



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, September 14, 2014

Elevation of the Venerable and Life- Giving Holy Cross

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

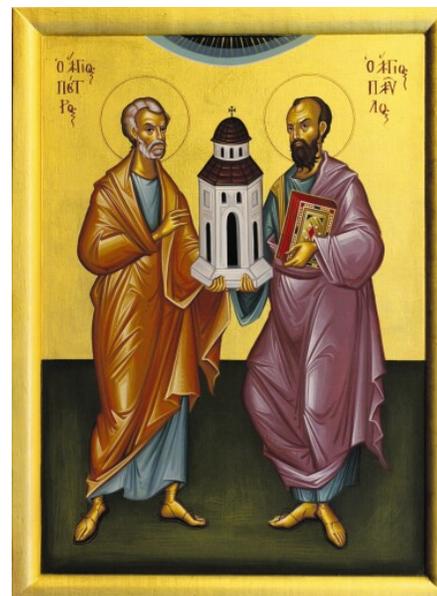
Celebrants:

Rev. Fr. Dimitrios Kyritsis

Dcn. Anatoli Kireiev

Mission Statement: The Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah is a Christ-centered Greek Orthodox Christian parish that welcomes and embraces all Orthodox Christian faithful and all of God's children, regardless of ethnicity and is focused above all else on the faithful worship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in adherence to the canons, teachings and traditions of the Orthodox Christian faith as part of One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Epistle Reading - St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-24



*Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.
Psalm 98.9, 1*

*Exalt the Lord our God.
Verse: The Lord reigns; let the
people tremble*

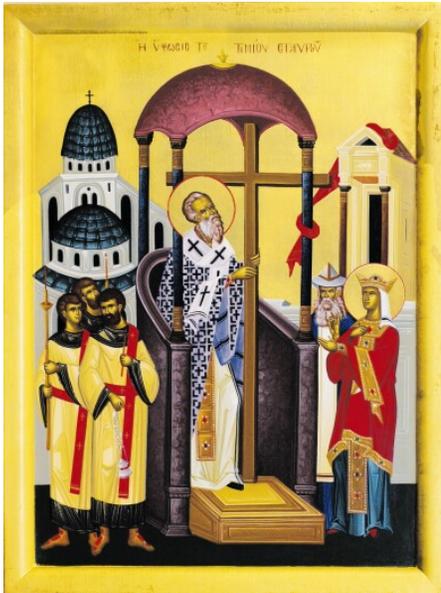
BRETHREN, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is one of the most revered observances in all of Orthodoxy. In 325 A.D., after the persecution of Christians ended, Empress Helen, a devout Christian, and mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, went to Jerusalem to retrieve the cross upon which Christ had been crucified, was buried and lost for 400 years. After a futile search on Golgotha she was attracted to a sweet smelling plant, basil, (vasilikos, "the plant of the King") in the area where Jesus had been put to death. It was there the three crosses were

unearthed. The Cross of Christ was identified because it was found in the middle and bore the inscription. The Holy Cross was preserved in the Basilica of the Resurrection in Jerusalem until May, 614, when the Persians seized the city and burned the Basilica. In 628, Emperor Heraclius defeated the Persians and returned the Holy Cross to Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading - The Gospel of John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30



At that time, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to

me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King!" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,

and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Welcome Fr. Dimitrios Kyritsis: We are very blessed to have with us today Rev. Fr. Dimitrios Kyritsis from Assumption of the Theotokos Cathedral in Denver, Colorado. We welcome and thank both him and Dcn. Anatoli Kireiev for celebrating Divine Liturgy with our Parish family!

Sunday School: Sunday school begins today! Students and teachers will be dismissed to the upper level of the facility after Holy Communion. A special thank you to all of our wonderful Sunday School volunteers: Kim Mallas (Director); Georgette Lowe (Assistant Director); Elaina Maragakis Simos and Heidi Varechok (K3/K4/K); Rebecca Shand (1st/2nd/3rd); Barbara Hillas and Myra Varanakis (4th/5th/6th); Bob Varechok (7th/8th/9th); and Harry Hillas, Larissa Beck and Rachel Mellas (10th/11th/12th).

Nursery Program: Lisa Apostole and Kim Souvall have graciously volunteered to run a nursery for those children not yet old enough to join our K3 Sunday School class. This will allow parents to enjoy the post-Liturgy fellowship hour and attend adult catechism once that program begins. Thank you Lisa and Kim!

Sundaes for Sunday School: In celebration of the first day of Sunday School, ice cream sundaes will be served in the garden area after class is dismissed. Please join us!

Sexton Ministry Team: We still need volunteers for our Sexton Ministry Team, which assists with the set up and tear down of the iconostasis, chairs, tables, stained glass window coverings, etc. for our weekly services. Please contact Co-Chairs Chuck Karpakis at chuck@paragonproperties.biz or 801-265-0900, or Joe Varanakis at joe2263@comcast.net or 801-694-6576 to offer your assistance.

Stewardship: Continued thanks to those who have turned in their stewardship pledge cards and begun their stewardship payments. Stewardship cards will be available after Liturgy and can also be found on our website: www.ocpslc.org. Completed cards can be mailed to Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah, c/o Chris Gounaris, Treasurer, P.O. Box 4791, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110, scanned and emailed to treasurer@ocpslc.org, or given to a Parish Council member before or after Liturgy. Please make stewardship checks payable to "Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah" and mail them to Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah, c/o Chris Gounaris, Treasurer, P.O. Box 4791, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110, or give them to a Parish Council member before or after Liturgy. Your stewardship is critical to the success of our new Parish!

