



## Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, November 30, 2014  
Andrew the First-Called Apostle

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

**Celebrant:**  
**Very Reverend Father Luke Kontgas**

**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.

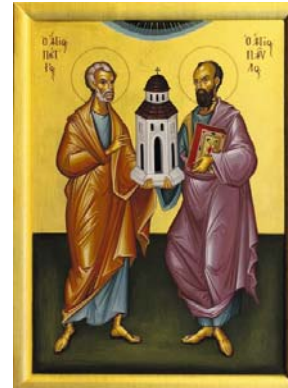
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## Epistle Reading - St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

*Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 18.4, 1*

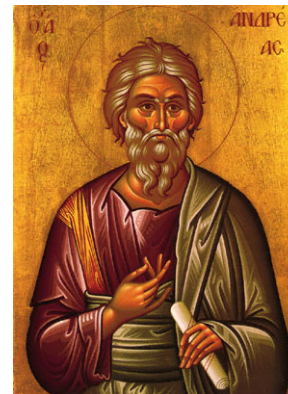
*Their voice has gone into all the earth.*

*Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.*



BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

## Gospel Reading - The Gospel of John 1:35-51



At that time, John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and

said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

### **Hymns at Small Entrance**

#### *Resurrection Apolytikion*

You descended from 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 Apostle – St. Andrew the First-Called**

As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls.

### **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**

On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

### **Communion Hymn**

Their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.

### **Dismissal Hymn**

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

**Orthodox Saints Commemorated on November 30:** On November 30 we commemorate St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle. Other saints commemorated today include St. Froumentios, Archbishop of Abyssina; Martyr Abibus, Bishop of Nekressi; St. Alexander, Bishop of Mithymna; St. Tudwal, Bishop in Wales and Brittany; and St. Vakhtang Gorgasali, King of Georgia.

**Welcome Father Luke Kontgas:** We are so pleased to once again welcome the Very Reverend Father Luke Kontgas from Price, Utah to celebrate Divine Liturgy with our Parish today.

**Fellowship Hour:** Thank you to the Daskalas/Pananos families for hosting this week’s fellowship hour. Pease join us!

Next week’s fellowship hour will be hosted by Mark and Stacey Kouris, and Stan and Sophie Kouris.

**Altar Servers:** The scheduled altar servers for Sunday, November 30, 2014, are Jacob Pananos, Dionysios (Dennis) Apostole and Myles Burke. The scheduled altar servers for Sunday, December 7, 2014, are Kosta Sergakis, Zachary Petrogeorge and Jonathan Petrogeorge. All

young men between the ages of 8 and 18 years are invited to serve in the altar. For more information, please contact Michael Petrogeorge at [secretary@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:secretary@gomissionparishut.org) or 801-243-8684.

### **Schedule of Upcoming Services:**

*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 Foresos

*Sunday, December 21, 2014* – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.  
Visiting 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.

### **Memorial Services:**

#### Today:

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

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

**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](mailto:vicepresident@gomissionparishut.org) or Joe Varanakis at 801-694-6576 or [joe2263@comcast.net](mailto:joe2263@comcast.net) to help.

**Sub for Santa:** If you know someone in need of Sub for Santa assistance this holiday season, please contact Barbara Hillas by November 30, 2014 (today), at 801-576-8788 or [bhillas@q.com](mailto:bhillas@q.com).

### **Prophet Elias Choir 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Christmas Concert:**

The Prophet Elias Choir's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Christmas Concert will be presented Sunday, December 14, 2014, at Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church, 5335 S. Highland Drive, Holladay (Small Gym). Dinner at 6:00 p.m./Concert at 7:00 p.m.

The event is free, but the maximum attendance is 200 people, so **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

If you come without a reservation, you will be given a waiting number just in case there are any no-shows. If there are not any no-shows, you may stand around the room to hear the concert, but we will not be able to serve you dinner due to the lack of seating space.

Contact Micky Maritsas at 801-262-3789 or [palmicpm@netscape.net](mailto:palmicpm@netscape.net) to reserve your seat now!

**Women's Ministry Team Jingle & Mingle:** Mark your calendars now for the Women's Ministry Team's Jingle & Mingle event on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. More details to follow. It will be a fun evening with good food and good friends. Hope to see you all there!

**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.

We need to secure shepherd and angel costumes for the program. If you can help in providing such costumes, please contact Kim Mallas at [kmallas22@gmail.com](mailto:kmallas22@gmail.com) or Kim Souvall at [kimsouvall@gmail.com](mailto:kimsouvall@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.thewairhouse.com)). Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to Kim Mallas at [kmallas22@gmail.com](mailto: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 celebrate Christmas Eve services on December 24, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at The Woods on Ninth, located at 6775 S. 900 East, Midvale. All are invited and welcome to attend!

**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!

**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 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](mailto:treasurer@gomissionparishut.org).

**2015 Stewardship:** 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](http://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](mailto: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.crossroadinsitute.org](http://www.crossroadinsitute.org). Visit the website or call 617-850-1310 for more information.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at [president@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:president@gomissionparishut.org) or 801-573-6800 if you plan to attend so we can reserve adequate space.

**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, please send them to Michael Petrogeorge at [secretary@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:secretary@gomissionparishut.org) by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

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