

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 of 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.'"

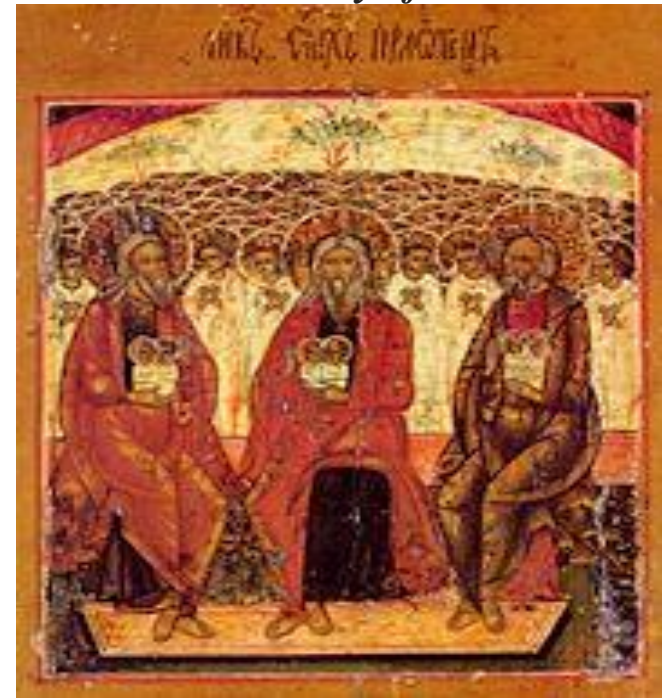


Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake

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Sunday, December 14th, 2014

11th Sunday of Luke



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

December 14th

Holy Trinity: Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Father Elias
Prophet Elias: Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30am Father Matthew

Weekday Services

December 15^h

PE Only – Orthros **8:30am** followed by Liturgy - Feast of Saint Eleutherios (Father Matthew Officiating)

December 17th

HT Only - 10:00am to 11:00am Advent Paracletis (with Anointing) (Father Matthew Officiating)

Memorials

December 14th

Elsie Sefandonakis 3 Months Holy Trinity

December 21st

Pete Paulos 40 Days Holy Trinity
Helen Kalivas 5 Year Prophet Elias
Tony Kalivas 17 Year 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

Bill, Kim, Margaret, Ruth, Stephanie, Steve, Tami, Alexander, Alexis, Tony, Nick, Jill, Margaret, Brooke, Preston, George, Charissa, Madeline, Edie, Sabina, Wendy, Magdy, Eric, Helen, Jordan, Dee, Mihalis, Brent, Marie, Niko, Carol, John, Mary

Parish Council Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Council members!

Gus Colessides	Pete Saltas
Dr.Philip Kithas	Maria Shilaos-Nelson
Thomas Peters	Dr. Tykie Skedros
Deno Priskos	

Annual Christmas Angel Tree

We are again providing assistance through the generosity of our community to families who are in need during the Christmas season. Please help those in need by choosing an angel off our wreaths that are now placed in the narthex of both churches. Thank you.

Job Position Available

There is a full time position available for an Office Administrator at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Qualified candidates must demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills, be well organized and able to handle multiple tasks. Main duties include weekly bulletins, assisting Clergy, website maintenance, and excellent computer skills. Candidate must be familiar with both Microsoft Word and Excel programs. Send a cover letter and resume to orthodoxy3@gmail.com or contact Cindy Skedros at 801-560-9728.

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 orthodoxy3@gmail.com or contact Cindy Skedros at 801-560-9728.

Job Opening for Operations Manager:

Short description: Supervise and manage all administrative functions of the Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake. Oversee and maintain all facilities. Help with festival; oversee master calendar and scheduling of facilities. Requirements:

- High School Diploma
- Bachelors' Degree in Business Administration or related field preferred
- 4+ years experience managing others
- Developing budgets and human resource administration
- Proficient with Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Demonstrate leadership and work ethic in a fast paced environment
- Excellent written and verbal communications, presentation and speaking skills
- Honesty and Integrity
- Strong initiative and desire to succeed
- Strong organization and time management skills
- Willing to work various days and times

Send a cover letter and resume to orthodoxy3@gmail.com or contact Cindy Skedros at 801-560-9728.

Live in Caretaker Needed

Live in Caretaker needed for a senior couple. Room and board provided. If you are interested, please call Connie Yengich at [801-793-9393](tel:801-793-9393) or Fr. Elias at 801-556-4640 for further details.

Baklava, Koulouria and Pastichio are Ready!

If you have ordered Baklava it will be ready for pick up at Holy Trinity after church in the hall on December 14th. The cost for baklava is 30 pieces for \$30, pastichio for \$25 a pan, and we also have our famous koulouria available for \$6 a dozen. If you need anything before then, please call Connie at [801-793-9393](tel:801-793-9393). We thank you for your continued support. Have a blessed Holiday Season!

