- 2 Electronic bell systems for bell towers (including an upgrade)
- 2 Portable indoor/outdoor audio systems
- 850 Banquet chairs
- 30 Eight-foot tables
- Baker's rack
- Cooking demonstration table with a mirror
- Four-burner grill and double oven
- 250 Stainless steel hotel pans for the Greek Festival
- Gas-operated tilt-fryer
- Plates for 500: dinner, salad, bread, and dessert
- Silverware service for 500: forks, spoons, and knives
- 72 Water carafes
- Concrete pad by playground of St. Sophia
- Audio systems for sanctuaries at both churches
- 6 Utility carts
- Ramp for freezer
- Railing for ramp on north side of Memorial Building
- Donations to the Hellenic Cultural Association for the Old Greek Town Trax Station, Greek Pavilion at the International Peace Gardens, and St. Sophia School
- Repaired large freezer in warehouse
- Renovated restrooms in the gym of the Memorial Building
- Replenished water and wine glasses at Holy Trinity, service for over 500 each
- Replaced steam kettle in kitchen at Holy Trinity

Committee Members

Basil & Joni Chelemes, Gus Colessides, Angel Manfredini, George Miller, Nia Reganis, Paul Roumpos, Nola Slager, Gregory Skedros, Nitsa Tsoutsounakis

GO THE DISTANCE!

SAINT SOPHIA SCHOOL 5K RUN/WALK

Saturday, May 7, 2016 8:00 AM



5341 South Highland Drive
Salt Lake City, Utah 84117

Packet Pick Up
FRIDAY, May 6, 2016 9:30-5:30
School Office 801-424-1297

Online Registration Only
www.active.com
search for
SAINT SOPHIA SCHOOL

Go the distance with Saint Sophia School this May! Walk, run, or push a stroller along the quiet, pastoral, tree-lined streets in the Saint Sophia School neighborhood. Cross the finish line and enjoy the festivities, music, drinks and prizes.



No dogs or bikes allowed
All children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult



Community Wish List

Please find below a Wish List of items that the Community is need of. If you see a particular item you would like to donate to, please do so by giving at the Narthex of both churches, or at the church office. If you have any questions on a particular item, please call the church office at 801-328-9681. We would love to hear from you.

New Roof for the Large Gym at Prophet Elias
Roof Repair on North side of Gymnasium at Holy Trinity
HVAC Roof Top Unit - Replacement in the Dining Room at Holy Trinity
Medium sized Pots and Pans for Holy Trinity and Prophet Elias
Commercial Carpet Cleaning Machine
Outdoor Smoke Receptacles for Holy Trinity and Prophet Elias
2 Benches for Outside of the Warehouse at Holy Trinity
2 Water Fountains for Prophet Elias
Pavilion Completion – Restrooms, Kitchen
Commercial Cordless Vacuum for Prophet Elias
Updated Sound System for Interior of the Church at Prophet Elias
Replace Pumps in Basement at Prophet Elias
Commercial Floor Scrubbing Machine
Plant Flower beds at Prophet Elias

Thank you for your consideration of the listed items.