



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

**Sunday, October 12, 2014
Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council**

**Orthros: 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.**

**Celebrant:
Rev. Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas**

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.

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Epistle Reading – St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Daniel 3.26,27

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading - The Gospel of Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when

they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion

You descended on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Entrance Hymn

Come let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who arose from the dead.

Hymn for the Church

Blessed are you, O Christ our God; you made the fisherman all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them you drew the world into your net. O lover of mankind, glory to You.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians unshamable, mediation with the Creator immovable, we sinners beg you, do not despise the voices of our prayers, but anticipate, since you are good, and swiftly come unto our aid as we cry out to you with faith; Hurry to intercession and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who defend now and ever those who honor you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Welcome Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas: We are blessed to have Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas from the Greek Orthodox Metropolis celebrating Divine Liturgy with us this Sunday.

Notes from Metropolitan Isaiah Regarding Liturgical Etiquette:

Kneeling during the Consecration of the Holy Gifts is encouraged, based on an encyclical from Archbishop Michael and followed since 1952. However, this must be dealt with in a practical manner, and those who cannot kneel may stand. Those who wish to kneel may move to the aisles where there is adequate room to do so if desired. An alternative to kneeling is to bow at the waist or simply stand attentively and prayerfully with head bowed. Remember the principle of Economea and do what you are able to given your physical condition and the limited space in our rows of seating.

The prayers before Communion are meant for the priest to recite but can be recited silently by those prepared to receive Communion. This is preferred to having the entire congregation recite the prayer as some may not be receiving. After Communion, those who have received should recite or offer a prayer of thanksgiving. (The Parish Council will be putting together a handout with these prayers that can be passed out with the Liturgy booklets.)

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

Sunday, October 19, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Celebrant: Reverend Father James Foreso

Sunday, October 26, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Father Ambrose Omayas

Sunday, November 2, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m. /Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Celebrant: Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis
Memorial Service: Jo Anne Kannes Peterson (10 Years)

If the assigned celebrant is unable to attend as scheduled, and no substitute can be found, we will hold lay services and Sunday School.

Memorial Services: If you would like to schedule a memorial, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at president@gomissionparishut.org or 801-573-6800. All scheduled memorials are subject to the availability of a visiting priest.

Pastoral Visitations: Some of our visiting clergy may be available to make pastoral visits to those who have health conditions that prevent them from attending Liturgy. Contact Dr. Charles Beck at president@gomissionparishut.org or 801-573-6800 to arrange such visitations.

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 on the children's pangari located in the narthex.

Fellowship Hour: This week's fellowship hour is being hosted in part by the Elyse Pantke White Foundation in recognition of breast cancer awareness month. Lloyd and Penny Mills, Fred and Connie Pantke, Joe and Ann Sasich and Bob and Heidi Varechok are co-hosting with the foundation. Thanks to all!

Chanters Welcome: Anyone interested and with prior training in chanting Orthros is welcome to assist us. Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at asacbeck@msn.com or 801-573-6800 for more information.

Long Range Planning Meeting: The Parish Council will hold a long range strategic planning meeting today, Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Woods on Ninth reception center. If you would like to participate in this process, please let Dr. Charles Beck know at president@gomissionparishut.org.

Sunday School Pictures: Sunday School pictures will be taken on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Make sure your children and grandchildren are in attendance so they can be depicted in our Parish's inaugural Sunday School yearbook.

Fall Parish Assembly: Our Fall Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Woods on Ninth reception center. An agenda is forthcoming.

Vigil Candles: We now have vigil candles available in the narthex! Because we only rent the facility on Sundays, any remaining vigil candles will have to be extinguished at the conclusion of services. Until we have a permanent church facility, parishioners are encouraged to take their vigil candles home to burn at their own sanctuary. A special thank you to Elaine Zambos for donating the first box of vigil candles to our Parish.

Stewardship: Our continued thanks to everyone who has submitted their stewardship pledge cards and made stewardship contributions to date. Your generosity and support for our new Parish, not only in the form of attendance and volunteerism but also financially, has been overwhelming. We feel very blessed to have such giving and dedicated parishioners in our new Parish.

If you made a stewardship contribution, you should have received an email from our Treasurer, Chris Gounaris, acknowledging receipt of your contribution and thanking you for your stewardship. If you made a payment but did not receive such an email, please contact Chris at 801-660-9224 or treasurer@gomissionparishut.org.

Stewardship cards are available after Liturgy and can also be found on our website: www.gomissionparishut.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@gomissionparishut.org, or given to any Parish Council member in a sealed envelope 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 in a sealed envelope.

Recurring Stewardship Payments: Some of our parishioners have inquired into the ability to establish a monthly direct deposit for stewardship payments. Due to the cost and process involved, this option is not viable for our new Parish at this time. Parishioners are encouraged, however, to consider whether the free bill pay services available through their own financial institution will allow for the automatic sending of stewardship checks.

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.

Thank You Sexton Ministry Team! Everyone is grateful for the sacrifice and dedication of the following team members who arrive at 8:00 on Sunday mornings to help the Parish Council prepare the Woods on Ninth reception center for Divine Liturgy, then stay after fellowship hour to tear down and store everything: Nick Daskalas, Perry Drossos, Gerard Gallegos, Harry Hillas, Jim Karpakis, Mark Kouris, Tom Leitko, Georgette Lowe, Fred Pentke, Mike Radivoyevich, Ron Steele, Matt Varanakis, Tony Varanakis and Charlie & Sandra Zoolakis. We still need more volunteers for our Sexton Ministry Team. Please contact 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.

Women's Ministry Team: Ladies, it's time for us to gather together again for more fun, food and fellowship. Please join us on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Sole Mio Ristorante, 8657 S. Highland Dr. Please RSVP to Barbara Hillas at 801-576-8788 or bhillas@q.com or Mary Feotis at 801-277-4436 or mfeotis@gmail.com. by October 18, 2014. We'll take a few minutes to discuss upcoming events in our Parish.

Community Cookbook Fundraiser: Thanks to everyone that sent in their recipes for the community cookbook fundraiser! Kim Souvall received over 200 delicious recipes for inclusion in the book. Kim will need help typing recipes into the template and preparing the books for publication. Please contact her at kimsouvall@gmail.com if you can help.

Weekly Bulletin and Pan-Orthodox Community Announcements: If you would like to have any announcements included in our weekly bulletin, please send them to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Publication is at the discretion of the Parish Council, and will be limited to announcements that are directly related to the affairs of the Parish.

Pan-Orthodox Community Announcements, including announcements from other Orthodox parishes in the Valley and from ethnic-based fraternal and other organizations, will be included in a separately disseminated flier. Announcements for this flier should also be sent to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Parish Communications: We want to make sure that we are communicating with anyone who has an interest in our new Parish. If you know someone who is not receiving our communications but may wish to do so, or know someone who does not use email and wishes to receive communications via regular mail, please contact Michael Petrogeorge at 801-243-8684 or secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

Prayer List: Adam, Anastasia, Ange, Barbara, Bill, Christopher, George, Irene, John, Katherine, Maria, Mary, Matylda, Mitch. Please send any additional names for the Prayer List to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

Thank you Presto Print and the Joe Varanakis family for your continued generosity in printing our weekly bulletins.