

Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, November 2, 2014 Fifth Sunday of Luke

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

Celebrants: Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis 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 Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 103.24,1

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading - The Gospel of Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His 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 Martyrs

O victorious Martyrs of the Lord, blessed is the earth that was enriched by your blood, and holy are the dwellings that received your spirits. In the stadium you triumphed over the enemy, and you proclaimed the name of Christ openly. Entreat Him, since He is good, to save our souls.

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 November 2: On November 2 we commemorate the Holy Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidiphoros, Anempodistos and the 7,000 Martyred with them in Persia. Other saints commemorated today include St. Marcian of Cyrrhus; and Holy Martyr St. Justus of Trieste.

Welcome Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis: We are blessed to once again have Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis from the Assumption of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Denver with us to celebrate Divine Liturgy today. Fr. Dimitrios will be assisted by Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you Lorlee Karpakis, Chuck and Goldie Karpakis, Kelli Karpakis, James Karpakis and Georgia Hardy for hosting this week's post-Liturgy fellowship hour. Please join us!

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

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

Sunday, November 23, 2014 - Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 30, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

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

Upcoming Memorial Services:

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

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

November 30, 2014: Michael (16 years) and Anna (5 years) Pananos

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.

Altar Servers Needed: We need more altar servers! We ask all young men between the ages of 8 and 18 years old to consider serving in the altar. No prior experience necessary. Please provide the names of those willing to serve to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org or 801-243-8684.

<u>Pastoral Visitations:</u> 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 <u>president@gomissionparishut.org</u> or 801-573-6800 to schedule.

CrossRoad 2015 Summer Program: The CrossRoad Summer Institute is an engaging 10-day program for high school juniors and seniors at Hellenic College Holy Cross, where students study Orthodox Christianity, pray as a community, form lifelong friendships, engage in service and prepare for their future. There are two sessions offered: June 20-30, 2015 and July 7-17, 2015. Application priority deadline is March 2, 2015. Applications may be downloaded at www.crossroadinstitute.org. Visit the website or call 617-850-1310 for more information.

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.

<u>Parish Council Meeting:</u> The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at 801-573-6800 or <u>president@gomissionparishut.org</u> so we can ensure a large enough meeting space.

<u>Fall Parish Assembly:</u> 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 was distributed earlier this week.

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 their donations to date equal 1/6 of their annual commitment.

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. If you made a donation to the Parish but have not yet completed a stewardship commitment card for 2014, please visit www.gomissionparishut.org/?page_id=21 in order to submit a 2014 commitment card consistent with your prior donation.

<u>Thanksgiving Koulourakia for Sale:</u> The Women's Ministry Team will sell koulourakia after Liturgy on Sunday, November 23, 2014. To preorder, please contact Mae Georgelas at <u>yiayiamae@msn.com</u> or 801-278-9031.

<u>Sub for Santa:</u> If you know someone in need of Sub for Santa assistance this holiday season, please contact Barbara Hillas at 801-576-8788 or <u>bhillas@q.com</u>.

Stewardship Information:

<u>2014 Stewardship:</u> Our continued thanks to everyone who has submitted their stewardship commitment cards and made stewardship contributions for 2014. Each and every one of our stewards has been so incredibly generous with their commitments and giving thus far in 2014. We feel very blessed to have such generous and committed parishioners!

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.

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.

2015 Stewardship: Thank you to those who have already submitted their stewardship commitment cards for 2015! At the upcoming Parish Assembly, the Parish Council will 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 \$33,000 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.

2015 stewardship commitment cards are available after Liturgy and can also be found on our website: www.gomissionparishut.org. Completed stewardship commitment 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.

<u>Recurring Stewardship Payments:</u> Some of our parishioners have inquired into the ability to establish a monthly direct deposit for stewardship payments. We are exploring different options to facilitate these requests. In the meantime, 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.

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.

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

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