

## Epistle Reading

### St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19



Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look

carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

## Gospel Reading

### The Gospel of Luke 18:18-27



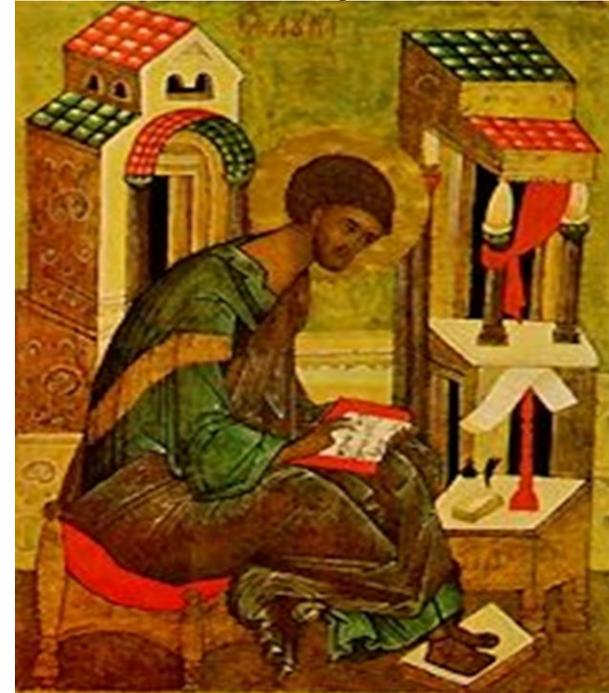
At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack.

Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."



Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake  
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**Sunday, November 29th, 2015**  
**13th 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

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Holy Trinity:  
Prophet Elias

**13th Sunday of Luke**

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

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Holy Trinity:  
Prophet Elias

**10th Sunday of Luke**

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

### Weekday Services

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Prophet Elias:

**Feast of Andrew the First-Called Apostle**

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

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

Holy Trinity: 10:00am

**Akathist to Saint Porphyrios**

Fr. Matthew/Fr Elias

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Prophet Elias:  
Elias

**Feast of Saint Barbara**

Orthros 9:00am followed by Divine Liturgy Fr. Matthew/Fr

### Memorials

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Katina Ladakis  
Emmanuel Ladakis  
Dorothy Kogianes

Holy Trinity  
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Holy Trinity

\*\*\*\* The Ladakis/Kogianes, family will be hosting coffee hour\*\*\*\*

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Virginia Trakas Davis

15 Years

Holy Trinity

**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](mailto:matthewthepriest@gmail.com).

### Prayer List

Joan, Angelo, Apollo, Toulia, Peter, Sara, Christine, Agnes, Irene, Alexia, Isaac, Mike, Sammy, Tami, Stephanie, Stella, Karri, Steve, Jim

\*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.\*

### Accounting/Bookkeeping Position Available

Immediate opening available for a part time 25-29 hour Accounting Assistant position. Located at the Holy Trinity Cathedral office. Requirements are as follows; highly knowledgeable with all facets of QuickBooks, QuickBooks class coding, bank reconciliation, payroll processing, accounts payable, accounts receivable, invoicing, report processing, and other minor duties. If you meet these qualifications, please send a Resume to Connie Yengich at [conniegoc@gmail.com](mailto:conniegoc@gmail.com). Please contact Connie at 801-328-9681 or cell phone 801-793-9393 for all inquiries. We look forward to hearing from you.

### Attention Parishioners

We are asking that you please not leave any valuables or anything visible in your cars. We are looking out for your safety. Thank you.



### Philoptochos Meeting and Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, **December 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm** at **Tre's Hombres Restaurant**  
3298 South Highland Drive

We will be having a short meeting followed by dinner. Come and enjoy an evening with friends, and get into the Christmas spirit!

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW**

### **WORDS FOR OUR SALVATION**

The Thanksgiving holiday weekend concludes today and we pray that our parish families were kept safe in their travels, near or far. May we keep the spirit of THANKSGIVING within us all the days of our life. The holy Church Fathers remind us that every morning and every evening to thank the Lord God from the depths of our soul for everything and to be very careful not to be ungrateful to Him. The Holy Apostle Paul numbers the ingratitude of people among the vices of the people of the end times. Let us, then, remember God and eternal blessedness and never cease to offer our gratitude to Him for all things!

