



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, November 16, 2014

**Sunday of Matthew
the Apostle & Evangelist**

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 Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 18.4, 1

Their voice has gone out into all the earth

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God

BRETHREN, the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

Gospel Reading - The Gospel of Matthew 9:9-13

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as he sat at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the

Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Entrance Hymn

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

For the Evangelist

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Hymn for the Church

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout 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

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

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 16: On November 16 we commemorate Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist. Other saints commemorated today include St. Fulvianus of Ethiopia, St. Sergius Abbott of Malopinega, New Hieromartyr Philoumenos of Jacob's Well and Holy Martyr Ephigenia of Ethiopia.

Welcome Reverend Father Dimitri and Presbytera Kathleen

Kyritsis: We are blessed to once again have the Reverend Father Dimitri Kyritsis from the Assumption of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Denver to celebrate Divine Liturgy with us today. Fr. Kyritsis is accompanied by his wife, Presbytera Kathleen, and will be assisted by Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev.

Thank You: A special thanks to Fr. Dimitri and Presbytera Kyritsis for their extra efforts in providing our altar server training, Great Vespers and Advent Family Workshop. Thank you to Phill Floor, Chuck Karpakis and Jim Mylonakis for cooking the Greek codfish plaki for the Lenten supper and to Sophie Wondolowski and the Women's Ministry Team for setting up and organizing the pot luck portion of the buffet.

Upcoming Visit from His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah: Next weekend, His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah will make his inaugural visit to our new Parish! Metropolitan Isaiah will be accompanied by Reverend Deacon Paul Zaharas. His Eminence will celebrate Divine Liturgy with our Parish on Sunday, November 23, 2014, at The Woods on Ninth, located at 6775 S. 900 East, Midvale. Orthros will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy will commence at 10:00 a.m. Metropolitan Isaiah will be assisted by Deacon Paul, as well as Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev. An extended fellowship hour will follow Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to join us on this special day!

Altar Server News: The altar servers for this week are Andy Adondakis, Mitchell Mallas and Matthew Mallas. All altar servers are encouraged to serve with His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah next

week. All young men between the ages of 8 and 18 years are invited to serve in the altar. For more information, contact Michael Petrogeorge at 801-243-8684 or secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you Mae Georgelas, Harry and Barbara Hillas, Jim and Argie Priskos, and Mike and Michelle Radivoyevich for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Please join us!

Next week's fellowship hour will be hosted by the Souvall family and the Women's Ministry Team.

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

Sunday, November 23, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Visiting Celebrants: His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah and Reverend Deacon Paul Zaharas.

Sunday, November 30, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Visiting Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Luke Kontgas

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

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 23, 2014:

William A. Souvall (40 years)	Elyse Pantke White (6 years)
Avrokome Souvall (33 years)	Mary Y. Souvall (5 years)
Andrew W. Souvall (25 years)	Peter W. Souvall (3 years)
George W. Souvall (8 years)	

November 30, 2014:

Michael Pananos (16 years)	Anna Pananos (5 years)
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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.

Fall Parish Assembly Recap: Thanks to everyone who attended our Fall Parish Assembly this past Sunday. The support and participation of all our parishioners are both so critical to our success, and we are blessed to be moving forward with such faith and dedication.

The Parish Assembly unanimously approved a budget for 2015 that will allow us to support the assignment of a full-time clergyman at such time as God and His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah determine it to be best, as well as the rental of a more permanent, full-time facility for our worship and fellowship activities. If you would like a copy of the approved budget for 2015, please contact our Treasurer, Chris Gounaris, at 801-660-9224 or treasurer@gomissionparishut.org.

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

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

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

Sunday School Christmas Program: Our Sunday School students will present their Christmas program immediately following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 21, 2014. The program will be followed by breakfast and a special visit from Santa! All are invited and welcome to attend this community Christmas gathering.

Youth Christmas Gathering: Please join us for a Christmas youth gathering on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, at noon at The Wairhouse Trampoline Park, located at 3653 S. 500 West, Salt Lake City (www.thewairhouse.com). Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to Kim Mallas at kmallas22@gmail.com or 801-915-7815. Youth from all of the Orthodox parishes are invited and welcome to attend.

Christmas Eve Services: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas will be in Salt Lake City from December 23, 2014, through December 28, 2014, to spend Christmas with our Parish. Father Ambrose will celebrate Christmas Eve services on December 24, 2014, at The Woods on Ninth, located at 6775 S. 900 East, Midvale. More details to come!

Godparents Sunday: Sunday, February 1, 2015, will be Godparents Sunday at our Parish. Mark your calendars now!

Stewardship Information:

2014 Stewardship: Our continued thanks to everyone who has submitted their stewardship commitment cards and made stewardship contributions for 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 in 2014, 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! The 2015 budget approved by our Parish Assembly requires revenues of approximately \$20,000 more than current 2014 annual pledges would provide. Please consider recommitting an amount at least equal to the annual amount previously pledged. And if you have not yet had the opportunity to become stewards, we hope that you will prayerfully consider a commitment for 2015.

2015 stewardship commitment cards can be found on our website: www.gomissionparishut.org/?page_id=21 and are also available in the narthex during Liturgy. 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.

Recurring Stewardship Payments: 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.

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.

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 Wednesday.

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