

Epistle Reading

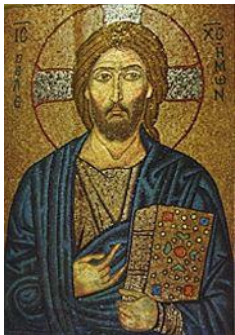
St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:8-12



BRETHREN, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel according to Luke 2:20-21, 40-52



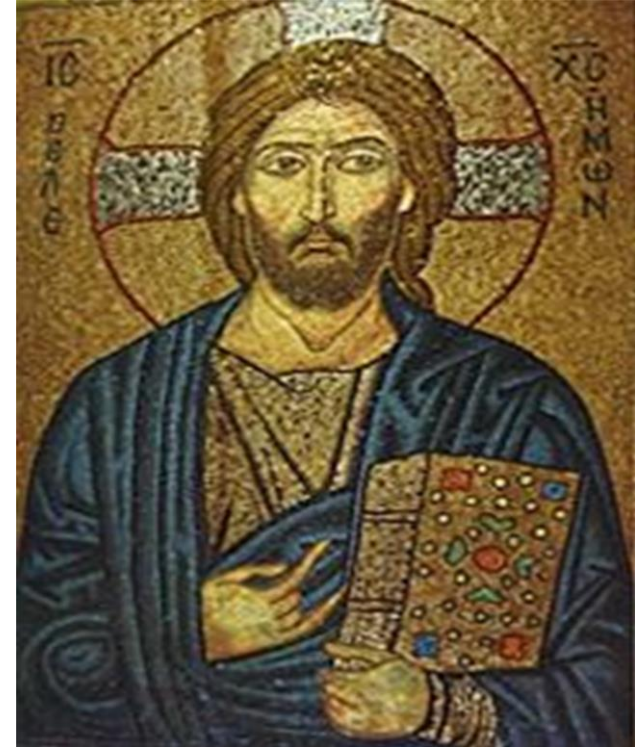
At that time, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to

be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and Man.



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Sunday, January 1st, 2017
Circumcision of our Lord/Saint Basil the Great



Please contact Father Elias 801-556-4640 for visits and any Spiritual needs
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

January 1st, 2017
Holy Trinity (only)

Circumcision of our Lord/Saint Basil the Great
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Elias

January 8th, 2017
Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

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

January 15th, 2017
Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

12th Sunday of Luke
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Luke
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am TBD

January 22nd, 2017
Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

15th Sunday of Luke
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Elias
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Luke

January 29th, 2017
Holy Trinity
Prophet Elias

Sunday of the Canaanite
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Luke
Orthros 9:00am/Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fr. Elias

Weekday Services

Thursday,
January 5th, 2017
Prophet Elias

Royal Hours Forefeast of the Theophany of Christ
Orthros 9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy Fr. Elias

Prophet Elias

Royal Hours/Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil/Lesser Blessing of the Waters
6:00pm Fr. Elias

Friday,
January 6th, 2017
Prophet Elias

Greater Blessing of the Waters at Theophany of Christ
Orthros 9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy Fr. Elias

Sugar House Park

Blessing of the Waters
4:00pm Fr. Elias

Saturday,
January 7th, 2017
Prophet Elias

The Synaxis Feast of St. John the Baptist
Orthros 9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy Fr. Elias

Memorials

January 8th, 2017

Mary Chachas 1 Year
George Nicolatus 1 Year
Viola Nicolatus 13 Years

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Prayer List

Marcus, Heather, Sophie, Jim, Ben, Angelo, Felix, Tiana, Daniel, Brad, Georgiann, Niko, Pat, Steve, Heather, Gary, Jamie, Nick, Jimmy, Joel, Tami, Dan, Jane, Brian, Casie, Agnes, Christina, Irene and Mike

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

The office will be closed on January 2nd & 6th in observance of New Year's Day and Holy Epiphany

Sugar House Park Blessing of the Waters

Friday, January 6, 2017 4:00pm

at Sugar House Park

Food and Fellowship immediately after in the Social hall at Prophet Elias. (Pizza and Drinks)

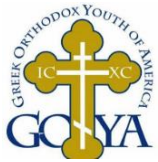
Come Let us gather and celebrate this Great Feast Day of our Lord

Please call 801-556-4640 for any questions

+Rev. Fr. Elias Koucos



Happy New Year



YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH MINISTRIES



It's GAME Time!