Daughters of Penelope

Upcoming Events: **January 31st, 2015**. Save the date, *Basil the Comedian* is coming to Salt Lake City. Contact joannesaltas@gmail.com for more information.

SANTA'S COMING.....

Children of all ages are invited to join our community sponsored event on Saturday, **December 20th** from **9:00am** to noon in the small gym at Prophet Elias, 5335 S. Highland Dr. Along with Breakfast there will be Photos with Santa, Christmas Stories with Mrs. Santa, Activities, Crafts and Fun with Family and Friends. See you there! Breakfast \$5.00 Photo with Santa \$3.00.

Sunday School Christmas Program

There will be a continental breakfast following liturgy on Sunday, **December 21st** at both churches. If you have any questions please call Paul Karahalios at 801-870-1514, or Elenie Sefandonakis at 801-718-7515.

Attention Incoming Dionysius Dancers

This notice is for anybody who would like to join the Dionysius Dance Group. We will be having our first year dancer meeting on Sunday, **DECEMBER 14th** at **2:00pm** in the Prophet Elias Boardroom. There will be a lot of important information discussed, so attendance is highly recommended. If you have any questions, you may call any of the four officers: President – Kosta Priskos: 801-839-8234, Vice President – Whitney Anderson: 801-915-1012, Secretary – Michael Giamalakis: 801-824-3275, Treasurer – Sarah Orton: 801-673-3153

SAVE THE DATE

March 7th, 2015. The Hellenic Cuisine Academy celebrates its 5th year in 2015 with cookbook author and Mediterranean food expert Stephanie Patsalis. The evening will begin with a cooking demonstration followed by a salmon dinner and book signing. Tickets may be purchased starting on **December 1st**. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a table for this event, please contact Vickie Peters at [801-262-3233](tel:801-262-3233).

Stewardship is about the Joy of Giving Freely

Stewardship is a practice that can help shape our world and ourselves in such a way that we can experience God's grace, love and communion in the present. Stewardship is about what is possible for us as humans now rather than later. It makes us aware of the potential for experiencing joy by giving to God. We are returning to God in thanksgiving for what He has done for us. God is never outdone in generosity. A steward is a manager, someone who looks after someone else's property. That is what we are. We are all managers in God's kingdom, and we have a responsibility to protect and grow God's gifts by giving and returning to Him the blessings He has bestowed on us so they may multiply in His Kingdom here on earth.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD...

In less than two weeks, our Holy Orthodox Church will celebrate the coming of our Lord into the world. Christ came to us with the mercy and good will of His Father in Heaven, and from us He demands mercy toward our neighbors; He is the righteous King, and He demands of us all righteousness; for He, too, as a man, fulfilled all righteousness, showing us an example and providing us with grace and the strength to carry it out. He Himself did suffer for us, having borne the Cross; and He taught us to deny ourselves, our sins and our passions, and to follow after Him, doing what is holy out of reverence for God. He came to heal our souls, ailing from sin, and commanded all to repent; let us ever, then, be earnestly contrite, correcting ourselves and striving toward holiness and perfection. The Holy Angels, at the Nativity of the God-man, did declare peace unto the world. Let us, then, ourselves, have within us a peaceful conscience, and let us be at peace with everyone.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING, DECEMBER 24th:

Royal Hours and Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil, **8:30am** at **Holy Trinity only** (Father Matthew Officiating, Father Elias Assisting);

CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING, **DECEMBER 24th**: ORTHROS, **6:30PM**, DIVINE LITURGY, **7:30PM**, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, at **PROPHET ELIAS ONLY** (Father Matthew Officiating);

CHRISTMAS MORNING, **DECEMBER 25th**: ORTHROS, **8:30AM**, DIVINE LITURGY, **9:30AM**, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, at **HOLY TRINITY ONLY** (Father Elias Officiating).

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Feast of SAINT ELEUTHERIOS will take place on Monday, **December 15th** at **Prophet Elias** with Orthros at **8:30am** followed immediately by Divine Liturgy.

The next ADVENT PARACLESIS Service with Anointing will take place this Wednesday, **December 17th** at **10:00am** at **Holy Trinity**.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

You are warmly invited to join our wonderful and growing TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY group! We have begun our study of the BOOK OF REVELATION. Please join us Tuesday, **December 16th** at **10:30am** at the Little America Hotel in the private room just inside the coffee shop next to the hostess stand. We will be able to order breakfast or lunch which will help waiver the cost of the room. We look forward to seeing you!

FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED...

