

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrew 11:9-10; 32-40



BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God. 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 armies 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 tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, and 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 of Matthew 1:1-25



Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So, all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.



Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake

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Sunday, December 18th, 2015

Sunday before Nativity



**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 18th, 2016

Sunday before Nativity

Holy Trinity	Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am	Fr. Luke
Prophet Elias	Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am	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 Evgenia

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

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

Weekday Services

Tuesday,

December 27th, 2016

Stephen Archdeacon & First Martyr

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

Memorials

December 18th, 2016

Katherine Papanikolas	1 Year	Holy Trinity
Gus Papanikolas	38 Years	Holy Trinity
Stephanie Papanikolas	48 Years	Holy Trinity

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.

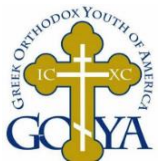
Prayer List

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, Tami, Dan,
Jane, Brian and Casie

**If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you can do so by calling
the church office at 801-328-9681**

Please take note, that Fr. Elias will be enjoying the Christmas Season with his family from December 24th to December 29th. He will still be conducting services and available for emergencies.

Thank you
Wishing you and yours the Peace and Joy throughout the Season.



YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH MINISTRIES



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TODAY

Holy Trinity and Prophet Elias Sunday School Christmas Program will be
Today 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



It's GAME Time!

Come support our Youth Basketball
Please see the schedule below
for dates and times

Saturday, December 17th

4 th Grade Boys	St. Ambrose	2:00 pm
7 th Grade Boys	Prophet Elias	11:00 am
8 th Grade Boys	Prophet Elias	10:00 am
8 th Grade Boys	Blessed Sacrament	1:00 pm
8 th Grade Girls	Prophet Elias	2:00 pm
Intermediate Boys	Prophet Elias	1:00 pm
Senior Boys	St. John	8:00 am

No Goya Basketball on Dec. 24th

Saturday, Jan. 7th 2017

4 th Grade Boys	OLOL SL	8:00 am
7 th Grade Boys	St. Thomas Moore	10:00 am
8 th Grade Boys	St. John	11:00 am
8 th Grade Girls	Prophet Elias	12:00 pm
Intermediate Boys	St. Vincents	9:00 am
Intermediate Boys	St. Vincents	11:00 am
Senior Boys	Prophet Elias	1:00 pm



Stewardship Ministry in Motion

December 16, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With Christmas, almost upon us, we at The Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake are truly thankful for you and your family as part of our Church. You are a vital part of our Church Community.

Please take a few minutes to review your 2016 Stewardship Commitment in support of our Parish Ministries.

Kindly consider this reminder during this season of joy and good will. Please complete your Stewardship Commitment for 2016 and ensure the success of the programs undertaken for the spiritual needs of the families entrusted to our care. Remember that your Stewardship provides the foundation for our Parish Ministries and our efforts in meeting the challenge of spreading Christ's Word and our Orthodox Faith.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of our commitment.

May the grace of our Lord bless you and your loved ones to experience the joy of Christ's Birth through the joy of giving.

Yours in Christ,

Stewardship Committee

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 freiask@yahoo.com

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.

Outreach for Young at Heart Luncheon

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to start an outreach for our Young at Heart attendees whom need transportation. Our Senior Citizens live south of the valley up to Layton who have not been able to attend. Please let me know by the 2nd Thursday of each month if you could drive a Senior Citizen and enjoy lunch with them. We can assign by locale, so let me know what area you can help with.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the luncheons. God Bless.

+fr. Elias

We have a 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

Parishioners, if you know anyone in need of furnishings: sofa, end tables, TV cabinet or stand, area and throw rugs, please call Fr. Elias 801-556-4640 or email freiask@yahoo.com

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

**Return Engagement
By Popular Demand
Community Event AHEPA Scholarship Fundraiser
Saturday, January 28, 2017
Dinner Show and Dancing
Featuring the Fabulous
Synthesis Bouzouki Band and
Recording Star Aphrodite Vlasserou**

More information to follow or call
Jim Klekas at 801-971-6060