

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

MISSION STATEMENT YOUTH MINISTRIES

The mission of the Youth Ministry of the Holy Trinity Cathedral and Prophet Elias Church of Salt Lake City, Utah is to strengthen the relationship of young Orthodox Christians with our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. We work to educate and edify our young members of our Church and encourage them to become active sacramental participants in the life of the Body of Christ. We provide our young people the opportunity to experience our Holy Orthodox Faith, ultimately leading them to Salvation. We have our young people gather as faithful of our Church who share the same grades, ages and common interests and minister to them based on the theological tenets of the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith and to integrate worship, fellowship, service and witnessing.

HOPE HELLENIC ORTHODOX PRIMARY EDUCATION

HOPE is the ministry to 1st through 4th grade (Lambs and Hope) children of our Parish, of which the orientation and implementation of the program reflects our Orthodox Christian Faith, Tradition and Life. In agreement with our mission the goal of the HOPE ministry is to direct our children to experiencing the Holy Orthodox Faith. By developing a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and becoming active sacramental members of the living church, our children are equipped with the tools that are necessary to assist them in their journey toward salvation. By laying a foundation of faith at this age, the young people will receive something that will guide and strengthen them through life. Advisors and clergy along with the youth plan activities for the academic year that are social, service and project oriented and meet once a month.

JOY JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH

JOY, is the ministry to 5th through 6th grade children of our Parish, of which the orientation and implementation of the program reflects our Orthodox Christian Faith, Tradition and Life. In agreement with our mission the goal of the JOY ministry is to lead our young people to experiencing the Holy Orthodox Faith. By developing a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and becoming active sacramental members of the living church, our young people will be equipped with tools necessary to assist them in their journey toward salvation. By laying a foundation of faith at this age, our young people will receive the tools that will guide and strengthen them as they progress into junior high and high school. Advisors and clergy along with the youth plan activities for the academic year that are social, service and project oriented and meet once a month.

GOYA GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH OF AMERICA

GOYA is the ministry to teenagers of our Parish in the 7th through 12th grades divided into Junior (7th-9th) grades and Senior (10th-12th) grades, of which the orientation and implementation of the program reflects

our Orthodox Christian Faith, Tradition and Life. In agreement with our mission the goal of GOYA is to lead our young people into experiencing the Holy Orthodox Faith. By developing a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and becoming active sacramental members of the living church, experiencing and witnessing our faith. By laying a strong foundation of faith at this age, we prepare our young adults for the challenges they will face spiritually, socially, academically and professionally as they transition through their different life stages. Advisors and clergy along with the youth plan activities for the academic year that are social, service and project oriented and meet at least once a month.

OCF ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) ministry is to support fellowships on college campuses, whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, worship and service to others and the study of our Holy Orthodox Christian Faith. The ministry is to college age young adults attending the University of Utah, Westminster College and Salt Lake Community College all in Salt Lake City, Utah. We will nurture and strengthen the love for Jesus Christ and His Church in its fullness at this most critical juncture of human life through communication between OCF's and with the larger Orthodox community. Our OCF Chapter is a pan-Orthodox group of students and young adults within the above mentioned institutions who meet for fellowship, worship, and spiritual development and support twice a month on and off the various campuses.

ACOLYTES Altar Boys

The word "acolyte" comes from the Greek word "akoulotheo" meaning "to follow" and the service of our young men at the Lord's Altar on Sundays and special holidays like Christmas, Holy Week and Pascha is a part of their calling to follow Christ Jesus and serve His Church. There are several acolyte teams. Serving in the Holy Sanctuary is a privilege given to young men who are found worthy of serving the Lord during worship. These young men have shown responsibility and dedication to the Lord and His Church. The Acolytes assist the priests on Sunday morning, and during other special services throughout the year, and serve under the supervision of a group leader and an adult supervisor. Young men baptized and, or confirmed in the Orthodox Christian faith ages nine through high school will have the privilege of serving at the Holy Altar for Sunday Divine Liturgy and the many other beautiful sacraments and services of the church. In addition to serving with one's team on assigned days, Altar Boys will be required to attend regular instructional meetings, retreats and outings as all are an active part of the ministry of the Acolytes.

The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of the Greek Orthodox Community

Scout Oath (or Promise)
On my honor I will do my best

**To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.**

This youth organization is open to all boys from age 7 (1st grade) to 18 and is a Chartered Organization with the Boy Scouts of America through the Great Salt Lake Council. Scouting promotes leadership skills, protection, exploration and enjoyment of the outdoors and community service. We are known as Troop 877 and Pack 3877, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts respectively and remain active year around through regular meetings at Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 during the school year and during various summer outings and camping trips. Summers for the past five years have included at least one six-day camp organized by the Great Salt Lake Council for Boy Scouts plus at least one winter camp. Cub Scouts enjoy 2-day camps summer and winter and many outings throughout the year. This youth organization raises operating funds through popcorn sales, bake sales, newspaper recycling and from the generosity of our community. It's currently the largest and fastest growing Cub Scout Pack in District 25. We are always in search of adult leaders who are willing to learn the Scouting way and love to get out and explore this beautiful country.

Girl Scouts - Brownies

This youth organization is open to all girls' ages 5 through 15 and is a Chartered Organization under the National Girl Scout Council. They participate in educational and fun activities doing service projects, crafts and earning badges. Meetings are every Monday at Prophet Elias. Call the office at 801-277-2693 for information and times.

