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## Christodoulos the Wonderworker of Patmos

Feast day: October 21st

Saint Christodoulos, who was from the region of Nicaea of Bithynia, was the son of Theodore and Anna, and was given the name John. He assumed the monastic habit in his youth and was renamed Christodulus ("slave of Christ" in Greek). At first, he lived the ascetical life in various places, then he received permission and monetary aid from the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus (reigned 1081-1118), and built on the island of Patmos a church and monastery named in honour of Saint John the Evangelist. These buildings stand to this day. However, when the Arabs attacked that place, he fled with his disciples and went to Euboea (Euripus), where also he completed the course of his life about the end of the eleventh century on the 16th of March. In the biography of Venerable Christodoulos there is a reference

to the transfer of his relics to Patmos.

The believers of Euboea, when they were informed that their relic was to be transferred, reacted because they considered him their own saint patron, and father. So, they were guarding it. But one night his followers took it without being noticed, boarded a ship and left for Patmos, where they placed it at the Holy Monastery of St. Ioannis the Theologian, which was built by Venerable Christodoulos. It remains incorrupt, and miraculous, emitting a sweet fragrance up to today..



**St. Hesychius the Presbyter**

Compassion for others and sympathy for their failings will bring the heart closer to the heart of God than any form of judging.



## TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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October 2021

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One month into the new ecclesiastical year and the after the completion of our “modified” festival after a year’s absence, the time has come to refocus our attention to our life in the church and our parish activities. We do so this year with a little more clarity than last yet with trepidation continually trying to define a new normal. What we know is certain is God’s plan for us and our salvation.

St Paisios of Mount Athos explains, *“great patience can resolve many problems and bring about divine results; when you do not even expect a solution, God provides the best solution.”* As we continue on our path, we do so not looking to ourselves or those around us for solutions. We do so patiently, trusting that the best solution will ultimately be provided from above. Our challenge is to remain faithful on our path, diligent in prayer being strengthened by the sacramental life and our service to the Church.

St. John Climacas reminds us that, *“a servant of the Lord is he who in body stands before men, but in mind knocks at heaven in prayer.”* As uncertain as we are with the things of this world while we stand among men, we can be even more certain of the love of our Lord if while doing so we knock at heaven in prayer. In doing so, we eliminate any anxiety of the uncertainty that the world brings.

It is my prayer that as we fully delve into our parish life, we do so united in purpose knowing that God provides the best solution while we knock at heaven in prayer.

In His Service,

Fr. Mario

## Parish Organizations



### Parish Council

**President:** Kent Nabers **Vice President:** Lambros Bolos  
**Secretary:** Sue Diehl **Treasurer:** Drew Wilson  
**Members:** Pam Tsakalos, Chris Burton



### Philoptochos

**President:** Susie Zecca **Vice President:** Melissa Johnson  
**Recording Secretary:** Annie Wilson **Treasurer:** Jamie Bateman  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Helen Papageorge **Advisor:** Pam Tsakalos

We meet the first Sunday of every month, after the Divine Liturgy in the conference room.



### Ahepa

**President:** Mike Kolendrianos **Vice President:** Gary Pilgrim  
**Secretary:** Travis Soderquist **Treasurer:** Nick Thiros  
**Education Chairman:** Dr. Bob Adams **Chaplain:** Fr. Mario Giannopoulos

We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. Come Join us!



### Daughters Of Penelope

**President:** Chris Thiros **Vice President:** Sophia Jones  
**Secretary:** Helen Papageorge **Treasurer:** Debbie Papageorge  
**Priestess:** Maria Soter **Marshal:** Angela Retalis  
**Warden:** Aphrodite Koloveas



### Choir

If you would like to join the choir, please contact **Helen Papageorge**.



### Sunday School

Sunday School meets every Sunday directly after Holy Communion.

If you would like more information, please contact **Stacey Henderson** or **Travis Soderquist**.



### Goya

GOYA is our middle-school and high school ministry.

If you would like more information, please contact **Lindsay Toulatos**.



### Hope & Joy

Hope & Joy is our pre-k through elementary school ministry. If you would like more information, please contact **Molly Soderquist** or **Stacey Henderson**.



### Book Club

We meet every Sunday after coffee hour. Anyone can join at any time!

If you would like more information, please contact **Kent Nabers**.



