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OF GREATER SALT LAKE



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THE NATIVITY OF OUR  
LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

THE DIVINE LITURGY  
OF ST. BASIL



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## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST



The incomprehensible and inexplicable Nativity of Christ came to pass when Herod the Great was reigning in Judea; the latter was an Ascalonite on his father's side and an Idumean on his mother's. He was in every way foreign to the royal line of David; rather, he had received his authority from the Roman emperors, and had ruled tyrannically over the Jewish people for some thirty-three years. The tribe of Judah, which had reigned of old, was deprived of its rights and stripped of all rule and authority. Such was the condition of the Jews when the awaited Messiah was born, and truly thus was fulfilled the prophecy which the Patriarch Jacob had spoken 1,807 years before: "A ruler shall not fail from Judah, nor a prince from his loins, until there come the things stored up for him; and he is the expectation of the nations" (Gen.49:10).

Thus, our Saviour was born in Bethlehem, a city of Judea, whither Joseph had come from Nazareth of Galilee, taking Mary his betrothed, who was great with child, that, according to the decree issued in those days by the Emperor Augustus, they might be registered in the census of those subject to Rome. Therefore, when the time came for the Virgin to give birth, and since because of the great multitude there was no place in the inn, the Virgin's circumstance constrained them to enter a cave which was near Bethlehem. Having as shelter a stable of irrational beasts, she gave birth there, and swaddled the Infant and laid Him in the manger (Luke 2:1-7). From this, the tradition has come down to us that when Christ was born He lay between two animals, an ox and an ass, that the words of the Prophets might be fulfilled: "Between two living creatures shalt Thou be known" (Abbacum 3:2), and "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib" (Esaias 1: 3).

But while the earth gave the new-born Saviour such a humble reception, Heaven on high celebrated majestically His world-saving coming. A wondrous star, shining with uncommon brightness and following a strange course, led Magi from the East to Bethlehem to worship the new-born King. Certain shepherds who were in the area of Bethlehem, who kept watch while tending their sheep, were suddenly surrounded by an extraordinary light, and they saw before them an Angel who proclaimed to them the good tidings of the Lord's joyous Nativity. And straightway, together with this Angel, they beheld and heard a whole host of the Heavenly Powers praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men" (Luke 2:8-14).



# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - Christmas Day

Orthros	9:00am	@ Both Churches
Divine Liturgy	10:00am	@ Both Churches

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church Office ~ Closed

GOYA Basketball Practice	6:00pm-10:00pm	@ PE Lg Gym
Girl Scouts	6:30pm-8:30pm	@ PE Sm Gym

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

GOYA Basketball Practice	7:00pm-10:00pm	@ PE Lg Gym
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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Boy Scouts Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm	@ PE Sm Gym
GOYA Basketball Practice	7:00pm-10:00pm	@ PE Lg Gym

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

GOYA Basketball Practice	6:00pm-10:00pm	@ PE Lg Gym
Choir Practice	7:00pm-8:00pm	@ PE Sm Gym

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30


No Schedule

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - New Year's Eve

No Schedule

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - New Year's Day

Orthros	9:00am	@ PE only
Divine Liturgy	10:00am	@ PE only





# MEMORIALS & SERVICES



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

PROPHET ELIAS

Angelina Nepolis: 40 ~ Day Memorial





# ΥΜΝΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΗΜΕΡΑΣ




## Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἡ Γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως· ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## Κοντάκιον

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν ὑπερούσιον τίκει, καὶ ἡ γῆ τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῷ ἀπροσίτῳ προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι μετὰ Ποιμένων δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δὲ μετὰ ἀστέρος ὁδοιποροῦσι· δι' ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγεννήθη, Παιδίον νέον, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων Θεός





# HYMNS OF THE DAY



## Apolytikion of the Feast

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord.

