

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8

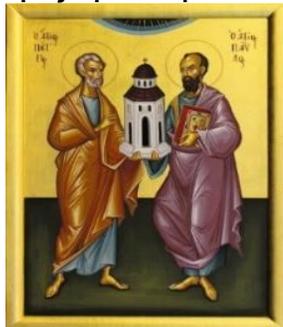


TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Epistle Reading

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 4:5-8 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα εἶναι ἀπο



Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, νῆφε ἐν πᾶσιν, κακοπάθησον, ἔργον ποιήσον εὐαγγελιστοῦ, τὴν διακονίαν σου πληροφορήσον. Ἐγὼ γὰρ ἤδη σπένδομαι, καὶ ὁ καιρὸς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀναλύσεως ἐφέστηκεν. Τὸν ἀγῶνα τὸν καλὸν ἠγώνισμαι, τὸν δρόμον τετέλεκα, τὴν πίστιν τετήρηκα· λοιπὸν, ἀπόκειται μοι ὁ τῆς δικαιοσύνης στέφανος, ὃν ἀποδώσει μοι ὁ κύριος ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ, ὁ δίκαιος κριτής· οὐ μόνον δὲ ἐμοί, ἀλλὰ καὶ πᾶσιν τοῖς ἠγαπηκόσιν τὴν ἐπιφάνειαν αὐτοῦ.



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Sunday, December 31st, 2017
Sunday before Epiphany



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Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Mark 1:1-8



The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Gospel Reading

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 1:1-8 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα



Ἀρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ὡς γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς προφήταις, ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὸν ἄγγελόν μου πρὸ προσώπου σου, ὃς κατασκευάσει τὴν ὁδὸν σου ἔμπροσθέν σου· φωνὴ βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, ἐτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν Κυρίου, εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ, ἐγένετο Ἰωάννης βαπτίζων ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ καὶ κηρύσσων βάπτισμα μετανοίας εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ ἐξεπορεύετο πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία χώρα καὶ οἱ Ἱεροσολυμίται, καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο πάντες ἐν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ ποταμῷ ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ ἐξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν. Ἦν δὲ ὁ Ἰωάννης ἐνδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην περὶ τὴν ὀσφὺν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐσθίων ἀκρίδας καὶ μέλι ἄγριον. Καὶ ἐκήρυσσε λέγων· ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός μου ὀπίσω μου, οὗ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἰκανὸς κύψας λῦσαι τὸν ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ· ἐγὼ μὲν ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ἐν ὕδατι, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ.

Program of Special Services for Christmas, New Year & Theophany

- December 31 (Sunday)** Orthros/Divine Liturgy at **HT/PE** 9:00 am
- January 1 (Monday)** The Naming of our Lord/St. Basil the Great **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018**
Orthros/Divine Liturgy (Delayed Start) at **PE ONLY** 9:30 am
- January 5 (Friday)** Eve of Holy Epiphany/Theophany at **PE ONLY**
Hours/Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil/Megas Agiasmos 9:00 am
- January 6 (Saturday)** Holy Epiphany/Theophany at **HT ONLY**
Orthros/Divine Liturgy/Megas Agiasmos 9:00 am
- January 7 (Sunday)** Orthros/Divine Liturgy at **PE ONLY** 9:00 am
Vasilopita Sunday hosted by the St. Philothea Philoptochos
(Church Services will be at Prophet Elias Only)

May we all come together as one community and family to welcome the King of Kings into our hearts, to proclaim the New Year 2018 as a time of spiritual renewal and to receive the blessings of the Sanctified Waters.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!!!
EYTYXISMENO TO NEO ETOΣ 2018!!!

Memorials

- January 7th, 2018**
Michael Manousakis 9 months Prophet Elias
- January 14th, 2018**
Nicholas Proestakis 3 months Holy Trinity
Yorgia (Georgette) Proestakis 3 years Holy Trinity

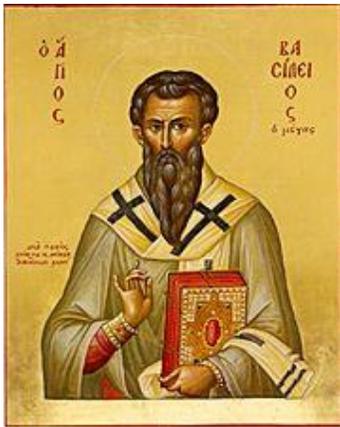
Scheduling Memorials

Please contact the church office to schedule a memorial
801-328-9681 or orthodoxy3@gmail.com
Please include the baptismal names for the memorials.

Prayer List

Luke David, Tammy, George, Stella, Steve, Stephanie, Karri, Mary, Constance, Alexandra, Angelo, Paul, Christian and Angie.

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office 801-328-9681 or orthodoxy3@gmail.com



SAINT BASIL

Saint Basil the Great was born about the end of the year 329 in Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family renowned for their learning and holiness. His parents' names were Basil and Emily. His mother Emily (commemorated July 19) and his grandmother Macrina (Jan. 14) are Saints of the Church, together with all his brothers and sisters: Macrina, his elder sister (July 19), Gregory of Nyssa (Jan. to), Peter of Sebastia (Jan. 9), and Naucratius. Basil studied in Constantinople under the sophist Libanius, then in Athens, where also he formed a friendship with the young Gregory, a

