



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, February 1, 2015
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

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 Letter to the Romans 8:28-39

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 15.3,8

Among the saints who are in his land, the Lord has been wondrous.

Verse: I see the Lord before me continually.



Brethren, we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading – The Gospel of Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other



men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. And therefore the powers of heaven cried to You, O Giver-of-Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

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 Feast

The choir of heaven's hosts, from the vaults of the heavens, bends forward to the earth and beholds as an infant the first-born of all creation being carried in of His holy virgin Mother unto the Temple. And with us they sign today a fore-festal anthem, in awe and astonishment.

Hymn for the Martyr

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save 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

With our hearts instead of arms today, believers, with most pure and righteous thoughts let us receive in our embrace the Lord and Master who comes to us, and let us offer our fore-festal hymns of praise.

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 February 1: On February 1 we commemorate Saint Tryphon the Martyr of Syria, Saints Perpetua & Felicity of Cathage and those martyred with them. Other saints commemorated today include Saint Timothy the Confessor, Saint Bridget of Kildare, New Martyr Anastasios of Nafplion, and Saint Basil the Archbishop of Thessalonica.

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

Godparents Sunday: TODAY, February 1, 2015, is Godparents Sunday at our Parish. An extra special welcome to those Godparents and Godchildren worshiping with us for the first time today. The relationship between Godparents and their Godchildren is a special and wonderful blessing!

Altar Server News: All males aged 8 to 18 are invited to serve in the altar. Please contact Michael Petrogeorge at 801-243-8684 or secretary@gomissionparishut.org for more information.

The scheduled altar servers this week are Jacob Pananos, Mitchell Mallas, Dionysios (Dennis) Apostole and Matthew Mallas. The altar servers scheduled for next week are Kosta Sergakis, Zachary Petrogeorge, Jonathan Petrogeorge and Miles Burke. Note that any altar server may serve on any Sunday, but that robe preference should be given to those scheduled to serve that day.

We need a tailor or seamstress to volunteer his or her time to alter some of robes so that they will better fit our younger altar servers. If you know anyone that might be willing to volunteer their time and talents, please contact Michael Petrogeorge at 801-243-8684 or secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Chris and Joanne Dokos, Tom and Carolyn Leitko, Lloyd and Penny Mills, Joe and Ann Sasich, and Bob and Heidi Varechok for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Please join us!

Next week's fellowship hour will be hosted by the Gerard and Klea Gallegos family and Elaine Zambos, in loving memory of Stylianos Emmanuel Tzeiranakis.

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

Sunday, February 8, 2015 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis

Sunday, February 15, 2015 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

Sunday, February 22, 2015 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Visiting Celebrant: Very Reverend Father Luke Kontgas

Memorial Services – May Their Memory Be Eternal:

Sunday, February 1, 2015:
John A. Nicolaysen (40 days)

Sunday, February 8, 2015:
Stylianos Emmanuel Tzeiranakis (6 months)

Sunday, February 15, 2015:
James S. Simos (40 days)

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

Visitations: Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at 801-573-6800 or president@gomissionparishut.org if you would like any of our priests to conduct shut-in visitations during their visits to our Parish.

Hosting Visiting Priests: If you would like to host one of our visiting priests, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at 801-573-6800 or president@gomissionparishut.org. Hosts are expected to pick the priest up from the airport upon arrival and provide for his transportation to the Crystal Inn, to any scheduled visitations or home blessings, to the Woods for services on Sunday morning, and back to the airport for his departure. Hosts may also wish to take the priest to lunch and/or dinner on Saturday and/or to brunch on Sunday.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at president@gomissionparishut.org or 801-573-6800 if you wish to attend so we can secure adequate meeting space.

Special Parish Assembly – Saturday, February 14, 2015: Positive progress has been made with respect to the space available on the campus of St. Thomas More Catholic Church at 3015 E. Creek Road (8000 S.) in Cottonwood Heights. A Special Parish Assembly will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. to further discuss this and other locations considered, and to vote on moving forward with the St. Thomas More location. Tours of the facilities available at St. Thomas More will be conducted from 10:00-11:00 a.m. that morning.

Our Parish Bylaws state that a member is in good standing and thereby eligible to vote at the Special Parish Assembly if he or she has submitted a stewardship commitment card for 2015 and satisfied their stewardship obligation for 2014. Because our Parish did not exist until

August 2014, members will be considered to have satisfied their stewardship obligation for 2014 if they paid at least 1/3 of their annual commitment for that year. If you have any questions regarding your individual eligibility to vote, please contact Chris Gounaris at treasurer@gomissionparishut.org or 801-669-9224.

Mardi Gras 2015: Join the Women's Ministry Team on Sunday, February 22, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Woods on Ninth Reception Center, 6775 S. 900 East, Midvale for a fun and family friendly Mardi Gras party complete with social hour, dinner and live music from the Chris Dokos Band and the Tom Harris Band. Suggested donation: Adults \$10.00 / Children 12 and under free. RSVP by February 18, 2015, to Barbara Hillas at bhillas@q.com or 801-604-4884 or Amber Pananos at apananos@yahoo.com or 801-560-9130.

2014 Statements of Giving: Please check your email next week for your 2014 Statement of Giving. If you contributed to the Parish but did not receive a statement, or if you wish to verify your email address in advance, please see our Treasurer, Chris Gounaris, after Liturgy or email him at treasurer@gomissionparishut.org.

2015 Stewardship Information: To date, we have received 89 commitment cards for 2015, with stewardship commitments totaling \$195,840, putting us at 85.1% 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. Thanks to everyone for your support!

Target: \$230,000



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 801-669-9224 or treasurer@gomissionparishut.org.

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

Thank You! Thank you to everyone who attended the Women's Ministry Team planning meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. It was a huge success! A very special thank you to Elaine Zambos for hosting the meeting at Realty Path.

Sexton Ministry Team: Volunteers are still needed for the Parish's Sexton Ministry Team. Please contact Chuck Karpakis at vicepresident@gomissionparishut.org or 801-265-0900 or Joe Varanakis at 801-694-6575 or joe2263@comcast.net to help.

Weekly Bulletin Announcements: If you would like to have any announcements included in next week's bulletin, please send them to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Announcements for non-Parish events will be published at the discretion of the Parish Council and as space permits.

Prayer List: Anastasia, Andromahi, Ange, Anthony, Austin, Barbara, Beverlee, Bill, Cathy, Christopher, Chrysoula, Connie, Dan, Elizabeth, 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.

NON-PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elyse Pantke White Foundation Forever Pink Prom: The Elyse Pantke White Foundation's Forever Pink Prom 2015 is just around the corner! Tickets are now on sale at <https://elysewhite.ejoinme.org/>. Join us on Saturday, February 21, 2015, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Rice-Eccles Stadium Tower for delectable cocktails and eats, photos, feather boas, and dancing the night away. Best of all and as always, all proceeds support cancer survivors, the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and finding a CURE. Get your tickets today for \$90 each. Hope to see you there!