

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11



BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Luke 14:16-24



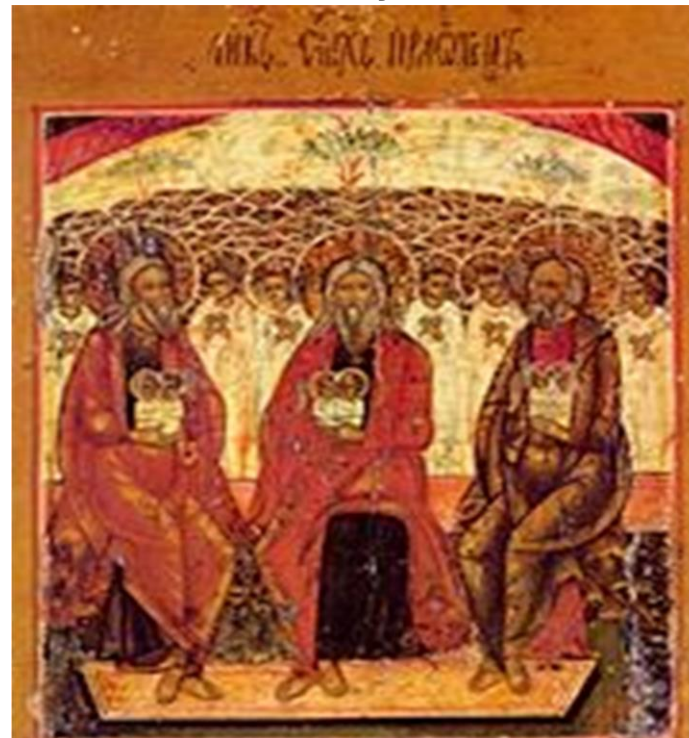
The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came

and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"



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December 11th, 2016
11th Sunday of Luke



Please contact Father Elias 801-556-4640 for visits and any Spiritual needs
Reverend Father George Politis (retired)

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Prophet Elias Church: 5335 Highland Dr. Holladay, UT 84117 (801) 277-2693

Sunday Services

December 11th, 2016

Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

11th Sunday of Luke

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

December 18th, 2016

Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

11th Sunday of Luke

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

Weekday Services

Monday,

December 12th, 2016
Prophet Elias

Feast of St. Spyridon

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

Thursday,

December 15th, 2016
Holy Trinity

Feast of St. Elefherios

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

****SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES****

Dear Beloved Faithful,

Please take note of our Holy Nativity Services to be celebrated this year. With Christmas Day and our Lord's Holy Nativity on Sunday the schedule will be different from the past since we cannot celebrate a Divine Liturgy on Saturday evening.

Special Designation on these services.

Fri. Dec. 23rd 9:00am PE Fr. Elias Celebrant. The Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ - Orthros followed by Royal Hours. **No Divine Liturgy and No Holy Communion**

Sat. Dec. 24th 9:00am PE Fr. Elias Celebrant. Orthros & Divine Liturgy **(Holy Communion)** before the Nativity of Christ & Feast of the Venerable Martyr Evegenia.

Sat. Dec. 24th 6:00pm PE Fr. Elias Celebrant. Great Vespers Nativity of Christ. **(No Holy Communion)**

Sun. Dec. 25th 9:00am HT Fr. Kontgas celebrant. Orthros and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Feast of the Nativity of Christ Christmas Day at **Holy Trinity only.** **(Holy Communion)**

Memorials

December 11th, 2016

Joyce Korologos

5 Years

Prophet Elias

When Scheduling Memorials... Memorials must be scheduled through **Fr. Elias**
For inquiries, regarding memorials please contact Fr. Elias at
801-556-4640 or freliask@yahoo.com.

Prayer List

Ed, Kimberly, Sophia, Austin, Sarah, Tom, Juliet,
Angela, LaVaun, Joe, Tim, Marcus, Heather, Sophie, Jim, Ben, Angelo, Felix, Tiana,
Daniel, Brad, Georgiann, Niko, Pat, Steve, Gary, Jamie, Nick, Jimmy, Joel and 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**



19th Annual Prophet Elias Choir

Free

Concert at
Christmas time
and Dinner

Today Sunday, December 11th

Prophet Elias Gymnasium

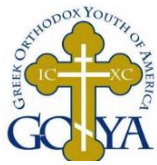
Dinner 6:00 pm

Concert 7:00 pm

Because of limited space reservations are required.
There are just a few spaces still available so call soon.

Call:

Micky Maritsas (801) 262-3789



YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH MINISTRIES



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
JR/SR GOYA
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Please Join Us for
Food, Music, & Fun
Friday, December 16, at 6:30 pm

PARTHENON ROOM
(Greek Market & Deli)
3185 South State Street
Bring your favorite Holiday Appetizer or Dessert
And a \$10 Gift Exchange
Donations needed for the Road Home:
Gloves, Underwear or Diapers
(RSVP: Text to Father Elias 801-556-4640 or Denise Nikols 801-604-6782
Stavroula Limantzakis 801-554-9100)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who supported our sweatshirt fundraiser towards the new GOYA uniforms. Come see how sharp the teams look in their new uniforms!



