# Epistle Reading St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2



Brethren, the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

## Gospel Reading

## The Gospel of Matthew 9:9-13



At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as he sat at table in the house, behold many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are

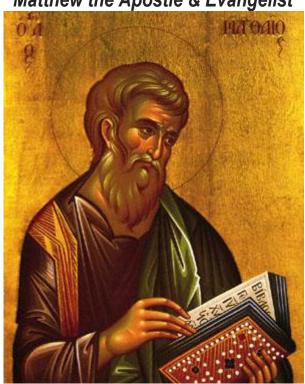
sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."



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Sunday, November 16th, 2014

Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist



If you need to reach clergy, you can reach them at 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 Drive Holladay, UT 84117 (801) 277-2693

#### **Sunday Services**

November 16<sup>h</sup>

Holy Trinity:Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30amFather EliasProphet Elias:Orthros 8:30am/Divine Liturgy 9:30amFather Matthew

### Weekday Service

#### November 19th

**Prophet Elias (only)** at **10:00am** - Advent Paraclesis (with anointing) Father Matthew will be officiating

#### November 20th

**Prophet Elias (only)** Orthros 5:30pm/Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the temple. Father Matthew will be officiating

When Scheduling Memorials... From this point forward, <u>ALL</u> scheduling of Memorials must be done through FATHER MATTHEW *ONLY*. For inquiries regarding Memorials or to schedule one, you must, from now on, call or email Father Matthew <u>directly</u> at 801-556-1139 or <u>matthewthepriest@gmail.com</u>.

#### **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

### Live in Care Taker Needed

Live in Care taker needed for a senior couple. Room and board provided. If you are interested, please call Connie Yengich at 801-793-9393 or Fr. Elias at 801 556-4640 for further details

## **The Parish Assembly Reminder**

The fall Parish Assembly is today Sunday, **November 16, 2014** at 2:00pm at Holy Trinity. We encourage you to attend the assembly and look forward to seeing you there.

#### **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE**

#### **Upcoming Events**

November 17, 2014 Monday - DOP Founder's Day Dinner Meeting-6:30pm ASIAN STAR--\$20.00.

January 31, 2015. Save the date Basil the Comedian coming to SLC Contact joannesaltas@gmail.com for more information

#### **IOCC APPRECIATION DAY**

**November 23** is IOCC appreciation day. All across the world, the IOCC is proud to be affiliated with Greek Orthodox churches. This year has been great year due to the efforts and contributions of this community. Assistance was given to many struggling families and children across Europe, Asia, Africa and North America.

In addition, the Sunday School children were asked to put together 200 school packets, which will be sent to children in need. A very successful wine tasting event was also held at the Salt Lake City Alta Club. Thanks to all who supported this event, which brought in \$5,000 to help reach many families and children.

On behalf of the people that IOCC serves, please accept our thanks to the Salt Lake City Greek Orthodox churches for your generosity and support. Together lets keep turning adversity into opportunity and share with the world the glory of serving Christ through compassion.

Elyce Mouskondis, Representative of IOCC 2014 and Holy Trinity Team

#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW**

#### WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL?

Having arrived at that point in the ecclesiastical year wherein the call is put out to laypersons to come forward to serve the Church on the Parish Council, the question must be asked, "Who will answer the call?" That is to say, "Who will respond to God's call to serve His Holy Church?" It is the hope and prayer of the Church that all who are able are giving thought to this question. In reflecting on this question, we might also ask ourselves, "Who should answer the call ... who should respond to God's call to serve His Holy Church?"

We need only look to the Gospel to find the answer. Remembering that many heard the Gospel, yet only twelve were selected by the Lord as Apostles, we need only look to the call for the Apostles to better comprehend what qualities are inherently necessary to serve the Church. Were the Holy Apostles astute politicians? Did they seek their position with a preconceived agenda in mind? How did they conduct themselves once selected? The answer to these questions will reveal the true nature of the leadership required of an Apostle, or in this case, a Parish Council member.

Were the Holy Apostles astute politicians? Hardly, they were common fishermen and farmers. Were they shrewd and ruthless? Save one, Judas Iscariot, they were humble and simple souls. What distinguished them as qualified for apostleship was their unconditional willingness to follow the Lord and to serve. Think about it, here were hardworking souls who heard the call of the Savior, believed, dropped their nets and plows and followed. Here were hardworking souls who sought to serve rather than be served. This is the ethos one should possess if seeking election to the Parish Council.

