

Epistle Reading

St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22



BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of Luke 10:25-37



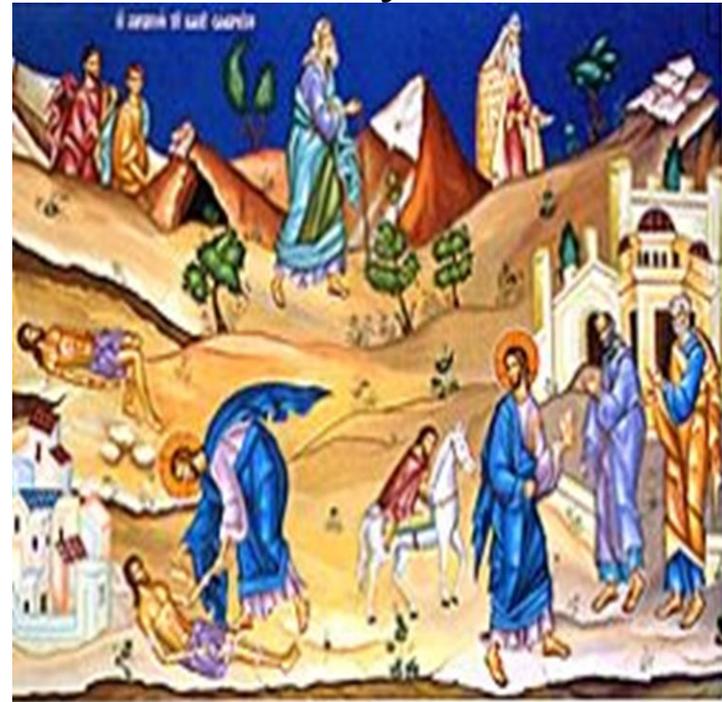
At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



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Sunday, November 15th, 2015
8th 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 15th, 2015

**Holy Trinity:
Prophet Elias**

8th Sunday of Luke

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

November 22nd, 2015

**Holy Trinity:
Prophet Elias**

9th Sunday of Luke

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

Weekday Services

November 16th, 2015

Holy Trinity:

Feast of Matthew the Evangelist

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

November 18th, 2015

Holy Trinity: 10:00am

Advent Paracletis with Anointing

Fr. Matthew/Fr Elias

November 20th, 2015

Prophet Elias: 5:30pm

Divine Liturgy - Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Fr. Matthew/Fr Elias

Memorials

November 15th, 2015

Constantine Skedros

3 Years

Holy Trinity

Anna Kumarelas Skedros

20 Years

Holy Trinity

Kleoniki "Popi" Panteli

3 Years

Holy Trinity

***** The Skedros Family will be hosting coffee hour *****

November 29th, 2015

Katina Ladakis

Holy Trinity

Emmanuel Ladakis

Holy Trinity

Dorothy Kogianes

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, Angelo, Apollo, Toula, Peter, Sara

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. Please contact Connie at 801-328-9681 or cell phone 801-793-9393 for all inquiries. We look forward to hearing from you.

CRETAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Is scheduled for Sunday, **November 15th** from **3:00 pm to 5:00 pm** at Prophet Elias. Please join us as the final report is presented regarding the convention. Your participation to this important meeting will be greatly appreciated. See you then.



It's that time of year again when we ask all of you to please donate clothing for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner we host for the community. You can drop off your donations at Holy Trinity or Prophet Elias. If you have any questions, please call the office at [801-328-9681](tel:801-328-9681). Thanks for your support in this most worthwhile project!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FATHER MATTHEW

WORDS FOR OUR SALVATION

Salvation requires force, and only with difficulty and much effort do people travel their life's path to salvation, while the wide and "fun" path is known to be destructive. Labor with God. Know your spiritual illnesses and seek healing through the prayers of your priest. Submit yourselves to trials, and trials to you, and for your humility and patience the Lord will lighten your burden. After all, nothing happens without God's Providence, and whatever is from God is always to our benefit.