It's GAME Time!
Come support our Youth Basketball
Schedule for this
Saturday, December 10th

Table with 3 columns: Grade/Team, Location, Time. Rows include 4th Grade Girls, 7th Grade Boys, 8th Grade Girls, 8th Grade Boys, Intermediate Boys, and Senior Boys.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Holy Trinity and Prophet Elias Sunday School Christmas Program will be
December 18th, 2016 at 5:00 pm at Holy Trinity
Dinner will be served followed by a special "Surprise Guest"!
Questions, call: Paul Karahalios at 801-870-1514,
Elenie Sefandonakis at 801-718-7515 or Denise Nikols, 801-604-6782

CHRISTAMS PROGRAM REHERSAL TODAY

Reminder— Christmas Program Rehearsal Today, 12/11 at 3:00 p.m. HT
Parents: **WE NEED YOUR KIDS** The Sunday School Christmas program
INCLUDES all the kids. We apologize for any confusion last week. ALL of the
kids need to attend rehearsal on Sunday, 12/11. We have changed the time
to 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to try and accommodate people's schedules. Please, support
the Christmas program and help the kids put on a program as successful as last
year's. Even if you can only come for an hour, it will be invaluable. Questions,
please contact Elenie at 801.718.7515, Paul at 801.870.1514 or Denise at
801.604.6782. Thank you!

OH, CHRISTMAS TREE! OH, CHRISTMAS TREE!

Dear Beloved Youth,

Wishing you all a very Holy and Blessed Nativity Season. We would like to afford you and your family the opportunity to decorate the Christmas Trees at Prophet Elias & Holy Trinity and dedicate them in honor of someone in your family or in memory of someone who has passed on with an ornament. These will be our family Christmas Trees. Bring an ornament with a picture or name on it and place it on our trees. Be as creative as you would like and bring it to Prophet Elias or Holy Trinity on Sunday the 11th and place it on the trees even at both locations (not just one). You may also drop them off at both church offices when you can. Don't let the trees be bare, we need your decorations.

Be part of decorating the Family Christmas Trees and make a lasting memory during this Holy Nativity Season. Wishing you all God's love, hope and Peace.
+fr. Elias



Community Christmas Card

Last Day to sign up is December 12th

Get ready for the Holidays and wish your fellow parishioners a Merry Christmas by signing the Community Christmas Card for \$10.00

You can do this at the Narthex on Sunday or simply mail a check, pay online, or call the office at 801-328-9681 for more information. The last day to sign up is

December 12th.

We appreciate your support, and wish you a blessed Christmas Season.

DIONYSIOS DANCE

For those interested in performing in the Dionysios dance group, a meeting for first year dancers will be held on **Sunday, December 11th at 2:00pm** in the Prophet Elias boardroom. Please direct any questions to our dance officers:

- President- Anthony Kithas 801-783-8436
- Vice President- Yanni Cayias 801-550-1203
- Secretary- Victoria Marshall 801-903-0967
- Treasurer- Yanni Sakellariou 801-949-0513

Parishioner in need of temporary housing to assist in a difficult transition. Anyone able to offer a room for a few weeks please call Fr. Elias 801-556-4640

Attention All College Students

\$250,000 in Scholarships Will Be Awarded
Pan Hellenic Scholarship Foundation
2016 / 2017 Application Now Available

Application Deadline: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Apply Today: www.panhellenicsf.org

Any questions, call or email Fr. Elias 801-556-4640 frcliask@yahoo.com

The Hellenic Cultural Association Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday December 13th, 6:00 p.m.

At The Other Place Restaurant

We will have 4 items to choose from, steak, salmon, pastitsio or mezethakia.

\$25.00 adults \$15.00 12 & under

RSVP with George Miller 801-244-8587 or Jeannine Timothy 801 558-7692

By Monday December 12th, Merry Christmas, Kala Xristouyenna!



PAN ARCADIAN FEDERATION CHAPTER #90

CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016

7:00 pm At Brio Tuscan Grille, City Creek (3 hours free parking)

Family-Style Dinner/Beverage/Dessert \$40

ALL GUESTS WILL RECEIVE A \$10 BRIO

GIFT CARD

RSVP by 12/5/16 karenanast@gmail.com 801-913-241

Baked With Love

Let's Us Do Your Holiday Baking

Philotochos is making and selling the following,

- 9 x 12 Pan of Pastitsio \$25.00
- 30 pieces of Baklava \$35.00
- Dozen Koulouria \$6.00



Pastitsio is available to purchase now!
Baklava and Koulouria pick-up will be on
December 11th at Holy Trinity

Pre-orders needed for Baklava!

Call: Shelley Anderson 801-277-6651 or Nia Reganis 801-582-1454

All proceeds benefit Philotochos Charities



The Panahaikos Society Annual Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 18th, 12:30 p.m.
Cottonwood Country Club
\$25.00 adults \$15.00 12 & under

Buffet menu, roasted pork loin, grilled salmon, red potatoes, wild rice, salad, dessert & beverages.

