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“For this my son was dead and is alive again;  
he was lost and is found”

SUNDAY of the  
PRODIGAL SON

MARCH 3, 2024

THE DIVINE LITURGY  
OF ST. JOHN OF CHRYSOSTOM



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# SUNDAY of the PRODIGAL SON



Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Saviour has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast.

Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man.



# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE



## SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Orthros / Divine Liturgy	9:00am-11:00am @ HT only
OCMC Sunday Brunch	12:00pm-1:30pm @ HT
Dionysius Dance Practice	2:00pm-4:00pm @ PE Sm Gym
LHJ Dance Practice	4:30pm-5:30pm @ PE Sm Gym

## MONDAY, MARCH 4

Girl Scouts Cookie Delivery	8:00pm-8:00pm @ PE Sm Gym
LHJ Dance Practice	5:00pm-6:00pm @ PE Sm Gym

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Greek School	6:30pm-8:00pm @ PE
Philoptochos General Meeting	6:30pm-8:30pm @ PE Board Room
Dionysius Dance Practice	8:30pm-10:30pm @ PE Sm Gym

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm @ PE Classroom
GOYA Dance Practice	6:00pm-8:00pm @ PE Sm & Lg Gym

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Greek School	6:30pm-8:00pm @ PE
Choir Practice	7:00pm-8:00pm @ PE Choir Room
Dionysius Dance Practice	8:30pm-10:30pm @ PE Sm Gym

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8


Boy Scouts Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm @ PE Sm Gym
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## SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Greek School	10:00am-1:00pm @ HT
Apokreas 2024 Tropics Party	6:00pm-11:00pm @ HT

## SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Orthros / Divine Liturgy	9:00am-11:00am @ HT only
Castle Gate Memorial Luncheon	Following Service @ HT
Dionysius Dance Practice	2:00pm-4:00pm @ PE Sm Gym
LHJ Dance Practice	4:30pm-5:30pm @ PE Sm Gym





# MEMORIALS & SERVICES

TODAY, MARCH 3  
HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 10  
HOLY TRINITY

Castle Gate Miners: 100 - Year Memorial  
Lunch will be hosted by the Minos Chapter

Evangelos Tsoutsounakis 3 - Year Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 17  
HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24  
HOLY TRINITY

Katerini "Katina" Gergerakis 6 - Month Memorial





# ΥΜΝΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΗΜΕΡΑΣ

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἄγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζῶν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Πεντηκοστής (για τὴν Ἁγία Τριάδα)

Εὐλογητός εἶ Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφος τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαηνεύσας φιλόανθρωπε δόξα σοι.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Προφήτου Ηλίου

Ὁ ἑνσαρκὸς ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπὶς, ὁ δεύτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ηλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἀνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ελισαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους ἀποδιώκει, καὶ λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διό καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτὸν βρῦει ἰάματα.

## Κοντάκιον

Τῆς πατρώας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὄν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἄσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποίησόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.





# HYMNS OF THE DAY



## Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!.

## Apolytikion of Pentecost (for the Holy Trinity)

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

## Apolytikion of the Prophet Elias

The incarnate Angel, the Cornerstone of the Prophets, the second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, the glorious Elias (Elijah), who from above, sent down to Elisha the grace to dispel sickness and cleanse lepers, abounds therefore in healing for those who honor him.

## Kontakion

I revolted senselessly out of Your fatherly glory; I have squandered sinfully all of the riches You gave me. Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out, I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father. O receive me in repentance, I pray, and treat me as one of Your hired hands.



# Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ



**Προκείμενον:**

Σῶσον, Κύριε,  
τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.

**Στίχος:**

Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράζομαι,  
ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

(6:12-20)

Ἀδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπὸ τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῆ κοιλίᾳ καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῆ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ Κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ τὸν Κύριον ἤγειρε καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστίν; Ἴρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Ἡ οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῆ πόρνη ἐν σῶμά ἐστιν; Ἔσονται γάρ, φησὶν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν· ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν πνευμᾷ ἐστι. φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν Ἁγίου Πνεύματος ἐστίν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ Θεοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν; ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστι τοῦ Θεοῦ.







