

# **Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah**

Sunday, November 9, 2014 Seventh Sunday of Luke

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 Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1. Psalm 11.7, 1 You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## Gospel Reading - The Gospel of Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

#### **Hymns at Small Entrance**

## Resurrection Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

#### 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 Saint**

The son of Silybria, the guardian of Aegina, and the ardent lover of virtue who in recent years has appeared, the God-inspired servant of Christ Nektarios, O faithful, let us praise. For he gushes forth healings of every kind to those who cry out reverently: Glory to Christ who glorified you; glory to Him for your miracles; glory to Him who through you effects cures for all.

#### 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**

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 9: On November 9 we commemorate St. Nektarios the Wonderworker, Metropolitan of Pentapolis and Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus. Other saints commemorated today include Sts. Matrona, Eustolia and Sosipatra, abbesses of Constantinople and St. Theoktista of Lesbos.

<u>Welcome Very Reverend Father Luke Kontgas:</u> We are blessed to once again have the Very Reverend Father Luke Kontgas with us to celebrate Divine Liturgy today. Fr. Kontgas resides in Price, Utah.

<u>Veterans Day Prayer Service:</u> Immediately following Divine Liturgy today, Fr. Kontgas will lead us in a special prayer service for those Orthodox men and women who have served in the armed forces. We are deeply grateful for the many sacrifices of these heroic men and women.

Altar Server News: The altar servers for this week are Kosta Sergakis, Zachary Petrogeorge and Jonathan Petrogeorge. The altar servers for next week are Andy Adondakis, Mitchell Mallas and Matthew Mallas. All young men between the ages of 8 and 18 years are invited to serve. For more information, contact Michael Petrogeorge at 801-243-8684 or <a href="mailto:server-serve

All current and prospective altar servers and their parents are invited to a social gathering and orientation/training session with Fr. Dimitri Kyritsis on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the

Crystal Inn, 818 E. Winchester St., Murray. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to Kim Mallas at <a href="mailto:kmallas22@gmail.com">kmallas22@gmail.com</a>.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you Gerard and Klea Gallegos, Jeff Varanakis, John and Bunnie Varanakis, Nick and Ellen Varanakis, and Sylvia Varanakis for hosting this week's post-Liturgy fellowship hour. Next week's fellowship hour will be hosted by Mae Georgelas, Harry and Barbara Hillas, and Jim and Argie Priskos. Please join us!

## **Schedule of Upcoming Services:**

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:**

*Today:* 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 <a href="mailto:president@gomissionparishut.org">president@gomissionparishut.org</a> or 801-573-6800. All scheduled memorials are subject to the availability of a visiting priest.

**Parish Council Meeting:** 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 president@gomissionparishut.org to ensure adequate meeting space.

<u>Fall Parish Assembly:</u> Our Fall Parish Assembly will be held TODAY, November 9, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Woods on Ninth reception center. The agenda for this meeting was distributed via email, and a full Parish Assembly packet was mailed to all

committed stewards last week. If you believe that you are a committed steward for 2014 but did not receive a Parish Assembly packet, please contact Chris Gounaris at 801-660-9224 or treasurer@gomissionparishut.org.

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 has been in existence for just over two months, or 1/6 of the year, 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 <a href="mailto:treasurer@gomissionparishut.org">treasurer@gomissionparishut.org</a> 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 <a href="www.gomissionparishut.org/?page\_id=21">www.gomissionparishut.org/?page\_id=21</a> in order to submit a 2014 commitment card consistent with your prior donation.

Family Advent Workshop and Vespers with Fr. Dimitri Kyritsis: On Saturday, November 15, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., Fr. Dimitri Kyritsis and Presbytera Kathleen will offer a Family Advent Workshop. As part of the workshop, families will build an Advent Wreath to celebrate the Journey to Incarnation. Following the workshop (at approximately 5:00 p.m.), Fr. Kyritsis will celebrate Great Vespers. A no-host group dinner will follow. All events will be held at the Crystal Inn, 818 E. Winchester St., Murray. All are invited to attend!

<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. 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 today's 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 can be found on our website: <a href="www.gomissionparishut.org/?page\_id=21">www.gomissionparishut.org/?page\_id=21</a> 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 <u>treasurer@gomissionparishut.org</u>, 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.

Women's Ministry Team: The Women's Ministry Team has selected the following women to serve on its governing board: Joanne Dokos, Klea Gallegos, Barbara Hillas, Pauline Jensen, Carolyn Leitko, Georgette Lowe, Penny Mills, Amber Pananos, Elaine Peterson, Bunnie Varanakis and Liz Varanakis. Officers and committee chairs will be identified soon.

<u>Congratulations:</u> On August 10, 2014, John Feotis was one of the 181 South Korean Veterans honored at the Utah State Capitol Building Rotunda by the South Korean Consulate and the State of Utah. Congratulations John!

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 <a href="mailto:secretary@gomissionparishut.org">secretary@gomissionparishut.org</a> by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

<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, 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 <u>secretary@gomissionparishut.org</u>.