

Epistle Reading

St Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21

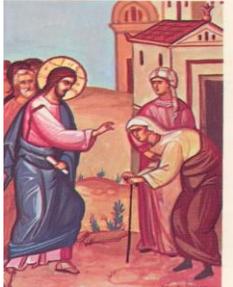


Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord

Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of Luke 13:10-17



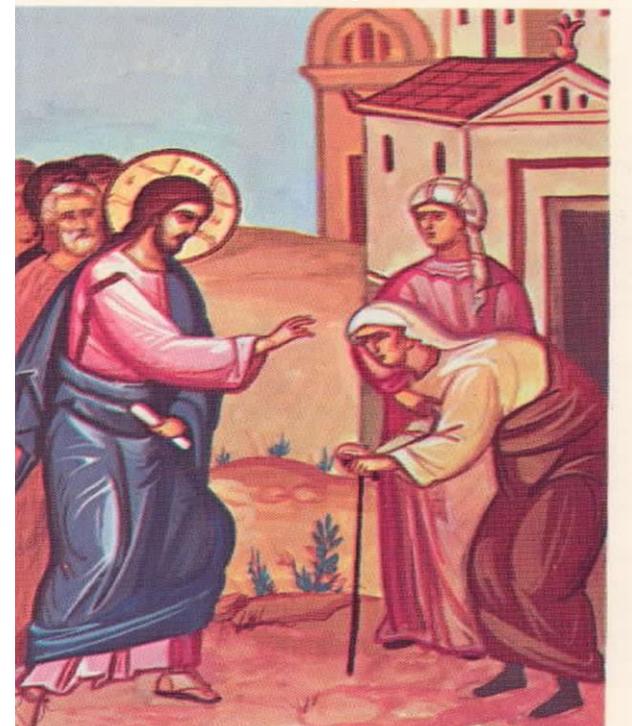
At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the

synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.



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Sunday, December 6th, 2015
10th 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 6th, 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

December 13th, 2015

**Holy Trinity:
Prophet Elias**

11th Sunday of Luke

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

Weekday Services

December 9th, 2015

Holy Trinity:

Feast of the Conception of the Theotokos

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

December 11th, 2015

Holy Trinity: 5:30pm

Feast of Saint Spyridon

Fr. Elias

Memorials

December 6th, 2015

Virginia Trakas Davis

15 Years

Holy Trinity

December 13th, 2015

Christos Tsoutsounakis

40 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.

Prayer List

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

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.



The Prophet Elias Choir

18th annual free DINNER and CONCERT

December 6th 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!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

WORDS FOR OUR SALVATION

A question was asked of me recently: WHO ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT? Often we are confused by the phrase “poor in spirit”. The confusion comes from our mixing the concepts of poverty of poorly developed nations with the “poverty” that Christ praises. Spiritual poverty, or meekness, is a very great virtue. It is a self-consciousness of one’s nothingness before God’s magnificence, of one’s filthiness before our Lord’s purity, of one’s complete dependence on the Lord’s infinite power. King David said of himself, “I am a worm and not a man”. And he was not of a slow wit. He was a genius of a great mind. His son, the most wise Solomon said, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding”. This is what it means to be poor in spirit – to turn oneself over completely to God, and not trust oneself. Blessed is he who can honestly say, “My strength is nothing, my reason is weak, my will is wavering – Lord, help me!” Poor in spirit is a saint who, like Apostle Paul, can say, “I know nothing except Christ!” Poor in spirit is a scientist who, like Newton, admits that his ignorance is infinitely greater than his knowledge. Poor in spirit is a rich man who, like Job, says, “Naked I came into this world, naked I will depart from it.” All the apostles and saints and righteous people along with millions of pious people of God lived in this world as poor in spirit. And for this, according to God’s promise, they inherited the Kingdom of Heaven. Do not think as ignorant the person who lacks certain knowledge, but he who boasts of the knowledge he has. Spiritual poverty is essentially opposite from haughtiness and boasting; Christ wanted to preserve us from haughtiness and boasting when he praised the “poor in spirit”.

MAKING ROOM IN OUR HEART FOR CHRIST

It is my fervent prayer that we are taking advantage of this beautiful spiritual season that we have been granted once again. Let us now take the time to examine our priorities, with Christ foremost in mind, and make necessary adjustments. We must turn to prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, confession, and participation in the divine services. Let us forgive those who have offended us and seek forgiveness from those who we have hurt, as this is our Christian duty. These are fundamental acts which attract God’s love and mercy, but we have to make the effort. The sacrifice of time and the spiritual effort put forth during this holy time, in which we contemplate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ’s coming into the world as a Newborn Child, will enable us to share in the great joy of His Incarnation.

HOUSE BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR

Yes, a new year is nearly upon us and it is my hope and desire to BLESS YOUR HOMES AND BUSINESSES during the month of JANUARY! Following the Greater Blessing of the Waters which takes place on January 6 for the Feast of Theophany, the waters from this blessing are brought into the dwelling of the parishioners and are sprinkled in all rooms by the priest. The blessing of homes by these holy waters maintains the spiritual association between the family church and the parish. I ask that you please contact me at your earliest convenience to let me know if you would like your home and/or business blessed in the New Year! You can reach me on my cell phone at 801-556-1139.

TUESDAY MORNINGS WITH THE LORD

Our TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY on the Book of Revelation will be held this Tuesday, **December 8th at 10:30am** at the Little America Coffee Shop. Please join us!

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES TO NOTE

Please refer to the listing of services section in this bulletin. Please note that, for the Feast of Saint Spyridon, an evening Liturgy only (no Orthros) will take place on Friday, **December 11th at 5:30pm at Holy Trinity**.