## Kontakion

On this day the Virgin gives birth to the Super-essential. To the Unapproachable, earth is providing the grotto. Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. Following a star the Magi are still proceeding. He was born for our salvation, a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.







# Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ



Προκείμενον:

Πᾶσα ἡ γῆ προσκυνησάτωσάν σοι καὶ ψαλάτωσάν σοι,  
ψαλάτωσαν τῷ ὀνόματί σου.

Στίχος:

Ἀλαλάξατε τῷ Κυρίῳ πᾶσα ἡ γῆ.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα  
(4:4-7)

Ἀδελφοί, ὅτε ἦλθεν τὸ πλήρωμα τοῦ χρόνου, ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ, γενόμενον ἐκ γυναικός, γενόμενον ὑπὸ νόμον, ἵνα τοὺς ὑπὸ νόμον ἐξαγοράσῃ, ἵνα τὴν υἰοθεσίαν ἀπολάβωμεν. Ὅτι δέ ἐστε υἱοί, ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ θεὸς τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ εἰς τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν, κρᾶζον, Ἀββᾶ, ὁ πατήρ. Ὡστε οὐκέτι εἶ δοῦλος, ἀλλ' υἱός· εἰ δὲ υἱός, καὶ κληρονόμος θεοῦ διὰ Χριστοῦ.







# THE EPISTLE



## Prokeimenon:

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You;  
let them sing to Your name.

## Verse:

*Shout to God, all the earth.*

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Galatians  
(4:4-7)

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir of God through Christ.





# ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ



Εκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

(2:1-12)

Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ γεννηθέντος ἐν Βηθλεὲμ τῆς Ἰουδαίας ἐν ἡμέραις Ἡρώδου τοῦ βασιλέως, ἰδοὺ μάγοι ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν παρεγένοντο εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμαλέγοντες· ποῦ ἐστὶν ὁ τεχθεὶς βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων; εἶδομεν γὰρ αὐτοῦ τὸν ἀστέρα ἐν τῇ ἀνατολῇ καὶ ἦλθομεν προσκυνῆσαι αὐτῷ. Ἀκούσας δὲ Ἡρώδης ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐταράχθη καὶ πᾶσα Ἱεροσόλυμα μετ' αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναγαγὼν πάντας τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ γραμματεῖς τοῦ λαοῦ ἐπυνθάνετο παρ' αὐτῶν ποῦ ὁ Χριστὸς γεννᾶται. οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· ἐν Βηθλεὲμ τῆς Ἰουδαίας· οὕτω γὰρ γέγραπται διὰ τοῦ προφήτου· καὶ σὺ Βηθλεὲμ, γῆ Ἰούδα, οὐδαμῶς ἐλαχίστη εἶ ἐν τοῖς ἡγεμόσιν Ἰούδα· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἐξελεύσεται ἡγούμενος, ὃστις ποιμανεῖ τὸν λαόν μου τὸν Ἰσραήλ. Τότε Ἡρώδης λάθρα καλέσας τοὺς μάγους ἠκρίβωσεν παρ' αὐτῶν τὸν χρόνον τοῦ φαινομένου ἀστέρος, καὶ πέμψας αὐτοὺς εἰς Βηθλεὲμ εἶπε· πορευθέντες ἀκριβῶς ἐξετάσατε περὶ τοῦ παιδίου, ἐπὰν δὲ εὔρητε, ἀπαγγείλατέ μοι, ὅπως κἀγὼ ἐλθὼν προσκυνήσω αὐτῷ. οἱ δὲ ἀκούσαντες τοῦ βασιλέως ἐπορεύθησαν· καὶ ἰδοὺ ὁ ἀστήρ ὃν εἶδον ἐν τῇ ἀνατολῇ προῆγεν αὐτούς, ἕως ἐλθὼν ἔστη ἐπάνω οὗ ἦν τὸ παιδίον· ἰδόντες δὲ τὸν ἀστέρα ἐχάρησαν χαρὰν μεγάλην σφόδρα, καὶ ἐλθόντες εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν εἶδον τὸ παιδίον μετὰ Μαρίας τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ, καὶ πεσόντες προσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἀνοίξαντες τοὺς θησαυροὺς αὐτῶν προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ δῶρα, χρυσὸν καὶ λίβανον καὶ σμύρναν· καὶ χρηματισθέντες κατ' ὄναρ μὴ ἀνακάμψαι πρὸς Ἡρώδην, δι' ἄλλης ὁδοῦ ἀνεχώρησαν εἰς τὴν χώραν αὐτῶν.