### **WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?**

Perhaps the question should not be, "What do you want for Christmas?" But instead, "What does God want from us at Christmas as well as at each and every moment?" Could it be He wants our love and our sufferings; our prayers and our passions; our sins and our repentance; our faith and our trust; our thanksgiving and our love of neighbor? What indeed does God want from us? All of our being, all of these things; that is, our humility, our pure heart, and an earnest desire to draw closer to Him, starting at this moment – whether Christmas is here or not! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me...

### **SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES TO NOTE**

An AKATHIST SERVICE TO SAINT PORPHYRIOS will take place this Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – his Feast day -- at 10am at Holy Trinity. For those who may not be familiar with Saint Porphyrios, the main characteristics of this great saint were his humility, love, knowledge of God and the many gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as clairvoyance, prayer, and healings. With such gifts, he helped and

continues to help, even after his repose, those who call upon him. We humbly ask him to intercede to the Lord for us!

All other scheduled weekday liturgies and other services can be found under the services listings in this bulletin.

### **SERVICES OF CHRISTMAS**

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING, THURSDAY, **DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**:  
**9:00am** - Royal Hours and Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil at **Holy Trinity Only**

CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING, THURSDAY, **DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**:  
**6:30pm** (Orthros) / **7:30pm** (Divine Liturgy) – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST at **Prophet Elias Only**

CHRISTMAS MORNING, FRIDAY, **DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**:  
**9:00am** (Orthros) / **10:00am** (Divine Liturgy) – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST at **Holy Trinity Only**

### **TUESDAY MORNINGS WITH THE LORD**

Our TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY on the Book of Revelation will resume this Tuesday, **December 1<sup>st</sup>** at **10:30am** at the Little America Coffee Shop.

Humbly in Christ,  
Father Matthew

## Youth Weekly Devotional

### **The Powerful Attribute of Patience – The Holy Spirit Within Us Ephesians 4:2**

*“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love”.*

My Dear Beloved Children while I was sitting at my computer trying to log on to a web site that was taking a while to load I grew impatient expecting it to load quickly and thinking how spoiled I got with modern technology expecting instant action and completion.

I was also reminded of times I had approached an elevator and saw that the up button was lit, but I pushed it anyway. Or thinking of the times I was stuck in a line that would not move, thinking on how poorly planned my situation was. All this brought to mind the virtue of patience and how we need to rely on the grace and influence of the Holy Spirit. Our patience, or lack of it, spills over into many aspects of our lives.

Patience is not a natural trait that some possess at birth and it's not a skill that we can, on our own, continually muster. No, patience is available only through the Holy Spirit. Apart from Him, we will have a difficult time developing this awesome quality.

The nature of patience allows us to have the mindset that says, I'm willing to let go of immediate gratification and wait for God to supply. Then, we're able to experience the inner quietness that can come only from Him. This doesn't mean we'll never feel pressure or stress; at times the need to press persistently toward our goals feels overwhelming, but the Lord can calm our heart.

It's important to realize that patience cannot be developed apart from other godly characteristics. In considering the life of David, we can see that this is true. While waiting to be made king by God's hand, David had several opportunities to kill Saul, the nation's current ruler. By refusing to take advantage of the situation, David demonstrated discernment, wisdom, love, and faith in God's timing (1 Sam. 24:10-11; 26:10-11). Patience is one of the nine qualities named as fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). So to exhibit this important virtue, we must surrender our lives to Him.

During this Holy Advent Season let us open our hearts to our Lord that the love, hope and peace He brings fills our hearts and surround us always that he may live in us and we in Him.

In His Love,

+fr. elias

## YOUTH EVENTS DECEMBER

**DECEMBER IS YOUTH MINISTRY MONTH** Youth will participate in the Liturgical Services and other activities serving in our Parish at both Churches. Take time to share your love and concern for the youth of our parish and thank them for being present in Church. Thank them for their good works. Let them know that they are appreciated.

- Reading the Epistles
- Taking the Collections
- Ushering in Church
- Sponsoring the Coffee Hours
- Singing in the Choir
- Short Talks before conclusion of Liturgies on Sunday

### **Sr. GOYA Christmas party and White Elephant Gift Exchange.**

Sunday, **December 20<sup>th</sup>**, 2015 at the home of Mihali Sergakis  
2963 Anne Marie Drive

**5:30pm - 9:30pm**

**\$10 max** White Elephant Gift Exchange

Please bring a desert, or salad, or snacks along with a Festive Christmas spirit. Please bring a can good for the food bank pantry.