HOLY NATIVITY LENT BEGINS TODAY

Today begins the Advent Season. It is a period of preparation for the coming of Christ. Just like we prepare for Pascha, we also are asked to prepare for this great Feast with a forty-day fast. Normally this upcoming period is a harried time filled with social gatherings, lavish gift buying, and many parties. It is a period where the pace of activity leaves little time for God. The Church asks us to slow down and simplify our lives during this period so we can appreciate the true meaning of this upcoming Feast of the Nativity. The Apostles or Church Fathers did not call for gift-giving and celebratory parties prior to the Nativity. It was only *after* His birth that the angels, shepherds, and kings celebrated the coming of our Lord. Following the Nativity, Tradition does provide a twelve-day period of celebration without any fasting. This is the time to plan your parties and gift-giving. Take the initiative and begin to change the cycle, celebrating after the Feast, so we can properly prepare for the Nativity Feast in a spiritual manner.

GUEST SPEAKER TODAY AT HOLY TRINITY

We are very pleased to welcome **Nikos Petrogeorge** to Holy Trinity TODAY. Nikos will speak to us about FOCUS, which is an ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITY that serves the working poor and homeless in the United States by providing jobs, housing, and other sustainable programs that lift Americans out of poverty. Nikos resides in Pennsylvania and is the son of Father Kosta and Presbytera Maria Petrogeorge, grandson of Mrs. Mary Petrogeorge, and cousin to many here in Salt Lake!

SPECIAL UPCOMING WEEKDAY SERVICES

The first ADVENT PARACLESIS of the Nativity Lenten Season will be held this Wednesday, **November 18th** at **10:00am** at **Holy Trinity**. Following this Supplication Service, I will anoint with Holy Oil those in attendance.

The great Feast of the ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE will be celebrated with an EVENING LITURGY ONLY, this Friday, **November 20th** at **5:30pm** at **Prophet Elias**. For those who wish to receive Holy Communion, please refrain from eating after 12:00 noon. I am offering this evening Liturgy to encourage our families to attend this service commemorating our Panagia's beautiful Feast.

A special PRAYER SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING will be offered on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, **November 26th** at **10:30am** at **Holy Trinity**.

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

MOTHERS' GROUP BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

I am happy to announce the formation of a MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP, whereby mothers come together specifically to pray together the AKATHIST TO THE MOTHER OF GOD, NURTURER OF CHILDREN. I have received encouraging responses thus far. *This month*, the mothers will gather next **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd** at **Prophet Elias** to *read aloud together* the Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children, in church while I am giving Antidoron at the end of services. It is my hope that, as this wonderful group enlarges, we will be able to have *two groups* that pray this Akathist at least once a month at both churches simultaneously at the conclusion of a Sunday Liturgy during the distribution of Antidoron. If you are interested in participating in this monthly Mothers' Prayer Group to pray for your children, please let me know. You can email me at matthewthepriest@gmail.com or call me on my cell phone at 801-556-1139, AND come to Prophet Elias on Sunday, November 22nd! I will provide copies of this awesome service, so if you don't have this Akathist, don't worry; I will give it to you.

TUESDAY MORNINGS WITH THE LORD

Our TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY on the Book of Revelation will continue this Tuesday, **November 17th** at **10:30am** at the Little America Coffee Shop. However, during the week of Thanksgiving, there will be no Bible Study at Little America on Tuesday, **November 24th**.

*Humbly in Christ,
Father Matthew*

MESSAGES FROM FATHER ELIAS

Youth Weekly Devotional

Walking In the Spirit – The Holy Spirit's Guidance

My Dear Beloved Children for those of us who were able to attend the fall retreat and for all our youth I thought it would be appropriate to talk about how having Christ in our life and walking with the Holy Spirit produces the fruit of God. Walking in the Spirit involves moment-by-moment sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance. But is there an objective standard by which we can measure the vitality of our relationship with Him? Yes, there is. Fruit is the telling sign. It is not simply one mark of a Spirit-filled life; it is the preeminent mark—the public testimony to our sensitivity to and dependency on the Holy Spirit.

If we walk in the Spirit we possess the following nine virtues: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). I believe there's a reason Paul simply listed these virtues and moved on. They aren't goals to pursue. Why? The fruit of the Spirit was never intended to be a demonstration of our dedication and resolve. Instead, it's the evidence of our dependency on and sensitivity to the promptings of the Spirit.