# THE GOSPEL



The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

(2:1–12)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

# A MESSAGE FROM FR. GEORGE



“On this day the Virgin gives birth to the Super-essential.  
To the Unapproachable, earth is providing the grotto.  
Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory.  
Following a star the Magi are still proceeding.  
He was born for our salvation,  
a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.”

Beloved Faithful of Holy Trinity/Prophet Elias,

The Nativity according to the flesh of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is indeed a time to rejoice, a time to share the light of life, a time to spread love as the sign of our faith, a time to be amazed as we behold the mystery unfolding in the darkness of the cave in Bethlehem. Indeed, it is truly a time when the heavenly hold discourse with the earthly, and a time when our hearts and souls should leap for joy.

As we prepare to welcome the Christ-child into our hearts, souls and homes, let us pause and reflect on the words of St. John Chrysostom: *“Bethlehem this day resembles heaven; hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices; and in place of the sun, enfolds within itself on every side, the Sun of justice, And ask not how: for where God wills, the order of nature yields. For He willed; He had the power; He descended; He redeemed; all things yielded in obedience to God. This day He Who is, is Born; and He Who is, becomes what He was not. For when He was God, He became man; yet not departing from the Godhead that is His. Nor yet by any loss of divinity became He man, nor through increase became He God from man; but being the Word He became flesh, His nature, because of impassability, remaining unchanged.*





*What shall I say! And how shall I describe this Birth to you? For this wonder fills me with astonishment. The Ancient of days has become an infant. He Who sits upon the sublime and heavenly Throne, now lies in a manger. And He Who cannot be touched, Who is simple, without complexity, and incorporeal, now lies subject to the hands of men. He Who has broken the bonds of sinners, is now bound by an infants bands. But He has decreed that ignominy shall become honor, infamy be clothed with glory, and total humiliation the measure of His Goodness. For this He assumed my body, that I may become capable of His Word; taking my flesh, He gives me His spirit; and so He bestowing and I receiving, He prepares for me the treasure of Life. He takes my flesh, to sanctify me; He gives me His Spirit that He may save me. Come, then, let us observe the Feast. Truly wondrous is the whole chronicle of the Nativity."*

May the Joy of Christmas, the Grace and Blessings of our Incarnate Lord, and the Hope and Optimism that the New Year 2023 brings be with all of you and your beloved families.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS - ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ**  
**and**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!!!**

With Love in our New-Born King and God,  
*† Archimandrite George Nikas*  
Cathedral Dean





## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

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CHRISTMAS 2022

Beloved Members of our Lord's Eternal Church,

Once again we look forward to the humble entrance of the Eternal Word of the Father, taking upon Himself His added dimension of a perfect human being as the eternal Son of the Father, fulfilling the prophesies of the Old Testament, especially the book of the Holy Great Prophet Isaiah. Each year on Christmas Day, the Divine Liturgy has a hymn which is sung at the small entrance by the celebrating clergy holding the Holy Bible to reenter through the Beautiful entrance of the Holy Altar to the Altar Table. They sing "From the womb before Lucifer, I gave birth to You, and the Lord will not change His decision; for you are a Priest forever after the order of Melchisedek". It is significant that the hymn brings out the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Priest forever in harmony with Melchisedek Who represents the Lord in the Book of Genesis and Who presents to Abraham, who won an historic war against pagans, the gift of Bread and Wine, the unique symbolism of the Church which or Lord established through His Supreme Sacrifice on the Holy Cross when He began His Church in 33 A.D. This is the Church in which we were faithful members and which has never changed to this day, as we attend the Divine Liturgy to receive the Divine Holy Bread and Divine Sacred Blood for our salvation.