**JR. GOYA Christmas Party Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm the home of Kaliope Sargetakis-1414 South Devonshire Drive Watch for more details to follow.



### SAVE THE DATE

Philoptochos Presents..... "BREAKFAST with SANTA"  
Saturday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** Starting at **10:00** a.m. (new time)

**PROPHET ELIAS GYM** \*\*Breakfast with Santa (\$5.00)

\*\*Photos with Santa (\$3.00) \*\*Christmas Stories with Mrs.

Santa \*\*Activities and Crafts \*\*Fun with Family and Friends Bring the whole Family.....See you there!!

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### **The Prophet Elias Choir**

18<sup>th</sup> annual free DINNER and CONCERT

**December 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 6:00pm**

At Prophet Elias

Mark the date

There is limited seating and reservations are required.

Please call Micky Maritsas  
(801) 262-3789 to reserve a seat or seats.

We will need the names of all those for whom you make a reservation so have the names ready when you call  
God bless and SEE YOU THERE!

### **\*\* ATTENTION INCOMING DIONYSIOS DANCERS \*\***

For those of you interested in joining the Dionysios dance group, we will be having a first year dancer meeting on **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** at **Holy Trinity** in the boardroom. We will be discussing very important information so attendance is highly recommended. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the officers.

President- Michael Zoumadakis- 801-554-9703

Vice President- Kathryn Kalodimos- 801-664-7822

Secretary- Jenny Skedros- 801-824-7116

Treasurer- Michael Giamalakis- 801-824-3275

We hope to see you all there!

### **THE SOCIETY OF ATHANASIOS DIAKOS**

Christmas Luncheon Sunday, **December 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm** Cottonwood Country Club  
(1780 E Lakewood Dr., 1st street south of Prophet Elias)

**\$33** per person

Menu: Prime Rib & Fish Buffet

Raffle Prizes!

Your check is your reservation, Mail your payment made payable to:  
Athanasios Diakos 2471 East Lexington Circle Salt Lake City, UT 84124  
Phone: (801) 273-1921

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** No Exceptions!

Children's menu available **\$15**, 12 & under

### **Daughters of Minos**

Annual Christmas Dinner **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **6:30 p.m.** at the Cottonwood Country Club. Let's welcome the Christmas season together! Everyone is welcome.

The Daughters of Minos have created the youngest Cretan dance group, KriKri for children 1st-3rd Grade. You don't have to be Cretan to sign up your children but you do have to pay the **\$30.00** membership fee to the Organization and you or the grandmother of the dancer will have to be attending the 6 yearly meetings (**September-May**) of the Daughters of Minos.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**Holy Trinity** and **Prophet Elias** Sunday school Christmas Program will be **December 13<sup>th</sup>**, 2015 at **5:00p.m** at Holy Trinity. Dinner to immediately follow and special "surprise guest!" Details to follow. Questions, call Paul Karahalios at 801-870-1514, Elenie Sefandonakis at 801-718-7515 or Denise Nikols, 801-604-6782.

## ARCADIANS

ARCADIAN LADIES CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON is scheduled for Saturday, **December 19<sup>TH</sup>** at Noon at **Anna's Restaurant**, 4700 South 900 East. It will be an open menu in a private room. Please **RSVP** by **December 12<sup>TH</sup>** to Karen Anastasopoulos, [801-913-2414](tel:801-913-2414) or [karenanast@gmail.com](mailto:karenanast@gmail.com).



### **Community Christmas Card**

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 do this will be **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. We appreciate your support, and wish you a blessed Holiday Season to come.

## PAN ARCADIAN FEDERATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Theodoros Kolokotronis Chapter #90)

The annual Christmas party will be on Thursday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at 7:00 pm at Aristo's Restaurant. Family style menu will be served. Make your reservation with Karen, [karenanast@gmail.com](mailto:karenanast@gmail.com) or [801-913-2414](tel:801-913-2414). Hope you can come. Save the date.