RSVP to George Miller 801- 244-8587 or Bill Rekouniotis 801-673-0424 by Friday December 16th. Merry Christmas! Kala Xristouyenna!

Saint Sophia School Position Available

Saint Sophia School is seeking a Pre-K- Kindergarten Director/Principal for the 2017-2018 school year. Qualifications include dynamic, creative, excellent communication, technology and social networking skills, non-profit experience & budget skills preferred 5 + yrs. Admin. Experience or master's pref. & current credentials; send cover letter, resume, list of references, via email to ebapis@comcast.net or vfolias@hotmail.com Saint Sophia School is an equal opportunity employer for all qualified applicants.

The National AHEPA

The National AHEPA Organization is spearheading a campaign in collecting donations to help rebuild the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and Shrine in NYC after the 9/11 attacks. It has committed to raise \$1Million in this National Project. This Project will cost nearly \$50 Million when completed but will stand as a beacon of freedom for all of us. You can help by donating to AHEPA National Headquarters by mailing your donations to our local AHEPA chapter here in SLC. All contributions are 100% tax deductible.

Please make contributions to 'AHEPA National' and mail to:

Jim Klekas, Treasurer
1471 Ambassador Way
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Write "St. Nicholas" in the memo line on your check.

HCA New Addition

The Hellenic Cultural Assn. has a new addition to the museum, it is the bell from the south tower of Holy Trinity Cathedral. The bell was donated August 15, 1929 by a group of parishioners from Bingham Canyon. After 75 years in the tower, the bell was removed in 2004 and has now been restored by the HCA and placed in the museum. A must see for everyone.

Benevolence Fund

The Mission Statement of the Benevolence Fund and Charitable Ministry of The Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake

The Benevolence Fund and Charitable Ministry Benevolence of the Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake ("Benevolence Fund") will be administered in the Image of God's Love and will be the hands that surround and embrace our brothers and sisters in our community who are in need of assistance. Let us manifest our faith into acts of kindness and be a fruitful witness to God's Love by contributing to our Benevolence Fund.

The Benevolence Fund shall be the vessel to collect and distribute funds to be used for the help and assistance of Parishioners of Holy Trinity Cathedral and Prophet Elias Church. The Benevolence Fund will be responsible for ensuring the charitable and orderly stewardship of funds, information, and financial counseling to help those in need and to be able to provide those things which are needful to the body - food, shelter, clothing, medicine, and utilities. Members of the Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake will be given preference in the administration of charitable assistance.

Donations should be made payable to the Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake Benevolence Fund and mail or bring to the Holy Trinity Office – 279 South 300 West, SLC, 84101. Funds will be administered on a case by case basis to those in need and in accordance with our Mission Statement reflecting the ever presence of God's Love to all. Your contributions are appreciated and may our Lord return many blessings to you

To request financial assistance from the Benevolent Fund there are several Basic Requirements that will need to be met along with the Benevolence Request Form that can be obtained at the narthex of Holy Trinity and Prophet Elias, or at the church office.

If you have any questions, please call Fr. Elias at 801-556-4640. We thank you in advance for your support.



Feast of St. Spyridon
December 12
Reading;

Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythus, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also

was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname "Wonderworker." So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.

About the middle of the seventh century, because of the incursions made by the barbarians at that time, his sacred relics were taken to Constantinople, where they remained, being honored by the emperors themselves. But before the fall of Constantinople, which took place on May 29, 1453, a certain priest named George Kalokhairetes, the parish priest of the church where the Saint's sacred relics, as well as those of Saint Theodora the Empress, were kept, took them away on account of the impending peril. Travelling by way of Serbia, he came as far as Arta in Epirus, a region in Western Greece opposite to the isle of Corfu. From there, while the misfortunes of the Christian people were increasing with every day, he passed over to Corfu about the year 1460. The relics of Saint Theodora were given to the people of Corfu; but those of Saint Spyridon remain to this day, according to the rights of inheritance, the most precious treasure of the priest's own descendants, and they continue to be a staff for the faithful in Orthodoxy, and a supernatural wonder for those that behold him; for even after the passage of 1,500 years, they have remained incorrupt, and even the flexibility of his flesh has been preserved. Truly wondrous is God in His Saints! (Ps. 67:3 5)

**PARENTING INFORMATION AND ADVICE TO HELP NAVIGATE THE
DIGITAL ARENA**

When should our children have a cell phone is a decision we face and presents some challenges and concerns we need to be aware of. Most of our children now have a cell phone so there are things we need to be aware of as well. We want our children to be safe and cell phones provide that assurance for us. Our children want and use the phones for games and social communication, but they also have a portable computer and mobile internet capability with the phone technology available today. **We will be having a Parish Family Night on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Prophet Elias.** Save the date and enjoy an evening of dinner, and information to help us not only keep our children safe but discuss issues of privacy, inappropriate texts/photos and safety. Open to families and children ages 3 to 18 years of age. Plan to attend and develop a strategy to navigate the digital world with your family. Any thoughts or concerns please call Fr. Elias 801-556-4640



The Christmas Candy Cane

Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me
White is for my Savior
Who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
Was born for Me!