The fact that the Divine Liturgy is always celebrated in the third person is that it is the Holy Spirit sent by the Eternal Father Who is the Celebrant of all the holy sacraments. From this we can clearly see that the Nativity of our Lord, through the holy Theotokos, the Savior of the world humbled Himself most personally through His perfect humanity, and prepared the faithful member of the Church for their permanent life in His coming eternal Kingdom.

On the basis of this Devine reality, we have no reason to have negative thoughts and feelings concerning the terrible reality of so many violent events which have come upon us, bringing death and destruction upon innocent people throughout the world. Our Lord promises to us that these events and conditions will be short-lived for the sake of those of us who love Him and accept Him as our loving God. Therefore, please do not allow yourselves to have any fear due to the horrible things which are happening in the world at this time. They will definitely end, as our Lord promises.





Please continue to express your joy to one another as we continue to be celebrating the perfect world our Lord is preparing, having willingly and lovingly suffered to the point of His lifelessness on the Holy Cross. Please bring much joy to your children and your grandchildren who should know that the temporary evil will soon end. Do whatever is necessary to stress to one another that we are celebrating the end of evil around us by increasing our love for one another and our joy and free will, for our children and for ourselves. The unending love of God is protecting us from the presence of the evil in this fallen world which will soon end. The human birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, as a perfect human being is the greatest blessing we should always celebrate.

May this coming celebration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ continue to allow all of you and each other to enjoy most faithfully and lovingly with your hearts, minds, and souls. And may you have a most Blessed Celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With love in our loving Savior and Redeemer,

*+Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver*

+Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver





## It's the Most Wonderful Name in the World

Fr. Mark Sietsema



The greatest Christmas gift of all is a name.

There was a time when parents gave a lot of consideration to naming their children. Nowadays, it seems, the trend is to spill a bowl of alphabet soup and see what you come up with. Traditional names all have meanings, and there was a time when people concerned themselves with such things.

“Mark,” for example, is an interesting name. It was a common name among the Romans as Marcus, and its meaning related to Mars, the god of war. It would be a wonderful coincidence if the first astronaut to land on Mars were named Mark: he would be someone who made his “mark” (wink, wink) in history by landing on the planet named for the Roman god of war.

With a little knowledge of names and their origins, you find are able to see some beautiful coincidences in the Bible. The name “John” goes back to the Hebrew name “Johanan,” which means “gift of God.” John the Baptist was given this name by his father, not because it was a name in the family line, but because the angel said so. John certainly was an unexpected gift to his parents in their old age. John baptized in the Jordan River. “Jordan” comes from the Hebrew word for “it descends.” The Jordan River indeed descends quite a ways in elevation until it empties far below sea level into the Dead Sea. Put John and the Jordan together, and you get “the gift of God descends.” And when Jesus came to be baptized, that’s exactly what happened! The Holy Spirit—God’s gift for humanity—descended on Jesus in the form of a dove.

Speaking of coincidental names, the early Christians were fascinated by the name of God’s incarnate Son. They knew from the Scriptures that Jesus was from the Aramaic name *Yeshuah*, meaning “The LORD is salvation.” But when you put that name into Greek, it must be adjusted. The ‘h’ at the end of the word had a very rough enunciation, and the best approximation in Greek would be the sound ‘s’. Greek had no way to spell the ‘sh’ sound, so that also gets rendered as ‘s’. Long story short, what starts in Aramaic as *Yeshuah* winds up in Greek as *Iesous*.