### Youth Greek Dancing

If you would like to join, please contact **Vasiliki Chaus** or **Stacey Henderson**.

# Stewardship

One day, a person complained to his priest that the Church and Christianity is one continual “give, give, give.” To which the priest replied, “Thank you very much for the finest definition of Christianity I have ever heard. You’re right, Christianity is all about a constant “give, give, give.” God giving His only Son to the world to show His unconditional love. His Son Jesus giving His life on the cross to forgive our sins and destroy death. Then our Lord’s disciples giving all they had to make sure God’s Good News of love was preached to all people everywhere. They not only gave away their homes and businesses, but even gave up their lives as martyrs in gratitude to God!



Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. Did you know – a large \*Starbucks coffee latte cost \$4.11, before tax. The average cost of a \*Cable TV/Internet bill is \$3.86 per day, before fees. The average cost to operate our Church per Family is only \$4.05 per day. Stewardship collected January to Mid-September is \$1.78 per day, Church operations expenses to date just over \$141,000.00.

Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him.

## Ways to give:

Online: [www.tgoc.ut.goarch.org](http://www.tgoc.ut.goarch.org)

Mail or In person: 674 42nd Street Ogden, UT 84403

Stewardship Chair – Troy Cutrubus

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# Philoptochos Corner

On Sunday September 12 we had a Makaria for Helen Mellos, a longtime Philoptochos member. Her son, Jim, brought a newspaper article written in 1985 entitled, “Woman truly a Philoptochos (friend of the poor)”. It speaks of a rummage sale and Greek pastry sale being held to raise funds for the poor, an orphanage, a cardiac center for children, and the Ogden Rescue Mission. The entire Parish was involved in donating items, etc. One statement really caught my attention. It reads, “Fueled by her convictions and faith in mankind – it appears Mellos has only one battle left to wage with herself – the battle against time.” That really struck a chord with me. We all are so busy with family, work, church, etc. and yet the needs of others are still out there. It is hard to strike a balance and not neglect any of the above, but we all have something we can do, something we can give, needs we see in others. I would encourage

everyone to search their hearts and see what they can do or give. I remember years ago, before I was married and had a child, I was involved in a missionary group ministering to the unborn, there were so many people that wanted so badly to be able to do what I was doing, but because they had families or jobs, they couldn’t, so they gave; food, money, a place in their home. My point is that we all have something we can be doing; raising children in Godly homes, teaching a Sunday school class, teaching dance and heritage, working on the festival and passing that knowledge and experience on to others, feeding homeless, passing on a pair of socks to the lady on the corner, smiling at a stranger, and the list goes on. The spirit of Philoptokos... looking outside of ourselves to others. See you all at the Festival!!!!!!

October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday Before Holy Cross Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Falling Asleep of St. John Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am	25	26 Great Martyr Demetrios Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am	27	28	29	30
31 No Services						

## Fast Days:

-  **Wine:** Wine and oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.
-  **Strict:** Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.
-  **Fish:** Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.
-  **Dairy:** Dairy, eggs, fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat.



## Come & Join **The Youth**

October 17th

**Meet @ 1:00 pm** at the ticket booth

All kids entry will be paid for by the youth fund

**Location is:** 2075 South 4000 West  
Syracuse UT, 84075

## Sunday School / Hope & Joy

Sunday School/ Hope & Joy Continues!

ZOOM meetings are every Sunday at 1:00pm.

<https://goarch.zoom.us/j/92892156916?pwd=Q1N1cStQZUxMM2VneHF1amc0MWpPUT09>

Meeting ID: 928 9215 6916 Passcode: 700564

Due to Covid-19 we will be doing online Sunday school lessons for the kids for the foreseeable future. We will be including a short lesson of the week, a craft and then a short social time for the kids to catch up.

We hope to see all Sunday School aged students online - the more the merrier!

This month we will be covering:

Oct 3rd: Creation

Oct 10th: Adam and Eve and the Fall

Oct 17st: Noah

Oct 24th: The Tower of Babel



## Sayings of the Fathers

The Online Zoom gathering to discuss the sayings of the Fathers continues at 6:30 pm Wednesday. Please send an email to [transfigurationogden@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationogden@gmail.com) where your email address will be added to the weekly Zoom notifications.

Call Fr Mario with questions.

Thanks,

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