

Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, November 23, 2014 Ninth Sunday of Luke

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

Celebrants: His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah Reverend Deacon Paul Zaharas 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 Ephesians 2:14-22

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 28.11, 1
The Lord will give strength to his people
Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God,
bring to the Lord honor and glory



BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both

have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel Reading - The Gospel of Luke 12:16-21



The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will

they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

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 Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

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.

The Pheme (Bishop's Anthem) for Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

Isaiah the most-reverend and God-chosen Metropolitan of the Holy Metropolis of Denver, our father and chief shepherd: many years!

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 23: On November 23 we commemorate St. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium, St. Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum and St. Ischyrion, Bishop of Egypt. Other saints commemorated today include. Martyr Theodore of Antioch, St. Sisnius the Confessor, St. Metrophanes, Bishop of Voronezh, and St. Dionysius I, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Welcome Metropolitan Isaiah and Deacon Paul Zaharas: We are so incredibly blessed to welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah and Reverend Deacon Paul Zaharas from the Metropolis of Denver to celebrate Divine Liturgy with our Parish today! Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev will also assist with the Liturgy.

Altar Server News: All altar servers are invited to serve with His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah today. The scheduled altar servers for Sunday, November 30, 2014 are Jacob Pananos, Dionysios (Dennis) Apostole and Myles Burke. 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 secretary@gomissionparishut.org or 801-243-8684.

<u>Fellowship Hour:</u> Today's extended fellowship hour with Metropolitan Isaiah and Deacon Paul is co-hosted by the Souvall family and the Women's Ministry Team. Thank you!

Next week's fellowship hour will be hosted by the Daskalas/Pananos families.

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

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

Sunday, December 14, 2014 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Father Jimi Foreso

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:

Today:

William A. Souvall (40 years)

Avrokome Souvall (33 years)

Andrew W. Souvall (25 years)

Elyse Pantke White (6 years)

Mary Y. Souvall (5 years)

Peter W. Souvall (3 years)

George W. Souvall (8 years)

November 30, 2014:

Michael Pananos (16 years) Anna Pananos (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.

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

<u>Thanksgiving Koulourakia for Sale:</u> The Women's Ministry Team will sell koulourakia today!

<u>Sub for Santa:</u> If you know someone in need of Sub for Santa assistance this holiday season, please contact Barbara Hillas by November 30, 2014, at 801-576-8788 or <u>bhillas@q.com</u>.

<u>Sunday School Christmas Program:</u> 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.

<u>Christmas Eve Services:</u> Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas 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 and invite your children's Godparents to join us!

Women's Ministry Team Officers: The steering council of the Women's Ministry Team met this week and selected the following officers and committee chairs: Co-Chairs: Barbara Hillas and Carolyn Leitko; Co-Vice Chairs: Joanne Dokos and Ann Sasich; Co-Secretaries: Klea Gallegos and Elaine Peterson; Co-Treasurers: Penny Mills and Liz Varanakis; Service, Philanthropy & Benevolence Committee Co-Chairs: Pauline Jensen and Georgette Lowe; Faith Ministry Co-Chairs: Joanne Dokos and Sophie Wondolowski; Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs: Mary Simos and Elaine Zambos; Outreach, Fellowship, Membership and Family Committee Co-Chairs: Elleney Soter and Gina Stavros; Social Committee Co-Chairs: Barbara Hillas, Amber Pananos and Theano Pantone. We appreciate the time and talent offered by all members of the Women's Ministry Team!

Thank You: We offer our special thanks to all of the women in our Parish who so generously donate their time, talent and treasure in preparing the prosforo for our Divine Liturgy each week, including Mary Feotis, Colette Moore, Liberty Mudrock, Kris Parenti, Irene Petrogeorge, MK Venizelos and Ellen Varanakis. A special thank you also to Liberty Mudrock for her selfless and continued assistance with our weekly fellowship hour. We are so very blessed to have Liberty with us and greatly appreciate her contributions to our Parish.

Stewardship Information:

<u>2014 Stewardship:</u> 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 the Parish Council 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.

<u>2015 Stewardship:</u> Thank you to those who have already submitted their stewardship commitment cards for 2015! We are off to an excellent start.

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. There is no minimum stewardship for our Parish; all we seek is proportional and cheerful giving.

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.

<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.

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.crossroadinsitute.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 announcements next week (Thanksgiving week), please send them to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2014.

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