How else can we as Orthodox Christians characterize our walk in the Holy Spirit? The closer we get to the Holy Spirit we radiate integrity and trustworthiness. We don't rely on personality, intimidation, or trumped-up enthusiasm to win us over. We accept ourselves as we are. We are the people we want to be like because of the depth of our character.

We're not talking about perfection. We still have our human nature to contend with. We can be as unkind and insensitive as anybody else. But when we realize our sin, we are quick to apologize. We are aware that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can rise above our sinful desires. Tuning in to His presence results in a spiritual fruit that remains even during difficult times. The fruit of the Spirit is just that: fruit produced by God. When we abide in Christ and allow Him to live His life through us, the result is character that endures despite the chaos of life. Let us continue to have Christ abide in us and us in Him.

In His Love,
+fr. Elias

Sponsored by the Metropolis of Denver

The 2015 Front Range Pan-Orthodox Fall Retreat will be held **November 20th-22nd**, 2015, at **Covenant Heights Retreat Center** in Estes Park, Colorado. Youth, ages 11-18 years, are invited to retreat away from everyday challenges for a weekend of hiking, canoeing on the lake, spiritual growth and fellowship. The retreat master will be Fr. James Shadid. More information and registration can be found at: <http://youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2015-events/2015-front-range-pan-orthodox-fall-retreat>.

Sr. GOYA Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Sunday, **December 20th**, 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

Jr. GOYA Christmas event to be announced. Watch upcoming bulletins.

GOYA Basketball Has Begun

Practices will begin in earnest this week. You will be contacted by the coaches. You can still sign up for 6th through 12th grade teams
Please call Fr. Elias 801-556-4640

Youth Board Meeting Sunday, **November 22nd** 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Prophet Elias

Pizza with the Padre

Youth discussion and social with Fr. Elias
Thursday, **November 19th**, 2015
Prophet Elias carpet area
7:00 8:30 open to GOYA AGE YOUTH. You can also receive credit toward Sunday school attendance. (Absence makeup)

Thank You

In Appreciation for an Enjoyable and Spiritually Edifying GOYA Fall Retreat

On behalf of our GOYA'ns, clergy and our entire Community I would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Shelley Anderson along with Doug for so graciously offering their accommodations at Wolf Creek Ranch. The setting was beautiful and inspiring as our Youth had the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord. Shelley also went above and beyond in doing all the shopping and helping in the preparation for our meals and snacks. I would also like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the following Chaperones who helped in preparation and guidance of our youth at the retreat. Shelley Anderson, Orié Kambouris, Todd Kapos, Georgia Katsohirakis, Kosta Katsohirakis, Victoria Louras, Denise Nikols, Heather Sampinos, and Dr. John Skedros.

Thank you all so much for your dedication and commitment to our Youth.

May our Lord return the blessings you so willingly gave a hundred fold.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Again this year, our community will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for those who are less fortunate. It is a huge endeavor, as we plan on serving 2,000 dinners again this year. We hope that you can please send in any monetary donations or simply drop a turkey off. We also ask that you help volunteer on Thanksgiving Day and also the preparations during the week. We appreciate all the donations that we have received in past years, and hope that you can again help us with this most worthwhile event that we do as a community. If you have any questions, please call the office at 801-328-9681, or Yannis Armaou at 801-232-9164. Thank you.

PAN ARCADIAN CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING

When: Tuesday, **November 17th**, 2015 at **6:00pm**.

Location: The Other Place Restaurant

Come and enjoy dinner and visiting your fellow Arcadians.

The annual Christmas party will be planned

The 16th Annual City of Holladay

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Will be held **Sunday, November 22nd**, 2015 at **6:30pm** St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, 1385 East Spring Lane.

The Interfaith Service program includes music, readings, prayers, a youth speaker and a keynote speaker.

This year we will be privileged to hear from **Kevin A. Mitchell**, a graduate of BYU in Philosophy who holds an MBA degree from the Darden School of Business in Virginia. He was an Intelligence Officer in the US Dept. of Defense focusing on Transnational Terrorism and is currently COO of a nanotechnology startup here in Salt Lake City. Kevin was honored as one of Utah's 40 most promising professionals under the age of 40.