# THE EPISTLE



## Prokeimenon:

O Lord, save Your people,  
and bless Your inheritance.

## Verse:

*To You, O Lord, I cry;  
O my God.*

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

(6:12–20)

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.



# ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

(15:11–32)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπος τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακρὰν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισεν τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὰ κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους· καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσει τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἥσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ὧδε ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου· οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου· ποίησόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα ἑαυτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγγίσθη, καὶ δραμῶν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἔξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησεν, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παίδων ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει, καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατὴρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτόν ἀπέλαβεν. ὡργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρήλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱός σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστίν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη.



# THE GOSPEL



The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke

(15:11–32)

The Lord said this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

# HCA News



## Kosta and Victoria Louras Receive HCA's AXIOS/AXIA Awards

On Sunday, February 25, 2024, the Hellenic Cultural Association of Utah (HCA) presented its coveted AXIOS/AXIA Awards to Kosta and Victoria Louras, proprietors of the popular Salt Lake City restaurant, The Other Place.

The AXIOS/AXIA awards (which mean "worthy") recognize the generous and extensive contributions the Louras family has made to the Greek Community of Utah and to the HCA over the past decades.

Receiving the awards were Victoria Ambus Louras, who was accompanied by the Louras children, Trisha, Vicky and Aleko. Kosta was unable attend the event because Sundays are busy days at the restaurant.

The award was presented by Jeannine Pappas Timothy, HCA president, during the annual HCA Membership meeting and luncheon. More than one hundred thirty HCA members and friends gathered in the Holy Trinity Memorial Hall to celebrate and honor Kosta and Victoria Louras.



HCA president Jeannine Timothy, right, congratulates Victoria Louras, recipient of the AXIA Award from the HCA.



HCA president Jeannine Timothy, left, presents AXIOS/AXIA Awards to Victoria Louras, who is flanked by her children, from left to right, Vicky, Aleko and Trisha.



# CHURCH CALENDAR



DATE	
Mar 10	HT only - Iconography work at PE
Mar 17	PE only - Bishop Constantine
Mar 24	Both Churches
Mar 31	Both Churches
Apr 7	Both Churches

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## ATTENTION ALL ALTARBOYS!

All available Altarboys should attend the Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity for the next 4 Sundays:

*February 18*

*February 25*

*March 3*

*March 10*

(No services will be held at PE due to iconography work being completed)

Divine Liturgy will be held ONLY at PE on Sunday, March 17th, with His Grace, Bishop Constantine presiding. As such, all Altarboys should be in attendance at PE on March 17th.

A new Spring schedule for both churches will be forthcoming and will start on Sunday, March 24th.

Thank you all again for your continued support!

**Parents:** if your son(s) would like to be included in the new schedule, please contact Fr. Simeon or Fr. George!!

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HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL INVITES YOU TO THE

# SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH OCMC

## Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

279 S. 300 West | Salt Lake City, UT 84101

### Sunday, March 3

Event Program 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

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YAL/ORTHODOX YOUNG  
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MEET & GREET/DINNER

WITH

BISHOP CONSTANTINE  
OF SASSIMA

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

6:00PM - 8:00PM

PE SMALL GYM

SAVE THE DATE

JR. GOYA & SR. GOYA  
MEET & GREET WITH  
THE CHANCELLOR &  
SERVICE ACTIVITY

MARCH 16 AT PE  
1:00-3:30 PM

His Grace Bishop Constantine of Sassima will preside over this event. This is a unique honor for our GOYAns. With respect to our chancellor, this event is **mandatory**.

Registration and service activity details are forthcoming.





## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

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Winter 2024

Beloved Faithful Parishioner of the Metropolis of Denver,

With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah, I greet you with joy in my heart for the opportunity, after over a year of entering and serving this Holy Metropolis, to visit all our parishes. After meeting our clergy, parish council members, youth, Philoptochos members, and devout faithful, I can honestly say I am so excited for the opportunities that lie ahead of us in our Metropolis of Denver. The Metropolis serves as a messenger and a witness of the message of Christ to all persons who live within it, through the hierarchical guidance of the Metropolitan, Bishop, clergy, lay leaders, and parishioners, who participate as one body in Christ through divine worship, preaching, teaching, and living our Orthodox Christian faith.

The Denver Metropolis is one of the fastest growing Metropolises in our Archdiocese. It is growing with births, conversions, and migration, and just as our Metropolis is growing, our needs are growing as well. It is a blessed challenge to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parishes. But doing so requires the monetary support from our parishes and parishioners who generously share their resources by participating in the Metropolis *Advocates* annual stewardship program. In the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy (16:17), we read, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee."

On behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah, the Metropolis Council, our staff, as well as our entire Metropolis of Denver, please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider becoming an *Advocates* member with your gift to the Metropolis of Denver as an annual stewardship offering. If you are already a faithful steward of our *Advocates* program, we thank you for your beautiful gift and your support as you revisit your continued opportunity for giving.

I look forward to serving you all for many years, and I thank you for keeping our Metropolis and its needs in your prayers!

+ Bishop Constantine of Sassima

With blessings in our Lord

+Bishop Constantine of Sassima



# Metropolis of D e n v e r ADVOCATES

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## What is the Metropolis of Denver *Advocates*?

Established in 2003, *Advocates* is supported by a devoted group of faithful stewards of the Church who are committed to the growth and needs of our parishes throughout the Metropolis of Denver. The *Advocates* ministry serves to help our Orthodox Church to advance our ancient faith and to share it with today's modern society.

*Advocates* support helps with the administrative needs of our Metropolis Center clergy and staff, in order to provide the necessary administrative guidance for our parishes' clergy and ministry leaders, under the guidelines of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

*Advocates* support helps with the mentoring of people wishing to meet their calling to serve the Church as well as mentoring clergy, so that they are best prepared to attend to the ongoing spiritual needs of our faithful parishioners.

*Advocates* support helps the Metropolis with various ministry programs: Clergy Syndesmos; The Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry; Metropolis Philoptochos; and Metropolis Council; Church Music Federation, which all have the ultimate goal of providing opportunities for enriching the lives of our Orthodox faithful parishioners.

*Advocates* support enhances the opportunity for small parishes to experience tangible and spiritual growth through missions and outreach ministries.

*Advocates* support helps with the expenses of the Metropolis to allow its Hierarchy to visit and mentor each parish to become knowledgeable of the parishes, their functions, their needs, and their parishioners.

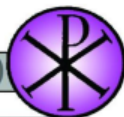
## How Do I become an Advocate?

Individuals, couples, church organizations, and parishes, are encouraged to become Stewards of *Advocates* by contributing at least \$1,000 or more yearly to this vital Metropolis Fund.

Donations can be made by check, online at [www.denver.goarch.org/advocates](http://www.denver.goarch.org/advocates) or by credit card, and may be contributed monthly, quarterly, or in full. Credit card information will remain on file from year to year unless the contributor informs us in writing to opt out of the *Advocates* program.

## Your Gift Makes a Difference!

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Metropolis of Denver  
Advocates Fundraiser

GOOGSL

Wine  
& Cheese

March  
16, 2024

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Kimi's Chop & Oyster House  
4699 Highland Dr.  
Holladay, UT 84117

Minimum  
donation  
\$1000



METROPOLIS OF DENVER

RSVP by March 1, 2024

please call or text

Fr. George @ 732-232-1036



# APOKREAS 2024

COMMUNITY EVENT BENEFITING OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Chillin in the TROPICS

MARCH 9 | 6 PM  
HOLY TRINITY



6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM DINNER

8:00 PM RAFFLE

8:30 PM DANCING

### ADULT TICKET

\$15 PRE-SALE, \$20 AT THE DOOR

### CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

\$10 PRE-SALE, \$15 AT THE DOOR

Dress for  
the tropics



SCAN HERE TO  
RSVP & PAY



QUESTIONS? TRISH KAPOS, 801-725-3075 OR ANGIE HILLAS, 801-652-5757

## **THANK YOU FOR "SPREADING" THE LOVE!**

Philoptochos Sandwich Saturday was awesome thanks to EVERYONE who came to "spread" the love!