Did the Holy Apostles seek office with a preconceived agenda in mind? To that question the answer is an emphatic no! They responded to the call of the Savior because they believed His Gospel to be the message of Truth, and as such, they sought to do *His* will and not their own. We Orthodox Christians pray each day, *"Thy will be done"*, not *my will be done*. For those seeking to serve His Holy Church, such words must be felt and believed with the same fervor as did the Holy Apostles.

Finally, once selected, how did the Holy Apostles conduct themselves? (Notice, that the term used was *selected* rather than *elected*). One must realize that when serving Christ's Holy Church, even if elected by ballot, accountability is to one higher than an electorate ... our accountability is to One who calls us to serve, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! And how did the Lord instruct His Holy Apostles to lead? Nowhere is the lesson more poignant than after sharing with them in the Last Supper. If you think about that holy moment, you will remember that He knelt down before each of the Apostles and washed their feet. With this single act of humility, our Savior taught His Apostles that to lead means to serve! With this single image in mind, those who would serve Christ's Holy Church are reminded that we are a people *in but not of the world*, and as such, the norms of society do not hold true in ecclesiastical governance. Rather, and to repeat, *to lead means to serve*.

As Orthodox Christians, Christ entrusts to us the preservation and cultivation of His Holy Church. Let us not let Him down. Rather, let us be faithful to His will and seek to make His earthly Church a more perfect icon of His Heavenly Kingdom! Let those who would hear the call of our Savior to

serve respond and let them emulate the example of the Holy Apostles in whose footsteps they are called to follow.

#### TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet this **Tuesday**, **November 18**, at **10:30am** in the **Little America** lounge area. We will **not** meet on *Tuesday*, *November 25* which falls during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday. We are planning to begin our study of the **BOOK OF REVELATION** on **Tuesday**, **December 2** and I encourage everyone who is able to take part in this bible study!

#### **NEW!** WEEKLY SPIRITUAL MESSAGE TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

In addition to the CROSS+WALK newsletter which I alone produce and send to those who request it, I am *also* now going to be offering a <u>brief weekly</u> spiritual and inspirational message entitled FEED MY SHEEP via email which will also be sent *only* to those who request it. To receive the weekly FEED MY SHEEP message and/or to receive the CROSS+WALK newsletter (the next issue will be available the beginning of December), please call or text me at <u>801 556-1139</u>, or you may email me at matthewthepriest@gmail.com.

#### **NATIVITY LENT IS UPON US**

The HOLY NATIVITY LENT, which begins every year on November 15 until the celebration of Christmas, is a gift given to us that we might celebrate the Holy Nativity Feast with clear minds and clean hearts, with a correct understanding of what it is that we are actually celebrating and prayer that is bold and focused. To do this, I encourage ALL FAMILIES – FATHERS, MOTHERS, AND CHILDREN (children ages five and older) -- to MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE ME for the Sacrament of HOLY CONFESSION. This is a necessary and soul-saving sacrament that is too often overlooked within our parish families. Please call me on my cell phone at 801-556-1139 to schedule Holy Confession for you and your family.

#### SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

I will offer the first **ADVENT PARACLESIS** Service with Anointing this Wednesday, **November 19** (and every Wednesday throughout the Holy Nativity Lent) at **10am** at **Holy Trinity** only. On Thursday **EVENING**, **November 20** at **Prophet Elias** only, I will celebrate Orthros (**5pm**) and Divine Liturgy (**6pm**) for the Feast of the **ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**.

Humbly in Christ, Father Matthew

## Prophet Elias Philoptochos Upcoming Event

### Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> - HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE at 9:00am-4:00pm

It is time again for our Holiday Boutique. We look forward to seeing everyone on **Saturday November 22**nd. Over 50 artisans from throughout the Salt Lake valley as well as our own talented parishioners fill both gyms at Prophet Elias with unique and varied gifts and crafts. We will also have delicious food and desserts for sale. The popularity of this boutique has grown every year and is well supported by our neighbors, friends, and family. The funds raised support the many charities and needs helped by our chapter throughout the year. Come support the artisans and your community. Get a head start on your Christmas Shopping. See you at **Prophet Elias on Saturday, November 22**nd!

#### MINOTAVROS YOUTH GROUP

Horoesperitha hosted by Minotavros Youth Group, on Saturday, **November 22**nd 2014. Musicians from Crete, Greece will be Mixalis Alefantinos(Lyra), Stelios Papadakis (Laouto), and Yannis Kaklis(Laouto). Cocktail hour is from 6:00 - 7:00pm **Buffet dinner** from 7:30 - 9:30pm. Presale ticket available at both churches: Adults (18 & up) \$40, \$50 at the door, Children (6-17) \$20, \$30 at the door, children under 5 & under are free. After dinner is \$20. For tickets and more information, call **Mary Papadakis** 801-864-5270 or **Eleni Saltas** 801-867-3153.