The early winter issue of my CROSS+WALK newsletter has been completed and emailed to those who requested it. If you haven't yet requested to receive it – either by email or first class mail – and would like to, please contact me. I now also offer a brief *bi-weekly* spiritual and inspirational message entitled FEED MY SHEEP via email which is sent *only* to those who request it. To receive the bi-weekly FEED MY SHEEP message and/or to receive the CROSS+WALK newsletter, please call or text me at 801- 556-1139, or you may email me atmatthewthepriest@gmail.com.

Humbly in Christ, Father Matthew

Youth Ministry Information

Thank you everyone who participated in helping raise money and goods for the Road Home! Your generous donations will help those in need during this time of year when help is needed the most. On behalf of our Youth we express our gratitude and appreciation for all your generous and thoughtful contributions and support! We have drawn the names of the winners for the first week of December and they are **Xanthi Athousakis, Peter Souvall, Elpitha Votsis, Brianna Koucos**. Congratulations to our winners. Watch for next week winners.

Let Our Focus of the Season Be On Christ

Let us remember that the season celebrates the love of God revealed in the coming of Christ. For those with faith, the colored lights, the green trees, the wreaths and the flowers are the symbols of the joy of Christmas. Let us celebrate the joy of Christ's coming!

Let us also share the love that God brings with His Holy Nativity with others. Christ has come to bear witness to the Father's love for us. We too can share this love with others, especially with the poor and less fortunate among us. We can be sensitive to those who cannot easily celebrate because of a loss in their lives. Let us be the ambassadors of God who share His care and philanthropy.

Senior GOYA

Senior GOYA Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange Save The Date - Friday, **December 19, 2014** Time and Place to Be Announced.

Junior GOYA

Junior GOYA Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange Saturday, **December 20, 2014, 7:00pm -10:30pm** at the home of Elena Katsohirakis 6241 South Shenandoah Park Ave. (1765 East). Bring a gift to exchange not to exceed \$10 and your Christmas spirit to share in food fun and the spirit of the season. Call Elena Katsohirakis with any questions at [801-942-9932](tel:801-942-9932). Parents also asked to help bring food. Please call Georgia at the same number above to volunteer.

Prophet Elias Choir Concert

The Prophet Elias choir will present its seventeenth annual free dinner at **6:00pm** and concert at **7:00pm** at Christmas time on the evening of **Sunday, December 14th** in the social hall small gym at Prophet Elias church. For more information please contact Micky Maritsas at 801-262-3789 or palmicpm@netscape.net. Leave a message if there's no answer.

Attention: Daughters of Minos

Elections and the next meeting will be in **January** under a new presidency that we are really excited to welcome. The election committee has received nominations for all positions but anyone who wishes to run or nominate additional people, can still do so by contacting election committee members Ori Kambouris at 801-808-6542 or Christie Zervos-Tatum at 801-243-8144.

Thank you,

Roula Sargetakis
President, Daughter of Minos
801-466-6533

Saint Sophia School

Introducing. . . Toddler Tuesday registration is now open. Session I: September 2 – December 9 & Session II: January 13 – May 12. All classes are from 9:00am – 11:00am. Reserve a spot by emailing Brian Lampe Brian.lampe@saintsophiaschool.org, or pick up your enrollment application at Saint Sophia School located at 5341 Highland Drive, Holladay, Utah 84117 801-424-1297.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Many thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers and some very generous donations that made the annual Thanksgiving dinner a huge success. 951 meals were served at the Memorial Hall. Another 560 dinners were delivered to shut in's with another 541 take home dinners for a grand total of 2,056 meals.

Thank you to AAA, Nicholas & Co, Costco, Pentalon Construction, Pulos Family Fund and the LDS Church for their donations as well as many additional anonymous donations that were received.

Special thanks go out to Yannis Armaou, Bill Rekouniotis, Zeljko Milovic, Connie Yengich and all Philoptochos, to just name few. There were many other volunteers that worked behind the scenes for several days prior to and or during the event.

USE WISELY YOUR POWER OF CHOICE

Choose to LOVE Rather than HATE
Choose to LAUGH Rather than CRY
Choose to CREATE Rather than DESTROY
Choose to PERSEVERE Rather than QUIT
Choose to PRAISE Rather than GOSSIP
Choose to HEAL Rather than WOUND
Choose to GIVE Rather than STEAL
Choose to ACT Rather than PROCRASTINATE
Choose to GROW Rather than ROT
Choose to PRAY Rather than CURSE
Choose to LIVE Rather than DIE

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KALH XPONIA 2015!!

The Young at Heart will celebrate the New Year on **Thursday January 8th 2015!!** Our menu will be barbecued pork chops, baked potato, vegetable, salad, wine & the ever popular BINGO!! Bring a New Years dessert if you like. We hope you all have a Happy & Healthy New Year!