



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, October 26, 2014

Sixth Sunday of Luke

***Commemoration of the Great Earthquake
in Constantinople***

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Celebrants:

Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

Reverend Deacon 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.

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Epistle Reading – St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 63.11,1

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord

Verse: Oh God, here me cry

TIMOTHY, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Gospel Reading - The Gospel of Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of

swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

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 Earthquake

Christ our God, who look upon the earth and make it tremble, deliver us from the dread threat of earthquake; and send down upon us your rich mercies, at the prayers of the Mother of God, O lover of mankind.

Hymn for the Saint

All the world has you, its mighty champion, fortifying us in times of danger, and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. So, as you humbled

Lyaios's arrogance by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrios, to Christ our God pray fervently, beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

Hymn for the Church

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs through out all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church, through them, doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Communion Hymn

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

Dismissal Hymn

Preserve him who blesses and sanctifies us, O Lord; preserve him for many years.

Orthodox Saints Commemorated on October 26: On October 26, we celebrate The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer and his martyred servant, St. Lupus. Other saints commemorated today include: St. Theophilus, St. Cedd, St. Joseph of Dionysiou, and St. Alfred the Great.

Welcome Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas: We are blessed to once again have Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas from the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver with us to celebrate Divine Liturgy. Fr. Ambrose will be assisted by Deacon Anatoli Kireiev.

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

Stewardship Sunday TODAY: Today is the official kickoff to our 2015 stewardship campaign. In lieu of a sermon from Fr. Ambrose, John Kaloudis will give a special presentation on the meaning and importance of stewardship in the Orthodox faith. Our Stewardship Ministry Team will be serving a meatball lunch during the post-Liturgy fellowship hour. Please join us!

Each and every one of our stewards has been so incredibly generous with their commitments and giving thus far in 2014. As a result, we are off to a strong fiscal start and have been able to easily meet our existing needs. At the upcoming Parish Assembly, the Parish Council plans to present a budget for 2015 that will allow our Parish to secure a more permanent worship facility that can be used for weekday services plus youth and other activities, and to accommodate the assignment of a full-time priest at the discretion of His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah. To achieve both of these two worthy goals, the proposed budget will require revenues of approximately \$32,000 more than current annual pledges provide. We ask that each of our existing stewards prayerfully consider their support for 2015 with these goals in mind. Please consider recommitting an amount at least equal to the annual amount previously pledged. We ask those who have not yet had the opportunity to become stewards to prayerfully consider a commitment for 2015.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to the Stewardship Ministry Team for serving our meatball lunch, and to Chris and Irene Petrogeorge and Dean and Sylvia Zekas for providing the desserts and drinks for this week's post-Liturgy fellowship hour!

Upcoming Memorial Services:

November 9, 2014: Jo Anne Kannes Peterson (10 years); Stylianos Emmanuel Tzeirnakis (3 months)

November 23, 2014: Peter W. (3 years) and Mary Y. Souvall (5 years)

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.

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

Sunday, November 2, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Celebrant: Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis

Sunday, November 9, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Luke Kontgas

Sunday, November 16, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Celebrant: Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis.

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

Altar Servers Needed: We need more altar servers to wear our beautiful new robes! We urge all young men between the ages of 8 and 18 years old to consider serving in the altar. Please provide the names of those willing to serve to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparish.org or 801-243-8684.

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. Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at president@gomissionparishut.org or 801-573-6800 to schedule.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at 801-573-6800 or president@gomissionparishut.org so we can ensure a large enough meeting space.

Thank You: Our deepest gratitude to Fr. Lou Christopoulos, Fr. James Foreso and the parishioners of St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in Greenwood Village, Colorado for the beautiful altar boy robes, to Fr. Paul Costopoulos and the parishioners of Holy Trinity – Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Birmingham, Alabama for the additional liturgical altar supplies, and to John Kaloudis and Nick Varanakis for their personal assistance in securing these much needed and appreciated donations. We are so very blessed to feel the love and support of our sister parishes near and far!

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

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 to consider whether the free bill pay services available through their own financial institution will allow for the automatic sending of stewardship checks.

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.

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.

Our Parish Bylaws state that a member is in good standing and thereby eligible to vote at the Parish Assembly if he or she has submitted a stewardship commitment card and paid a proportionate share of his or her stewardship commitment through the quarter immediately

preceding the Parish Assembly. Because our Parish will have been in existence for just over two months, or 1/6 of the year, at the time of the Parish Assembly, a member will be considered in good standing if he or she has submitted a stewardship commitment card and paid 1/6 of their annual commitment as of the date of the Parish Assembly. Please contact Chris Gounaris at treasurer@gomissionparishut.org or 801-660-9224 if you have any questions regarding your eligibility to vote at the upcoming Parish Assembly.

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.

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.

Weekly Bulletin and Pan-Orthodox Community Announcements: If you would like to have any announcements included in our weekly bulletin or pan-orthodox community announcement flier, please send them to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Sexton Ministry Team: We still need more volunteers for our Sexton Ministry Team. Please contact Chuck Karpakis at vicepresident@gomissionparishut.org or 801-265-0900 or Joe Varanakis at joe2263@comcast.net or 801-694-6576 to help.

Prayer List: Adam, Anastasia, Ange, Anthony, Barbara, Bill, Cathy, Christopher, Connie, Garegin, George, Helen, Irene, Jackie, John, Katherine, Maria, Mary, Matylda, Mitch, Tom, Zachary. Please send any additional names to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org.