The world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, can build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. Open to Orthodox and non Orthodox members, the ages are from

Greek Dance Groups

Dance is an important part of our Greek culture and a beautiful and fun way for our young people to understand and appreciate our culture. It fosters fellowship and the sharing of the Greek Culture with the community at large. Our Dance groups are well renowned throughout the area and perform at various civic, cultural, and community events, along with Greek Festivals here in Salt Lake and throughout the state. Dance groups are as follows:

Olympian: 7th and 8th Grade Students

Athenian: 9th and 10th Grade Students

Parthenon: 11th and 12th Grade Students

Dionysios: Ages 18 and up.

Call the Church Office for more information on all our Dance groups

801-328-9681

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST" (2 Peter 3-18)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The goal of Sunday School is to educate our children in the Faith and Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Church in accordance with the Moral and Spiritual teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is accomplished through the emphasis that God loves and cares for each of us and His help is available through our committed relationship with Him, others and ourselves.

Through an inspired prayer life, an active participation in the Sacramental life of the Church, the reading, comprehension and application of the Scriptures, appreciation of the Sacred Traditions, and knowledge of Church History our children have the opportunity to be prepared spiritually to become faithful, responsible, devoted and dedicated members of the Church and good citizens of the United States while maintaining a strong link with their heritage.

Our young people ages three years through High School receive weekly catechetical instruction on the teachings of our faith each Sunday of the academic year. Parents are asked to bring their young people, on time, at 10:00 to the Divine Liturgy where they will worship together and receive Holy Communion. After the Divine Liturgy they will be dismissed to their classrooms where they receive the lesson for the day and remain until they are dismissed to be picked up by their parents. Parents are encouraged to discuss the weekly lessons with their children and to foster an Orthodox Christian environment of prayer in the home.

We have an excellent teaching staff that volunteers its time, and is committed to helping our youth increase their knowledge and appreciation of Orthodox Christianity, not only as a religion but as a way of life.

We have the following grade levels:

Pre-School 3 and 4, and K-12 grades.

For more information call the church offices or Paul Karahalios for Prophet Elias information and Christina Athas for Holy Trinity information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RETREATS AND CAMPS

Camp Emmanuel

Camp Emmanuel is a summer camping program during the month of June for boys and girls, ages 11-14 (juniors) and 15-18 (seniors). Various camp and retreat centers around the Metropolis have housed for the program. The past several years the Manzano Mountain Retreat near Albuquerque, New Mexico has been our venue. Sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver it is open to all youth in the Metropolis. Contact the Youth Ministry Office of the Metropolis at www.denver.goarch.org/youth/campemmanuel or by calling the Church offices for more information.

Camp Tuttle

Camp Tuttle is an outdoor youth education ministry open to all youth 7th through 12th grades and is held in October at the camp site up Big Cottonwood Canyon. Indoor accommodations are available with a Chapel, dorms and dining hall. Each year's camp is based on a theme and has a camp guest lecturer and retreat coordinator. Registration materials are available in the Narthex of each Church and at both Church Offices. Please call the Church offices for more information.

Pre-Lenten Retreat

The Pre-Lenten retreat is held on the Saturday preceding Holy and Great Lent and is open to all the youth of our Parish in pre-school through 12th grade. The retreat focuses on the Journey through Lent and helps our youth for that journey. A Lenten theme is chosen and discussed, with activities the youth participate in. Retreat is held at Holy Trinity Cathedral and the Hellenic Cultural Center from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Lunch and all materials are provided by the Sunday School and Parish. Please call the Church offices for more information.

Holy Friday Retreat

Holy Friday Retreat is held on Holy Friday at Prophet Elias Church and the social hall. It is open to all the youth of our Parish in pre-school through 12th grade. The retreat runs from 11:00 am to after the service of the Vespers of Friday afternoon which starts at 3:00 pm. Lenten lunch, activities and crafts are provided by the Parish. Please call the Church offices for more information.

Senior Class Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Monastery

Each year in the spring the senior graduating Sunday School classes of Holy Trinity Cathedral and Prophet Elias Church take a four day journey to the Monastery of St. Anthony in Chandler, Arizona. The young adults experience the life of a monastic by attending all services and helping with chores and talking with the monastics. Housing and meals provided by the monastery are funded through the Parish

along with transportation costs. The senior class teachers accompany the students with other advisors and clergy. Please call the Church offices for more information.

Ionian Village

Teens and young adults can participate in Ionian Village. You travel across Greece, venerate the relics of saints, walk in the footsteps of the Apostles, and visit significant sites of Greek history and culture. Ionian Village is a unique summer camping program located in Greece and operated by the [Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America](#).

Open to campers who have completed 7th through 12th grades and is held during the summer months of June and July.

Located in Greece, Ionian Village offers its participants a unique experience that is unavailable elsewhere. At the end of the program, staff and campers return to their homes with strengthened faith and with a greater appreciation for the Church and for Greek culture and heritage. Information and registration available from the [Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America](#) web site. Please call the Church offices for more information.

CrossRoad

CrossRoad, one of the many unique programs sponsored by the OVM of Hellenic College in Brookline, Ma, and is funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. and through the philanthropy of several donors. [Applications may be downloaded](#) from the CrossRoad website at crossroad.hhc.edu, or received by mail by calling the office at 617-850-1309. Applicants must currently be in their junior or senior year of high school. All expenses for participants aside from travel costs to Boston are provided. Please call the Church offices for more information.