YOU made over 1,800 sandwiches and packaged 1,600 sack lunches!

YOUR efforts benefited those serviced by Catholic Community Services!

Thank you again to our community for your support. We could not have done it without all of your care and assistance!

Do not worry if you missed out - we will be doing more philanthropic events that we hope to see you at.



## **Denver Metropolis Clergy-Laity Update**

The “informational” Metropolis of Denver Clergy-Laity Congress was held on Monday, February 19, 2024 in Tulsa, OK and was presided by His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. Representing our Parish were Fr. George, Fr. Simeon, PC President George Karahalios and PC Member and Denver Metropolis Advocates Supporter Kostas Katsohirakis. We thank former PC member and Denver Metropolis Advocates Supporter Harry Souvall, who will end his tenure as a member of the Denver Metropolis Council this July and will be replaced by Kostas Katsohirakis, who was elected at the Clergy-Laity. Also, Fr. George was re-elected to serve on the same Metropolis Council, hence, our parish will once again have 2 representatives: one clergy and one laity. The Archbishop was informed of the overwhelming desire of the Clergy-Laity Delegates that the Orthodox Faithful of the Metropolis of Denver would very much welcome the concept of His Grace, Bishop Constantine of Sassima, the current Chancellor, to succeed His Eminence, Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver, when the “fullness of time” is appropriate, hopefully sooner than later, as His Eminence continues to face debilitating health issues due to his advanced age and recent fall.

Photos and Recognition of our Basketball Teams as well as Greek Dance Group will be showcased in the March 10th Bulletin!



# PHILOPTOCOS CORNER

**General Meeting** Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Prophet Elias Board Room

**Mardi Bras Drive by-Drop Off** for the Salt Lake City Mission Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm Prophet Elias – see flyer for full details

**Hosting Coffee Hour in honor of Bishop Constantine's Visit** Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Prophet Elias

**Koulouria Baking for Pascha** Tuesday & Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 9am Holy Trinity Warehouse

**Save The Date for the Lenten Retreat** – Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - more details to follow



**Phloptochos**  
INVITES YOU TO  
**MARDI BRA**

Drive-By Drop Off  
Saturday, March 16th  
10am-12pm  
Prophet Elias Church

The Salt Lake City Mission is in need of feminine products for women and teens. We ask that you bring any of the following items: Lightly Used or New Bras, Pads, Tampons, Shampoo/Soap, Lotion, Brushes/Combs, Toothbrushes/Toothpaste, Nail Products, Toiletries, and New Women's Under-Garments.

**Come and support Mardi Bra and join us for a cup of coffee and a sweet treat!**





**Hellenic Cultural Association  
and Minos Chapter present**

**100 year Memorial for  
Victims of  
Castlegate Mining Explosion**

**Sunday March 10, 2024  
Holy Trinity Cathedral**

**Memorial/Trisagion for Victims of Explosion  
during church services**

**Lunch provided after church  
in the Hellenic Cultural Center**

**Guest Speaker: Andrew Hillas**

**Honorary Guest: Mayor of Price,  
Mike Kourianos**



# MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM at 5:00pm

DINNER at 6:30pm

HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL BUILDING

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



Ζήτω η Ελλάς!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Young at Heart will be having their luncheon on **Thursday, March 14th at noon** in the Hellenic Memorial Hall.

We hope to see you there for some BINGO, food, drinks, dessert, and fellowship!



Καλη Σαρακοστή to everyone.



## ~~~~~ SAVE THE DATE ~~~~~

Watch for more information on the upcoming events below

### Spring Parish Assembly ~

Sunday, April 14 at PE ~

12:00pm Lunch & 12:30pm Assembly begins