And this is where the fascination comes in. As a Greek name, *Iesous* picks up a new meaning. It could be a name derived from *iaso* or *ieso*, meaning “healer.” Saint Cyril of Jerusalem writes in his Catechetical Lecture 10, Section 13:

“*Jesus* then means according to the Hebrew *Savior*, but in the Greek tongue *The Healer*; since He is physician of souls and bodies, curer of spirits, curing the blind in body, and leading minds into light, healing the visibly lame, and guiding sinners' steps to repentance, saying to the palsied, Sin no more, and, Take up your bed and walk. For since the body was palsied for the sin of the soul, He ministered first to the soul that He might extend the healing to the body.”

The church historian Eusebius of Caesarea says the same in his *Demonstration of the Gospel*, Book 4, chapter 10:

“So, then, God the Word was called the Son of Man, and was named *Jesus*, because He made His approach to us to cure and to heal the souls of men.”

Of like opinion were other Church Fathers like Epiphanius of Salamis, Justin Martyr, and Clement of Alexandria. For them also, this name *Jesus* was not a mere linguistic accident, but an intentional revelation of God. His name reveals His mission: to save the fallen soul from sin, and to save the broken body from illness and suffering. It's even better than a Martian astronaut named Mark!

Saint Paul was perhaps the first to realize the astounding beauty of the name *Jesus*. And so he wrote to the Philippians (2:9-11): “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him *the name which is above every name*, that at the name of *Jesus* every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

When the Son of God came into our world on Christmas Day, He brought to all mankind a wonderful gift—this name of immeasurable power, *Iesous*. In the name of Jesus, our prayers reach heaven. By the name of Jesus, fevers are quenched. At the name of Jesus, demons are dispelled. With the name of Jesus, signs and wonders are wrought. Through the name of Jesus, sins are confessed and absolved. The very name is a blessing, for it is the name Jesus Christ that the priest's fingers are spelling out (in Greek) as he signs the Cross over you.

His name not only means salvation and healing ... His name itself IS salvation and healing. “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved ... And His name, by faith in His name, has made this man strong” (Acts 4:12, 3:16). The Book of Acts tells us that even non-Christians recognized the marvelous might of this name, and tried to use it for their own purposes (Acts 19:13).

In the year ahead, we should resolve never to use this great name in vain, as so many in our society do, and as we hear so often on the airwaves. In the year ahead, we should resolve to speak this name reverently and prayerfully, and so to gain all the benefits that these sacred syllables hold for us.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from this time forth, and unto the ages of ages!

A Blessed Christmas to you and yours, and a Happy and Holy New Year in the name of Jesus our King.



# WINTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE



- Dec 25 Both Churches - Merry Christmas!
- Jan 1 PE ONLY - Happy New Year!
- Jan 8 PE ONLY - Vasilopita Sunday
- Jan 15 HT ONLY - GOYA BB Tournament in Tulsa
- Jan 22 Both Churches
- Jan 29 Both Churches

Fr. George will be away Dec 26 - Dec 31.

In case of a Pastoral / Hospital Emergency, please call  
Fr. Anthony Savas at 801-824-3987



The Hellenic Cultural Association is again selling  
Vasilopita coins  
\$15 each or two for \$25.  
Get yours now, limited quantity.  
Call or text Bill Rekouniotis 801 673-0424

# YOUNG AT HEART

Bring in the New Year 2023!  
The Young at Heart will have  
their monthly luncheon on  
Thursday, January 12th at noon  
at the Hellenic Memorial Hall.

Happy New Year!  
We hope to see you there

2023

Happy New Year

The Young at Heart will be going to Wendover  
on Saturday, February 11

Leave SLC from:

Prophet Elias 8:30am  
Memorial Hall 9:00am



Leave Wendover at 5:00pm

\$20.00 per person.