Thank you, Nina Paulos-Minotavros Youth Media Committee

To all our **Panahaikos** members please mark **November 23**<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar for our Holiday Luncheon that will be held at the new Cottonwood Club. Details will follow.

## **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.

### **Youth Ministry Month Continues**

Please support our youth in their service project to help with The Road Home. Bring your supplies (see below) to fill the hygiene kits for Christmas for those in need at the Road Home. Make your donations and enter the drawing for the 31 Gifts in December.

We are blessed this week to have the following Young Adults Read the Epistle:

Elaina Katsohirakas at Holy Trinity Kalista Vordos at Prophet Elias

We are also blessed to have **Katina Tatum** present a talk on Gratitude and Thanksgiving at the conclusion of services at Prophet Elias. We have many blessings to be grateful for and she will help us to be mindful of them. Thank you to all our Youth

God Bless Fr. Elias Koucos

### 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.

#### **Cell Phone Etiquette**

Please make sure your cell phone is **off** when entering Church. Phone's should be turned off and not used in Church. Please do not text, or check messages. Thank you for your consideration and respect for others.

### YOUTH EVENTS AND INFORMATION

#### Lambs, Hope, and Joy Service Project

All Parents, Grandparents, God Parents, Uncle, Aunts and Youth Fundraiser for the Road Home 31 Days of giving (Donations of \$100 per day) goal of \$3,100 followed by 31 days of giving back one gift per day through the month of **December Make your donation – Enter the Raffle for the drawing of prizes.** 

## Junior and Senior GOYA Service Project:

Through the month of **November** please bring your donations of Shampoo, Conditioner, Liquid body soap (liquid only) Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shaving Cream, Razor, Chapstick, Gloves (preferable weather proof) socks, hat. Drop off in the Narthex of either church in the boxes provided.

God Bless Fr. Elias Kouco

## **Going West**

**Athanasios Diakos** will be going west to **Wendover on Saturday, November 22**nd. The bus will leave PE at 8:30am and Holy Trinity at 9:00am. For reservations please call Bill Kandas at 801-272-1906, or Basil Chelemes at 801-262-8219. We hope that you can join us!

### **Thanksgiving Interfaith**

You are invited to attend the 15th Annual City of Holladay Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. The service begins at 5:00pm Sunday, **November 23**rd at the LDS Meeting House, 2080 East Donelson Lane (5165 S),enter from Highland Drive. Thanksgiving address by Kilo Zamora, former Executive Director of Inclusion Center for Community & Justice. Musical presentation by Rocky Mountain Strings. Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you. Yvonne Pauls (Interfaith Council Representative for PE)

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"

Matthew 25:34

On **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 25**th & 26th at 10:00am at the Hellenic Memorial Hall warehouse we will be carving 100 turkeys for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the needy. We need your help to accomplish this, please come and volunteer your time for this worthy cause. Thank you and God Bless.

## Holy Trinity Philoptochos Upcoming Events

We are now selling our famous Koulouria for \$6.00 per dozen and Pastichio \$25.00 per pan. We are also taking pre-orders for baklava at both churches.

**November 23, 24 and 25** - Thanksgiving preparations for the annual dinner serving the homeless. Please come help us sort clothing and set the tables, starting at 10:00am each day.

**December 6** - Please mark your calendars for our Annual Christmas Luncheon held at Little America, to kick off the holiday season.

December 8 – Bakalava !! Yes we will be making Baklava to sell, so if you can please help us accomplish this huge endevour anytime would be appreciated! We would love to even see some men!

### PROPHET ELIAS CHOIR CONCERT

The Prophet Elias choir will present its **17**<sup>th</sup> annual <u>FREE DINNER AND CONCERT AT CHRISTMAS TIME</u> on the evening of <u>SUNDAY DECEMBER</u> <u>14<sup>TH</sup> in the social hall (Small Gym) at Prophet Elias Church.</u>

The Hellenic Cultural Association will host its 2015 Christmas Party at the Three Fountains Clubhouse, 828 East Three Fountains Drive on Friday December 5,2015. 7:00pm cocktails, 8:00pm dinner. Send checks to Staci Souvall, 2884 east Naniloa Circle, Holladay UT 84117, Phone 801-278-3227 after 8:00 pm., \$20.00 adults \$8.00 children. Family friendly, games, dinner, drinks and billiards. Come enjoy the season and Silver Bells with new and old friends.

**ATTENTION: Daughters of Minos Elections**, 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 names, you can still do so by contacting the Election committee members **Orie Kambouris** at 801-808-6542 or **Christie Zervos-Tatum** at 801-243-8144.