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

Saturday, Jan. 7th 2017

4 th Grade Boys	LOLO 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
Senior Boys	Prophet Elias	1:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE

St. John Chrysostom 2017 Oratorical Festival
Jr. & Sr. Division **February 5, 2017**
Elementary Division **February 12, 2017**
Details to follow

SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER

There will be no classes on **January 1st**
Sunday School will resume on **January 8th**
We wish you
a Blessed New Year!

Attention All College Students

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

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 has 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. 801-556-4640 freiask@yahoo.com
Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the luncheons. God Bless.
+fr. Elias

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 at 801-556-4640



Young at Heart New Year's luncheon on Thursday January 12th at noon in the Memorial Hall. Ring in the New Year with food, friends & fellowship. Let's not forget BINGO. We hope to see you all!

ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΛΗ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ 2017!



SAVE THE DATE

It's time to **TWIST & SHOUT**
As we celebrate the **KICK-OFF** party for
Saint Sophia School's 20th Anniversary!

Friday, January 20th, 2017

It won't be long **5-10 pm.**
Take your **YELLOW SUBMARINE** to
THE LONG & WINDING ROAD
That leads to Saint Sophia School,
5341 South Highland Drive, SLC, Utah
We hope you **LET IT BE** a yes and RSVP to 801-424-1297

COME TOGETHER and help support Saint Sophia School
as we raise funds through a Silent Auction & Party Boards

IMAGINE a night filled with food, drinks, and dancing!
Fun for the entire family!

Local band Abbey Grove will be playing Beatles songs all night.

Stay tuned for more information about this event, and many others
throughout the upcoming year in honor of our **Platinum Anniversary!**

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FAITH Endowment Announces Summer 2017 FAITH Travel Grants to Ionian Village

For the tenth consecutive year, *FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism* will award full and partial financial aid travel grants to qualifying campers participating in the 2017 Ionian Village summer camp program. "FAITH Travel Grants to Ionian Village" are primarily need-based financial aid awards; however, each applicant's academic performance will also be weighed into the evaluation review process.

Each year, Ionian Village participants travel across Greece and visit significant sites of Greek history, culture and the Greek Orthodox faith. At the end of each program, the campers return home with strengthened faith, lifelong friendships and an expanded appreciation for the Greek Orthodox Church and Hellenic culture.

Mrs. Elaine Jaharis, a Founder of the FAITH Endowment, Ionian Village Alumna and Chair of the Committee spoke on behalf of the Founders of FAITH, "We are sincerely pleased to offer this transformative and spiritually enriching experience to young people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to connect to their Hellenic roots and Orthodox faith."

The application is now available at thefaithendowment.org/travelgrant for participants of Session One and Session Two, ages 15-18. Completed applications must be received in the mail by the February 3, 2017 deadline. Full applicant criteria can be found at the link above. Applicants are encouraged to follow FAITH on Facebook ([facebook.com/faithendowment](https://www.facebook.com/faithendowment)) for program updates and award notification timelines. Priority is given to high school seniors.

In 2016, FAITH awarded 45 FAITH Travel Grants to Ionian Village to young people from all metropolises across the United States who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to travel to Greece.

"FAITH supplied me with the grant that made the dream of Ionian Village attainable for me. I am so thankful to have received such a blessing. Because of FAITH's generosity, I was able to experience miracles, touch saints and make the best connections with my Greek Orthodox peers," said Anna from Illinois, a 2016 FAITH Travel Grant to Ionian Village recipient.

In addition to underwriting financial aid travel grants, FAITH sponsors the "FAITH Scholarships for Academic Excellence" program each year. This competitive merit-based scholarship series awards college scholarships to high school seniors ranked within the top of their graduating class. For more information about this and other programs, visit thefaithendowment.org.

FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism supports the development of innovative educational, cultural, and scholarship programs for young people that promote an understanding of the Orthodox faith, Hellenism, and the relationship of the two to America's history and multicultural landscape. For more information, please call: [212-644-6960](tel:212-644-6960) or email info@thefaithendowment.org.