fellow Cappadocian, later called "the Theologian." Through the good influence of his sister Macrina (see July 19), he chose to embrace the ascetical life, abandoning his worldly career. He visited the monks in Egypt, in Palestine, in Syria, and in Mesopotamia, and upon returning to Caesarea, he departed to a hermitage on the Iris River in Pontus, not far from Annesi, where his mother and his sister Macrina were already treading the path of the ascetical life; here he also wrote his ascetical homilies. About the year 370, when the bishop of his country reposed, he was elected to succeed to his throne and was entrusted with the Church of Christ, which he tended for eight years, living in voluntary poverty and strict asceticism, having no other care than to defend holy Orthodoxy as a worthy successor of the Apostles. The Emperor Valens, and Modestus, the Eparch of the East, who were of one mind with the Arians, tried with threats of exile and of torments to bend the Saint to their own confession, because he was the bastion of Orthodoxy in all Cappadocia, and preserved it from heresy when Arianism was at its strongest. But he set all their malice at nought, and in his willingness to give himself up to every suffering for the sake of the Faith, showed himself to be a martyr by volition. Modestus, amazed at Basil's fearlessness in his presence, said that no one had ever so spoken to him. "Perhaps," answered the Saint, "you have never met a bishop before." The Emperor Valens himself was almost won over by Basil's dignity and wisdom. When Valens' son fell gravely sick, he asked Saint Basil to pray for him. The Saint promised that his son would be restated if Valens agreed to have him baptized by the Orthodox; Valens agreed, Basil prayed, and the son was restored. But afterwards the Emperor had him baptized by Arians, and the child died soon after. Later, Valens, persuaded by his counsellors, decided to send the Saint into exile because he would not accept the Arians into communion; but his pen broke when he was signing the edict of banishment. He tried a second time and a third, but the same thing happened, so that the Emperor was filled with dread, and tore up the document, and Basil was not banished. The truly great Basil, spent with extreme ascetical practices and continual labor's, at the helm of the church, departed to the Lord on the 1st of January, in 379. at the age of forty-nine.

His writings are replete with wisdom and erudition, and rich are these gifts he set forth the doctrines concerning the mysteries both of the creation (see his Hexaemeron) and of the Holy Trinity (see On the Holy Spirit). Because of the majesty and keenness of his eloquence, he is honored as "the revealer of heavenly things" and "the Great."

Upcoming Services

Wednesday

January 17th
Prophet Elias

Saint Anthony

Orthros 9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy

Thursday

January 18th
Prophet Elias

St. Athanasios

Orthros 9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy

Tuesday

January 30th
Prophet Elias

Three Hierarchs

Orthros 9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy

**The office will be closed January 1st, in observance of New Year's Day
Thank you.**

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Prophet Elias Board Room

Job Position Available

There is a part time position available for a Maintenance Assistant for Prophet Elias Church and the LaFrance Apartments. Candidates must be flexible in hours 26-40 per week a plus. Qualified candidates must be able to handle all basic maintenance issues with both facilities. Main duties include cleaning and repair. Send a brief resume to conniegoc@gmail.com or contact Connie Yengich at 801-328-9681.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

2017 has been a great year for the stock market. The Dow has increased over 2000 points since January. Did you know that you can realize significant tax advantages from contributing appreciated securities transferred to The Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake as a charitable gift?

Making a charitable gift to The Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake with an appreciated asset such as securities provides you with the following benefits:

- **Avoid** capital gains taxes
- **Receive** an income tax deduction for the full amount of your gift
- **Capture** the value of your stock and end the worrying about markets ups and downs
- **Make** a meaningful charitable gift with no cash out-of-pocket

Giftting appreciated securities in place of cash is a tax-wise alternative.

For information on gifting appreciated securities please consult your financial and tax professionals. For more information from the Church Office please contact Connie Yengich at 801-328-9681 or conniegoc@gmail.com



The Young at Heart Luncheon will be on **Thursday January 11**, at the Memorial Hall at noon. Bring in the New Year with some food, fun and fellowship. Desserts are always welcome and appreciated. We hope to see you all there.
HAPPY NEW YEAR, KALH XPONIA 2018!



Community Wish List

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

Holy Trinity Campus

- Church and Crane Parking Lot Paving
- Ornamental Fencing around the Cathedral Perimeters
- Church Parking Lot Lighting
- Carpeting Sunday School Rooms
- Painting Classrooms
- Keycard Entry/Video Surveillance
- LED's for Basement including Smart Light Technology in the Cathedral

Prophet Elias Campus

- Pavilion Project
- Bell Tower Repair
- Carpeting in Hallways
- Keycard Entry/Video Surveillance
- Large Gym Floor Repair and Full Sanding/Refinishing
- Large Gym Interior Painting
- Parking Lot Lighting
- Stage Curtains
- Parking Lot Asphalt/Resurface
- Upgrade/Remodel Restrooms
- Upgrade to LED Lighting/Smart Switch Technology for Entire Campus
- Maintenance/Repair Existing Roof Structures

We thank you for your continued support of our Community!



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Young Adult Event:

Where: The Escape Key
Address: 250 East 300 So.#380
When: Thursday, January 4, 2018
Time: 5:30 pm Game starts promptly at 6:00 pm
 Church will cover The Escape Room.
 Dinner to follow at a restaurant of your choice!
 Please RSVP by January 1 to Denise at 801-604-6782

Save the Date

Joy and Hope Winter Party
January 10th
Prophet Elias at 6:00 pm



2018 GOYA Basketball Tournament

January 12-14, 2018, in Dallas, Texas!

The annual basketball tournament brings together GOYANS and family members from throughout the Metropolis of Denver. It is the largest gathering of any kind in the Metropolis and offers an atmosphere of Christian fellowship and friendly competition. We have a large group representing our community. We are proud to have them represent our community!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS - GO GOYANS!

SAVE THE DATE:

APOKREAS CELEBRATION 2018
GOYA's Annual Apokreas Celebration
Fundraiser will be held
FEBRUARY 10 AT PROPHET ELIAS