SERVICES OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th:

9:00am - Royal Hours and Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil at **Holy Trinity Only**

CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th:

6:30pm (Orthros) / **7:30pm** (Divine Liturgy) – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST at **Prophet Elias Only**

CHRISTMAS MORNING, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th:

9:00am (Orthros) / **10:00am** (Divine Liturgy) – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST at **Holy Trinity Only**

*Humbly in Christ,
Father Matthew*

Youth Weekly Devotional

God Works Within Us – Him in us and We in Him

Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen”.

My Dear Beloved Children I would like to again extend my best wishes and prayers for a continued Holy and Blessed Nativity Season and journey toward our Lord’s Holy Nativity. I thought this scripture reading for this week would be appropriate for us as we anticipate our Lord’s coming to us in the flesh with the hope, love, and peace He brings. Let us read these verses over and slowly and the words from v.20 so that it may sink into our understanding: “able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think”.

What an amazing description of the Lord’s ability to work within us. Yet so often our focus is mainly on what we want Him to do around us: If He would change this situation or fix that problem, then my life would be better. But He invites us to think and ask bigger—He wants to change us!

The Holy Spirit has more than enough power to transform lives from the inside out, but working change within is usually a slow process. Spiritual fruit takes time to grow and mature. That’s why we need patience and faith to believe He is working even when we don’t see the results right away. God is never in a hurry and will never give up on us.

The Lord has a purpose for your life, and He is constantly working to achieve it. Although He has an individualized plan for each one of us His children, He also has an overarching goal—to conform every one of us to the image of His Son Jesus Christ. In order to accomplish this, He may have to bring us through some struggles and heartaches. It might not make sense to us, but God knows exactly what He’s doing.

Let each of us look at what we would like to see the Lord do within each of us? As you read the Scriptures, look for qualities that God considers precious, and ask Him to work them out in your life. Then rely on His wonderful promise to do even more than you have asked or imagined. Let us open our hearts to Him as He comes to us this Nativity season so He may be born in our hearts.

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

GOYA BASKETBALL DECEMBER 12TH SCHEDULE

Boys 6th Grade at St. John the Baptist 9:00am

Boys 7th Grade at Prophet Elias 11:00am

Girls 7th Grade at Prophet Elias 10:00

Boys 8th Grade at Prophet Elias 1:00pm

Boys 9th - 10th Grade at St. John the Baptist 1:00pm

Boys 11th - 12th Grade at Judge 3:00pm



Philoptochos Presents..... "BREAKFAST with SANTA"
Saturday, **December 12th** 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!!

HCA Christmas Dinner Invitation

Welcome all Hellenic Cultural Association members, family and friends to the annual HCA Christmas dinner.

Date: Tuesday, **December 8th**, 2015

Time: **6:00 pm**

Place: Ogie's Café, 3515 South Redwood Road

Menu: Buffet featuring Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roast Beef, Salmon, Potatoes and Vegetables

Price: Adults - \$20

Kids - \$12

We hope to see everyone 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 6th** 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Holy Trinity and **Prophet Elias** Sunday school Christmas Program will be **December 13th**, 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.

PAN ARCADIAN FEDERATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Theodoros Kolokotronis Chapter #90)

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

ARCADIANS

ARCADIAN LADIES CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON is scheduled for Saturday, **December 19th** at Noon at **Anna's Restaurant**, 4700 South 900 East. It will be an open menu in a private room. Please **RSVP** by **December 12th** to Karen Anastasopoulos, 801-913-2414 or karenanast@gmail.com.

Our Christmas project this year is to donate needed items to the Hope Lodge (a residence facility for out-of-town cancer patients receiving treatment). Their activity room is in need of both adult and children items such as USED BOOKS, NEW OR USED DVD'S, PUZZLES, PLAYING CARDS, BINGO SET, and BOARD GAMES. Please donate an item and bring to the luncheon. Thanks so much.



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 13th**.

We appreciate your support, and wish you a blessed Holiday Season to come.



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 13th** 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)

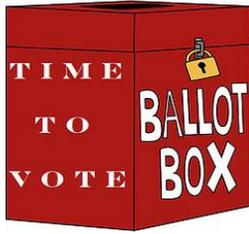
- Anyone 18 years of age or older, including students

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

VOTE TODAY

December 6th, 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

Sunday School News

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

- Sunday, **December 6th** from **3:00pm to 5:00pm** at Holy Trinity.
- 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 Holy Trinity; 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 6th, 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

GOYA Christmas Parties

Jr GOYA (6-8th grades)

Friday: **December 11th**

At the Home of:

Ted, Roula & Kaliope Sargetakis

Address:

1414 So. Devonshire Drive
(3200 East)

Sr GOYA (9-12th grades)

Sunday, **December 20th**

At the Home of:

Bill, Joanne, & Mihali Sergakis

Address:

2963 East Anne Mare Drive
(6575 South0)

Call or Text:

RSVP: to Roula: 801-244-1440

RSVP: to Joanne 801-518-4802

6:30pm for both parties

Dinner will be provided. Please bring:

- ❖ A dessert or candy/snack to share with everyone
- ❖ A \$10 white elephant gift to exchange
- ❖ New Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Mitten, Socks or Underwear (sizes for teenagers welcome) for the ROAD HOME Shelter (GOYA'S service Project)



MERRY CHRISTMAS -- KALA XRISTOUYENNA!!

The Young at Heart will be having their monthly lunch on Thursday, December 10th at noon at the Memorial Hall. Our menu will be fish, pilafi, vegetable, salad and dessert. And a special visit from Santa! We hope see all of you there, thank you!

Thanksgiving Dinner Thank you!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed and volunteered many hours for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

The guests received a delicious home cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings, entertainment, clothing and a warm welcome, and we received a plethora of thanks.

Wishing you all the blessing of the season!