RSVP Bill Rekouniotis at (801)-673-0424 or Bill Chaus at (801)-573-3348

Fr. George, accompanied by Charities Committee Senior member Deno Kambouris and Tia Athens, brought Christmas joy to various charities in the Salt Lake Valley as part of our Community's Outreach and giving back from the net 2022 Greek Festival proceeds. Each charity graciously received a check for \$5,000. Additionally, we gave \$3,000 to our St. Philothea Philoptochos for their Social Services Fund and wired \$7,000 to the Metropolis of Mexico, specifically for the needs of the growing Orthodox Christians in Colombia and Venezuela, entrusted to their local Bishop Timotheos of Assos. All were most grateful for our generosity and indeed, quite pleasantly surprised by the amounts offered. May God continue to bless us with a successful Greek Festival so that we may in turn continue to help those in need!

Merry Christmas to all from the Charities Committee!!

The 2022 Charities Committee is comprised of George Miller, Chairman, Deno Kambouris, Bill Sergakis, Cindy Skedros, and Tia Athens.



Guadalupe School



Women's Rescue Mission

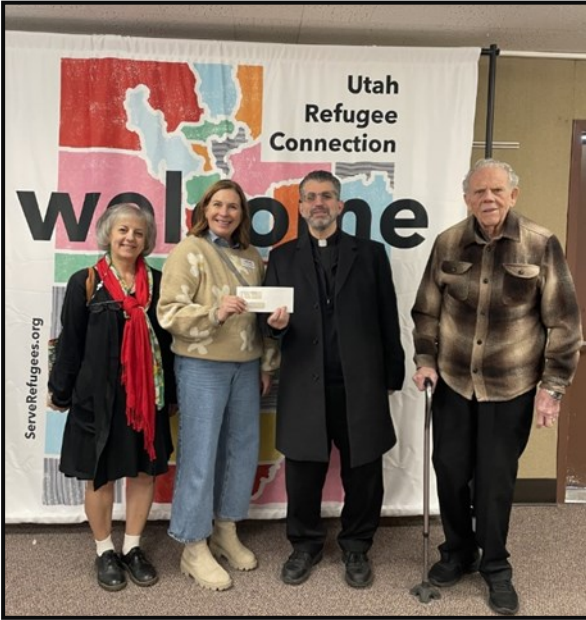




Neighborhood House



The Other Side Academy



Utah Refugee Connection



Utah Diaper Bank







A Beautiful and inspiring performance by our Choirs at the recently held Christmas Concert. We thank the members of the Prophet Elias, Holy Trinity, and St. Anna choirs for sharing their God-given talents with all of us as we prepare to welcome again our Savior into our homes this Christmas Season. Thank you to Tom Harris and Tia Athens for directing and Brent Fotheringham who was the organist. The choir thanks all who attended and especially Jim Fuskandrakis and George Marinos for their invaluable donation and assistance with the evening's sumptuous Lenten meal.

Merry Christmas to all!





# *Panahaiḱos Society*

*Mega Spileon / Agia Lavra*

*Christmas & New Year's Party*

*Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.*

*At*

*The Other Place Restaurant*

*469 East 300 South*

## *Menu selection*

- A. Steak Dinner*
- B. Salmon Dinner*
- C. Mezethakia plate*  
*plus, wine & beverages*



*Adults \$40, children 12 and under \$20*

*★ Raffle Prizes★*

*RSVP is necessary by*

*Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Bill Reḱouniotis 673-0424 or*

*George Miller 244-8587*



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*





# METROPOLIS OF DENVER YAL SNOW CONFERENCE



## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

**FEB. 9-12TH | MIDWAY, UT**

The Metropolis of Denver is hosting a YAL Snow Conference in Midway, Utah during the weekend of Feb. 9-12th. Enjoy a weekend of snow and spiritual nourishment, while spending time with your para.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**NOW OPEN**

**Early Bird:** Oct. 31st-Nov. 20th (\$350)  
**Regular Registration:** Nov. 21th-Dec. 18th (\$375)  
**Late Registration:** Dec. 18th-Jan. 17th (\$400)  
**Last Day to Register:** Jan. 17th

## SNOW CONFERENCE THEME

Disconnect and Reconnect with Christ



### BOOK YOUR ROOM

Book your room at the Zermatt Resort in Midway, UT. You can find the hotel room block reservation information with the link listed below.



### REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

Register for the snow conference before spots fill up! Follow the link below to learn more about registration information.



### PLAN YOUR TRANSPORTATION

Purchase your flight into Salt Lake City or carpool to the resort. Be sure to plan for winter weather!

For more information visit the link

[WWW.LINKTR.EE/YALMETROPOLISOFDENVER](http://WWW.LINKTR.EE/YALMETROPOLISOFDENVER)







CROSSROAD

Are You a Junior  
or Senior in High School?  
CrossRoad Summer 2023  
Applications Are Now Open!



Fill Your  
**Summer**  
With What  
**Counts,**  
Explore What Is Next

Join us for a **10 day immersive summer program** designed for you as you prepare to make **big life decisions** and **start new adventures.**

Apply Today at

[www.CrossRoadInstitute.org](http://www.CrossRoadInstitute.org)

Priority Application Deadline is January 18, 2023

**Join one of our  
four sessions:**

- Boston 1:** June 9 - 19
- Boston 2:** June 23 - July 3
- San Francisco:** July 5 - 15
- Chicago:** July 22 - August 1





Summer 2023 is just around the corner! Are you looking for a culturally enriching experience?

For over 50 years, the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece has welcomed students from all over the world for its Greek Summer program, an odyssey for high school students that combines culture, travel, and community service. The program will include:

- A homestay with a Greek family in a local village*
- A community service project*
- An unforgettable tour of mainland Greece*
- A climb to the top of Mt. Olympus*
- A tour of ancient and modern Athens*
- ... and much more!*

As part of GREEK SUMMER, students are exposed to Greek history and culture while developing teamwork skills and engaging with students of different backgrounds. Colleges today seek to learn about the depth of a student's character. They seek leaders and risk-takers ready to give of themselves. You can nurture all that -- while having the summer of a lifetime!

#### DATES AND PRICES:

- The cost of the program is \$5,850. *Airfare is not included.* A deposit of \$1,600 is due with the application.  
The program will run from June 26th through July 26th.

Greek Summer is limited to high school students who have completed grades 9, 10, or 11, and are between the ages of 15 and 17 years old.

*We expect a full program, so we encourage you to [apply now](#).*

Applications can be found on our website: <https://www.afsgreeksummer.com/>

For more information, please contact Seth Sikes at [greeksummer@afs.edu.gr](mailto:greeksummer@afs.edu.gr)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Please Note – The older Church email [orthodoxy3@gmail.com](mailto:orthodoxy3@gmail.com) is no longer a used/supported email for communication with the office and information is being missed. Please change your Church office email correspondence and email address books to [churchoffice@gocslc.org](mailto:churchoffice@gocslc.org)
- Instant Church Directory – We are encouraging all to update a photo to your Church Directory accounts so we all are able to identify those names with faces in our Church Community. Please call the Church office if you need assistance with the app and updating information.

## SAVE THE DATES BELOW!

- Camp Emmanuel 2023  
July 16–22, 2023, Ponderosa Camp, Larkspur, Colorado



## The Ancient Orthodox Catechism

For anyone interested in learning about Orthodox Christianity, free classes/discussions will be held weekly.

Beginning Wednesday, January 18 - Wednesday, February 22 at

Prophet Elias Orthodox Church,  
5335 South Highland Drive in Holladay  
7:00 pm in the Boardroom

We will cover historical, theological, social, and practical components of this deep, authentic, and liberating way of life.

For more information, please call or text  
Dean or Nick Athens (801) 821-8935 or (801) 979-8808