### **It's That Time Again!**

Please help grant the wishes of a few less fortunate families this Christmas Season by picking up an Angel Tree Tag. They are available in the narthex of both churches. Donations can also be made at the Holy Trinity Office. God Bless you and your Families as we celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please feel free to contact Bonnie Georgelas at 801-699-2171 Or Pari Katsanevas at 801-652-6249 with any questions

## **LET PHILOPTOCHOS DO YOUR HOLIDAY BAKING**

Philoptochos will be selling Baklava and Koulouria  
30 Pieces of Baklava    \$30  
Dozen Koulouria        \$6

Baklava & Koulouria will be available for pick-up **December 13<sup>th</sup>** at **Holy Trinity**.

For pre orders please contact Shelly Anderson at 801-277-6651 or Nia Reganis at 801-582-1454.

**All proceeds benefit Philoptochos Charities**

## **Stewardship Minimum and Eligibility For Voting In Parish Elections**

At the **Fall** 2014 Parish Assembly a motion was passed for an annual minimum amount of **\$600/family** and **\$300/individual** and those with extenuating circumstances should consult with the clergy.

Individuals: (\$300 Minimum)

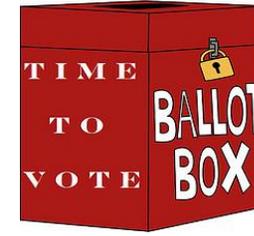
- Anyone 18 years of age or older, including students

Family: (\$600 Minimum)

- Couples, with or without a minor child or children
- An parent/individual with a minor child or children

In order to vote in the upcoming parish elections you must have met at least 75% of the minimum.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MEET ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERGY AND EXCEPTIONS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THEM.**



## **Parish Council Elections**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

After Church 'til **4:00 pm**

At **both Churches** you must be a paid steward to vote

### **Candidates**

Yannis Armaou

Nick Bapis

Basil Chelemes

Steve Gamvroulas

Dr. Maria Oneida Hardwick

Lee Kapos

Alicia Kastanis Mares

Tom McGrath

Jim Sakellariou

Ted Sargetakis

Cindy Skedros

Leo Sotiriou

**Absentee Ballots are available for pick-up at the church office at Holy Trinity, or by contacting the church office, at (801)328-9681.**

**Absentee Ballots must be received by the church office at Holy Trinity,  
no later than Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to be counted.**

## **\*\*Sunday School News\*\***

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal—all students need to attend—especially those with specific roles. \*\*

- Sunday, **November 29<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at HT
- Sunday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at HT.
- Note—this year's program is different than in the past. The program is a combined program with the kids from both Sunday Schools and the program will take place in the church hall at HT; the story of Christ's nativity will take place on the stage and our Sunday school children will be singing; there will be instrumental accompaniment as well as select vocals. Please watch your email for additional details.

Questions, feel free to call Paul K. at 801-870-1514, Elenie S. at 801-718-7515 or Denise N. at 801-604-6782.

Thank you!

## **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE CHARAI 79**

### **DOP/DSW SHOPPING SPREE**

Sunday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, 2015 at **5:00pm**

DOP Members' Dinner Meeting **\$5.00**

**6:00pm-8:00pm**

SHOPPING--EVERYONE WELCOME

1132 East Fort Union Boulevard

10% & 20% discounts on purchases

YWCA is our holiday giving project

Please support by bringing

phone cards, bus cards, gift cards (Walmart, Shopko, Walgreens, Target, Smith's)

Monetary Donations Accepted

## **OPA GREEK DANCE GROUP NEWS!!!**

WHO: All Orthodox Youth currently enrolled in grades 6 through 12

WHAT: Deadline to Register for the "OPA Greek Dance Groups" (Olympian, Parthenon & Athenian)

WHEN: Sunday, 11-29-15 / midnight

HOW: Registration forms are available by contacting Fran Matragos at fmtragos@hotmail.com or 801-556-0090.

- Each dancer and parent/guardian must read the rules, sign and date the Registration Form, and return the form with the fee to fmtragos@hotmail.com, or by calling the numbers listed below to make other arrangements for pickup/drop off by the deadline (see above).
- Please make checks payable to "OPA Greek Dance".

NEED MORE INFO/HAVE QUESTIONS? Please call **Cyndia 801-231-8505** or **Fran 801-556-0090**.