Come celebrate the Holiday Season at the Daughters of Minos Annual Christmas dinner at "Primo Restaurant" 4699 South Highland Drive on Wednesday **December 10**<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Social hour is at 7:00pm, dinner cost \$45.00 per person. Menu options Chicken Marsala or Salmon. Space is limited so, reservations will be made in a first come first serve bases. We will be selling tickets at both churches on **November 23**<sup>rd</sup>, **30**<sup>th</sup>, and **December 7**<sup>th</sup>. For additional information and to make your reservation please contact **Pam Makris** at 801-557-1788. Looking forward to celebrating the season with all of you!

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

#### PAN ARCADIAN FEDERATION

Salt Lake City Chapter #90 is having their annual Christmas Party on Thursday, **December 11**<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7:30 pm at Ariosto's (224 South 1300 East). This is open to the entire community. **Please RSVP** to Karen Anastasopoulos at <a href="mailto:karenanast@gmail.com">karenanast@gmail.com</a> or call <a href="mailto:801-913-2414">801-913-2414</a> by **December 8**<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served "family style."



#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

- Fall General Assembly at Holy Trinity on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Horesperitha at Holy Trinity on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Boutique at Prophet Elias on **Saturday**, **November 22**<sup>nd</sup>
- Going West Athanasios Diakos going to **Wendover Saturday**November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Youth Ministry Month
- Panahaikos Holiday Luncheon at the Cottonwood Club on Sunday,
   November 23<sup>rd</sup>



Information from Mayor's office of Diversity Affairs
GET READY! Starting November 15<sup>th</sup> You can enroll in an
Affordable Health Plan Go to <a href="https://www.takecareutah.org">www.takecareutah.org</a>. Get FREE help applying for Health Insurance

## The Panahaikos Society Annual HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT 12:30pm at the

Cottonwood Country Club
(1780 East Lakewood Drive 1st Street
South of Prophet Elias Church)
Country Club cost
\$20.00 for adults, \$15.00 children 12 and under.
Menu

## A BUFFET LUNCH

Plus Raffle Prizes!

Your Check is your reservation, make payable to:

#### **PANAHAIKOS SOCIETY**

Mail to: George Miller
1312 Harvard Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84105
Deadline for reservations is: **Thursday November 20**th
Do not hesitate, space is limited!

## **CrossRoad 2015 Applications Available Now!**

Calling all high school juniors & seniors who may be interested in applying to this 10-day summer program at HCHC! CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Hosted on the scenic Hellenic College Holy Cross campus, overlooking the beautiful Boston skyline, participants experience daily worship, visit local parishes, tour Boston, and spend a day at the beach.

June Session: June 20 – June 30 July Session: July 7 – July 17

Application Priority Deadline: March 2nd 2015 Apply on the link below.

http://www.crossroadinstitute.org/apply

Call Fr. Elias with any questions 801.556.4640





## **Project Recognize**

The Daughters of Penelope is continuing Project Recognize. This project seeks to recognize women of Hellenic descent/Phil-Hellenes/Daughters of Penelope who served or currently serve in any branch, or in any capacity of the military and the Peace Corps.

Please send the names to Joanne Saltas via email at <u>joannesaltas@gmail.com</u> by **February 21, 2015**.

#### **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 <a href="https://orchodoxy3@gmail.com">orthodoxy3@gmail.com</a>. Further inquiries should be directed to Chris Sakellariou at 801-699-5072.

#### 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 Chris Sakellariou at 801-699-5072.

# HOLY TRINITY PHILOPTOCHOS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

Fashion show presented by Bill and Sharon Loya
With a personal appearance by designer Elaine Kim
Saturday, December 6th, 2014
11:00 a.m. Social Hour
12:00 p.m. Lunch

Little America Hotel on 500 South Main Street \$35.00 Adults | \$15.00 Children ENTRÉE SELECTIONS

Grilled Teriyaki Salmon

Grilled Salmon marinated in teriyaki and served with jasmine rice and oriental vegetable blend, accompanied by ginger plum sauce Sliced London broil

Roast Sirloin of Beef with sauce Chasseur,
Served with garlic mashed potatoes
Vegetarian Grilled Portobello Napoleon
Served with sautéed baby spinach, cous cous, fresh mozzarella,
Truffle oil and balsamic reduction

Chicken Fingers

FORRESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

Connie Yengich 801-793-9393 or Cindy Skedros 801-560-9728



## **Parish Elections**

Will take place on **Sunday December 7**<sup>th</sup> at both churches. More details to follow.