



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, January 4, 2015
Sunday before Epiphany

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

Celebrants:

Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas
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 Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8



Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2.
Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Gospel Reading – The Gospel of Mark 1:1-8



The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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 Forefeast of Theophany

O Zabublon, prepare, and be ready, Nephthalim. Jordan River, hold your course, and exultantly receive the Master who is coming to be baptized. Adam leap for joy with Eve the Foremother. No longer hide yourselves, as once in Paradise; for having seen you naked He has appeared to clothe you in your former vesture. The Christ has appeared, wishing to renew the entire creation.

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

To the flowing streams today of River Jordan comes the Lord and cries aloud to John the Baptist, and He says, "Be not afraid to baptize me now; for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

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 January 4: On January 4 we commemorate Our Righteous Father Theoctistus, Abbot of Cuomo in Sicily; Saints Zosimos the Monk and Anthasios the Notary; the Righteous Apollinaria the Senator; the Holy Martyrs Chrysanthos and Euphemia; the Righteous Euthymios the Younger; the New Martyr Onuphrios; the Righteous Euthymios of Vatopedia; the Righteous John Scholarios; and St. Eustathios, Archbishop of Serbia.

Welcome Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas: We again welcome Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas from the Metropolis of Denver to celebrate Divine Liturgy with our Parish! Father Ambrose will be assisted by Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev.

Altar Servers: The scheduled altar servers for Sunday, January 4, 2015, are Andy Adondakis, Thanasi Johnson, Mitchell Mallas and Matthew Mallas. The scheduled altar servers for Sunday, January 11, 2015, are Jacob Pananos, Dionysios (Dennis) Apostole and Myles Burke. Please note, however, that any altar server may serve on any Sunday. 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 or 801-243-8684.

Sunday School: Sunday School classes resume TODAY, January 4, 2015.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Leo and Ludmila Davis for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Please join us!

A belated thank you also to Kosta and Terry Theodorou for co-hosting our fellowship hour last Sunday, December 28, 2014.

Next week's fellowship hour will be hosted by the Beck, Ikeda and Kireiev families.

Thank You! Thank you to Aubrey Anderson Bakker, Colette Moore, Liberty Mudrock, Terry Theodorou and Sophie Wondolowski for organizing our vasilopita sale last Sunday. Thank you also to each of our parishioners who made the delicious bread, and to everyone who

purchased vasilopita in support of our Parish. The outpouring of support for each of our Parish activities never ceases to amaze!

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

Epiphany:

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 – Orthros: 5:30 p.m./Divine Liturgy: 6:30 p.m./
Blessing of the Waters: 8:00 p.m.

Crystal Inn, Lg. Mtg. Room, 818 E. Winchester St. (6600 S.), Murray
Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

The Woods on Ninth, 6775 S. 900 East, Midvale

Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

The Woods on Ninth, 6775 S. 900 East, Midvale

Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Father Elias Warren

Confessions and Visitations: The Parish Council has arranged for Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas to hear confessions when he is here on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, for Epiphany. The confessions will be held at the Crystal Inn, Large Meeting Hall, 818 East Winchester Street (6600 S.), Murray. Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at 801-573-6800 or president@gomissionparishut.org to schedule an appointment. Please also let Dr. Beck know if you would like for any of our visiting priests to conduct shut-in visitations during their visits to our Parish in the coming weeks.

Memorial Services – May Their Memory Be Eternal:

Sunday, January 25, 2015:

Manoussou (Manos) Petrogeorge (1 year) and Evangeline (Angie) Georgelas Petrogeorge (3 years)

If you would like to schedule a memorial service, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at 801-573-6800 or president@gomissionparishut.org.

Setup for Confessions and Epiphany Services: The Parish Council requests all available members of the Sexton Ministry Team to meet at the Crystal Inn, 818 E. Winchester St. (6600 S.) at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015, to assist in setting up the Church in the hotel's large meeting room for the next day's confessions and Epiphany Services. Please contact Chuck Karpakis at 801-265-0900 or vicepresident@gomissionparishut.org if you are available to assist.

Men's Ministry Team Event: The Men's Ministry Team Retreat scheduled for January 9-10, 2015, at the Souvall's Six Pack Ranch has been postponed and will be rescheduled for spring or summer 2015.

In lieu of the retreat, we will hold a gathering for all men (18 and older) of the Parish on Saturday, January 10, 2015, from 5:30-11:00 p.m. at the Gun Vault, located at 1231 South Jordan Parkway West, South Jordan.

An organizational meeting will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The meeting will be followed by a potluck dinner. The main course, Dutch oven elk stifatho, will be provided. Please bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your last name: A-E: Salad and dressing; F-J: Side dish; K-O: Dessert; P-Z: Appetizer or chips and dip. After dinner, attendees may participate in range shooting, cards, pool or a movie in the theater.

Please bring beverages of your choice. Note, however, that no one under the age of 21 shall be allowed to drink alcohol, and that alcohol may **not** be consumed by those shooting until they are done shooting. Moderation is expected at all times.

The following range rules must be followed at all times:

- All who shoot may drink alcohol only after shooting completed and weapons locked in car;
- Range fees and gun rentals/ammo purchase at attendee's expense;
- Those shooting must sign facility Liability Release and understand Range Rules;

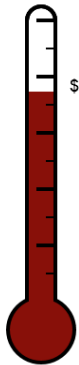
- All must wear eye and ear protection on the range; the GV has them available to rent or purchase;
- No shotguns, tracer, or steel-core ammunition; and
- First-time shooters MUST identify themselves and have assistance of an experienced attendee or range employee until comfortable with shooting safety and weapons being used.

Daughters of Penelope/AHEPA: The Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA present BASILE THE COMEDIAN on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at the Holy Trinity Memorial Building, 279 S. 300 West, Salt Lake City. Doors open at 6 p.m./Dinner at 7 p.m. 90 minute show will be followed by Greek coffee and dessert. Tickets are \$50.00, which includes dinner and the show. All proceeds will go towards college scholarships. Please contact Joanne Saltas at joannesaltas@gmail.com for information. Details regarding online ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities to come!

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

2015 Stewardship Information:

Target: \$230,000



\$171,170 - 74.4%

To date, we have received 67 commitment cards for 2015, with stewardship commitments totaling \$171,170, putting us at 74.45% of the goal we all established for ourselves at the Fall Parish Assembly. Reaching this goal will allow us to proceed with the lease of a permanent facility and allow compensation for a full-time priest. This is an excellent way to start the New Year!

Visit www.gomissionparishut.org/?page_id=21 to access the 2015 stewardship commitment card online. Commitment cards are also available in the narthex. Completed 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. If you would like to make a commitment without a card, or if you have any questions, please contact our Treasurer, Chris Gounaris, at 801-660-9224 or treasurer@gomissionparishut.org.

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

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2015, at approximately 7:00 p.m. (following set up of the Church) at the Crystal Inn, 818 E. Winchester St. (6600 S.). Any interested parishioner is welcome to attend.

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.

Weekly Bulletin and Pan-Orthodox Community Announcements: If you would like to have any announcements included in next week's bulletin or Pan-Orthodox community announcements, please send them to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

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