The Rocky Mountain Strings, an accomplished group of young violinists, will return again this year due to popular demand! The worship service will be followed by fellowship and a variety of light refreshments. You are invited to bring canned goods that will be donated to the Utah Food Bank



SAVE THE DATE

SANTA'S COMING!! Saturday, **December 12th** 10:00 am to Noon **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!!

The **Panahaikos Society** Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on Sunday **November 22nd** at **1:00 p.m.** at the Cottonwood Country Club. Cost **\$25** adults and **\$15** children under 12. Menu will be a double entree of meat & fish, roasted red potatoes, wild rice pilaf, soup, salad, bread, soda, wine and dessert, plus a raffle. Your check is reservation mail to George Miller 1312 Harvard Ave, SLC 84105. **Deadline Thursday, November 19th.**

*Thank
you*

Cub Scout Troop 3877 and Boy Scout Troop 877

Would like to thank all those who attended our pancake breakfast fundraiser. Your generosity made it a big success."

Prophet Elias Church Sunday Coffee/Fellowship Hour:

Individuals, families, groups, and clubs can now sign up to sponsor the weekly after church coffee/fellowship hour. Contact Cindi Keane cindixkeane63@gmail.com or Joanne Saltas at joannesaltas@gmail.com.

Thanks to those who have volunteered for the following dates:
November 15th: Youth Groups

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Founders' Day Celebration
Sunday, **November 15th**, 2015
5:00 pm

BRIO TUSCAN GRILLE
6173 South State Street--in Fashion Place Mall
Open Menu Separate checks

RSVP by November 12th Sissi Sakellariou [801-278-5301](tel:801-278-5301)

Daughters of Penelope invite the community to the annual **DOP/DSW** Shopping Event (Ft. Union) Sunday, **December 6th**, 2015, **6:00pm**. Discounts. Further information coming.

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.

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](tel:801-913-2414) or karenanast@gmail.com.

Daughters of Minos

Meeting will be held on **November 15th** at **5:00 p.m.** at **Prophet Elias** immediately following the Cretan General Assembly. We will be preparing our Forget me not baskets.

Annual Christmas Dinner **December 2nd**, at **6:30 p.m.** at the Cottonwood Country Club. Let's welcome the Christmas season together! Everyone is welcome. Reservations and tickets go on sale **November 15th**.

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. For more info and to register your child come to the upcoming meeting on Sunday **November 15th** at 5:00 at **Prophet Elias**.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Calling All Girls!
9th - 12th Grade

We are looking for any girls who would like to come play basketball and go to Dallas **January 15th-18th** for the Metropolis tournament! Practice will start this **Sunday, November 15th**, right after church in the **memorial bldg.**

For more details, or if you would like to play,
Please call;

John Pappas at [801-450-7500](tel:801-450-7500), or email, jpappas@roofers.cc
George Pappas at [801-699-1540](tel:801-699-1540), or email, george@pappas.cc

We hope you will come and join us!

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



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!



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.

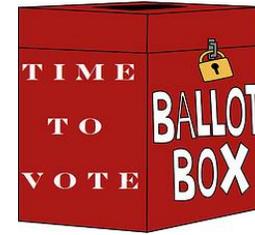
God Bless you and your Families as we celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Please feel free to contact Bonnie Georgelas at 801-699-2171

Or Pari Katsanavas at 801-652-6249 with any questions

HCA ANNOUNCEMENT

The HCA encourages everyone to be part of The Great Thanksgiving Listen!! Story Corps has an assignment for our nation as generations gather this Thanksgiving: Document the stories and voices of a grandparent or elder. The project is called The Great Thanksgiving Listen, and Story Corps is asking everyone to record the interviews using the Story Corps app over Thanksgiving weekend. The app helps users select questions and record and then upload interviews to the Story Corps archive in the American Folk life Center at the Library of Congress. Story Corps has also created a tool kit for the project. Everyone is invited to use the app and record over Thanksgiving. For more information, see NPR story pertaining to Thanksgiving Dinner family gatherings as an opportunity to interview the elders and take photos. <http://www.npr.org/2015/10/14/448295644/this-thanksgiving-listen-to-and-interview-your-elders> .



Parish Council Elections

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