Worship Space: Although we expect to continue our worship at the Woods on Ninth for the time being, we will need to consider a larger venue as interest in our new Parish continues to grow. The Parish Council is assessing various options, but welcomes your input and suggestions. Please contact Chuck Karpakis, Chair of our Real Estate Ministry Team at chuck@paragonproperties.biz or 801-265-0900 if you are aware of any potential venues.

Liturgical Items: We are in need of the following liturgical items (among others): a standing cross for the altar table; an antidoron stand, standing candelabras for the front of the iconostasis, processional items (candles, banners, lanterns, fans, poles, etc.). We

are checking prices, but please consider whether you would be willing to make a donation so that these items may be purchased by the Parish.

Cookbook Fundraiser. As a fundraiser for our new Parish, Kim Souvall is putting together an Orthodox Community Cookbook and is soliciting recipes. The dishes do not need to be Greek; they can be any tried and true recipe that makes your family cry out for more! She hopes to have the books ready for Christmas so she needs your recipes ASAP. Email your recipe(s) to kimsouvall@gmail.com or look for recipe sheets on the tables during post-Liturgy fellowship hour.

2014 Ministry Teams: Here is a list of our Parish Ministry Teams:

- Stewardship Ministry Team
Co-Chairs: Sophie Wondolowski and Steve Simos
- Finance Ministry Team
Co-Chairs: Chris Gounaris and Joe Varanakis
- Legal Ministry Team
Co-Chairs: Michael Petrogeorge and Bruce Shand
- Communications/PR Ministry Team
Chair: Michael Petrogeorge
- Youth and Sunday School Ministry Team
Chair: Kim Mallas
- Young Adult Ministry Team
Chair: Peter Souvall
- Sexton Ministry Team
Co-Chairs: Chuck Karpakis and Joe Varanakis
- Women's Group Ministry Team (future Philoptochos)
Chair: TBD
- Men's Group Ministry Team
Co-Chairs: Steve Simos and Bill Souvall
- Liturgical Supplies Ministry Team
Chair: Dr. Charles Beck

- Adult Catechism Ministry Team
Chair: TBD
- Real Estate Ministry Team
Chair: Chuck Karpakis
- Long Range Planning Ministry Team
Chair: Dr. Charles Beck
- Historical Archives Ministry Team
Chair: TBD

Please contact the identified Chair(s) if you have not already signed up but wish to offer your time and talent to one or more of these teams.

Women's Group Ministry Team Dinner. The women in our Parish are invited to attend a no-host dinner meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cliff House Gastro Pub, 12234 Draper Gate Drive. Please RSVP to Barbara Hillas at bhillas@q.com.

Memorial Services – May Their Memory Be Eternal:

September 21, 2014: Stylianos Emmanuel Tzeirnakis (40 days).

If you would like to schedule a memorial, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at asabeck@msn.com or 801-573-6800. All scheduled memorials are subject to the availability of a visiting priest.

Prayer List: Maria, Mary, Anastasia, George, Barbara, Ange, Christopher, John, Mitch, Bill, Katherine. Please send any additional names for the Prayer List to Michael Petrogeorge at mpetrogeorge@parsonsbehle.com.

Collection Trays: We will no longer pass collection trays during Liturgy or during Sunday School to minimize disturbing our worship experience, except when a special collection is requested by our Hierarchs. Please keep this in mind as you make your offerings in the narthex, and please teach your Sunday Schoolers to place their offerings in the tray there, as well. Thank you.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You: Thank you to the following parishioners for donating various liturgical and other supplies to our new Parish: Phill and Robin Floor; Chris and Heidi Gounaris; Barbara and Harry Hillas; Chuck and Goldie Karpakis; Stan and Sophie Kouris; Chris and Mary Katherine Venizelos; Michael and Angela Petrogeorge; George and Tina Sergakis; Bruce and Kathy Shand; Peter Souvall; Joe Varanakis Family/Presto Print; and Sophie Wondolowski. Thank you to Marcus Geromes, Leo Davis, Dean Athens and Rachel Mellas for their chanting services; Presvytera Marilynn Andruchow and Georgette Lowe for organizing and leading our communal choir; and Mike Varanakis and Leo Davis for helping us secure wireless microphones for use during our Liturgy services. Thanks to Mark Vrontikis for helping us to memorialize our inaugural Divine Liturgy on August 31, 2014, and Isaac Pantone for his excellent photographs. And a very special thanks to Stan Kouris for helping in the narthex, and Liberty Mudrock for helping with post-Liturgy fellowship hours.

Post-Liturgy Fellowship: The Kireiev family will host this week's post-Liturgy fellowship hour. Thank you!

Schedule of Upcoming Services: We expect to have a visiting priest for Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 21, 2014. We are also working to secure visiting priests for Sunday, September 28, 2014 and Sunday, October 5, 2014. If no priest is available on any of these dates, we will hold lay services and Sunday School.

Keyboardist Needed: We would like to add a keyboard to our Liturgy to enhance the experience and assist us in our communal singing. Please contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net or 801-278-3395 if you can volunteer your time and talent.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7pm. Please contact Dr. Beck at asabeck@msn.com or 801-573-6800 if you wish to attend so that we can secure a large enough meeting space.

Fall Parish Assembly: Our fall Parish Assembly has been scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2014 from 2-4pm (Location TBD).