



## **Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah**

**Sunday, February 22, 2015**

**Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday)**

**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.

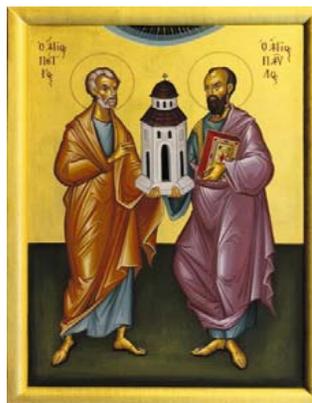
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**Epistle Reading - St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4**

*Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4., Psalm 75.11,1*

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.*



Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

**Gospel Reading – The Gospel of Matthew 6:14-21**



The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly,

I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

### **Hymns at Small Entrance**

#### *Resurrection Apolytikion*

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

#### *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 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**

O guide to wisdom, provider of prudence, disciplinarian of fools, and defender of the poor, fortify and discipline my heart, O Master; You, give me a word, O Word of the Father. For behold, I will not hinder my lips from crying to You: O merciful Lord, have mercy on me who have fallen.

### **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 22:** On February 22 we commemorate Saints Thalassius, Baradates & Limnaeus the hermits of Syria, and Holy Martyrs Anthusa & her 12 handmaidens. Other saints commemorated today include Saint Athanasius the Confessor of Constantinople, Saint Maurice, his son Photinus, Theodore, Phillip and the 70 soldiers martyred with them in Apamea, Saint Peter the Stylite of Mt. Athos, and Saint Synetos the martyr.

**Welcome Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas:** We are blessed to 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.

**Altar Server News:** The scheduled altar servers this week are Jacob Pananos, Mitchell Mallas, Dionysius (Dennis) Apostole and Matthew Mallas. The scheduled altar servers 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.

A very special thank you to Sophie Gibson for altering some of the altar server robes for our younger boys. They look fantastic!

**Fellowship Hour:** Thank you to Phil and Liberty Mudrock, John and Mary Feotis, Charlie and Sandra Zoolakis and Sophie Wondolowski for hosting this week’s fellowship hour. Please join us!

Next week’s fellowship hour will be hosted by Elaine Peterson, Saunee Cairo, Michael and Angela Petrogeorge, and Nick and Joni Clark.

Thank you to the Steve and Elaina Simos family for hosting our fellowship hour last week in loving memory of James S. Simos. We apologize for the error in last week’s bulletin.

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

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

*Sunday, March 1, 2015* – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.  
Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

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

**Memorial Services:** If you would like to schedule a memorial service, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at 801-573-6800 or [president@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:president@gomissionparishut.org). Please note that no memorial services may be chanted from the Saturday of Lazarus (April 4) through Sunday of Thomas (April 19).

**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](mailto: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.

**Special Parish Assembly Update:** Thank you to the over 100 parishioners who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our Special Parish Assembly at the St. Thomas More Catholic Church on February 14. Thank you especially to all who participated in the planning, preparation and presentation of all the critical information, including Phillip Floor, Chuck Karpakis, Jim Priskos, Bill Souvall and Nick Varanakis, and additionally to Jim Derby, who was unable to attend, for his indispensable effort in drawing our plans. A very special Axios is also due to Fr. Ambrose Omayas who travelled to Salt Lake City early in order to join us and provide spiritual blessings during this most historical time in our Parish history.

To recap: The Assembly voted unanimously to proceed with a lease of the facilities available on the St. Thomas More Campus. The lease will be for an initial term of three years with two one-year options, at an annual rent of approximately \$50,000. The Assembly also unanimously approved a budget of up to \$65,000 for the build out of a

worship area in those facilities. Finally, the Assembly voted to establish a Decorating Ministry Team consisting of Pat Daskalas, Goldie Karpakis, Margaret Kireiev, Cynthia Peterson, and Mary Simos to work under the direction of Jim Priskos, Chair of the Facilities Improvement Ministry Team, and Jim Derby, the project architect, in helping to select paint color, carpet color, chair color, and lighting options for our new worship space. With God's blessing and guidance, we hope to be worshiping in our new space by Palm Sunday (if not before).

**Mardi Gras 2015:** Join the Women's Ministry Team TONIGHT, February 22, 2015, at 5:00 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 / 12 and under free. Guests are also invited to bring a Lenten appetizer or dessert (dairy permitted) to share.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy – Procession of the Icons:** The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent, falling on March 1<sup>st</sup> this year. The dominant theme since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored to the Church on the first Sunday of Lent. Ever since, this day has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy." All Sunday School students are encouraged to bring their favorite icon to Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 1, 2015, to participate in the Procession of the Icons. Adults are invited and welcome to participate in the procession as well.

**St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival:** Next Sunday, March 1, 2015, students from our Junior and Senior High Sunday School classes will participate in our first annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. The students will give their speeches immediately following Liturgy. Our Parish will send the first place finisher in each age bracket to participate in the Metropolis St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival in Dallas, Texas the weekend of March 20-22, 2015.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at 801-573-6800 or [president@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:president@gomissionparishut.org) if you wish to attend so we can secure adequate space.

**Holy Week Books:** Joanne Dokos, Co-Chair of the Women's Faith Ministry Team, will take orders from anyone needing a Holy Week book. The cost is \$27. Please contact Joanne at 801-566-2890 or [jwdokos@hotmail.com](mailto:jwdokos@hotmail.com) by Sunday, March 22, 2015, to order.

**Shut-In Care Packages:** The Women's Ministry Team is putting together baskets for delivery to shut-in parishioners. Please contact Georgette Lowe at [gkalowe@live.com](mailto:gkalowe@live.com) or Pauline Jensen at [douglas1pauline@aol.com](mailto:douglas1pauline@aol.com) with the names of any parishioners that should be included on their list.

**2015 Stewardship Information:** To date, we have received 104 commitment cards for 2015, with stewardship commitments totaling \$209,920, putting us at 91.3% of the goal we all established for ourselves at the Fall Parish Assembly. Thanks for your support!

Target: \$230,000



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

**Weekly Bulletin Announcements:** Please send weekly bulletin announcement requests to Michael Petrogeorge at [secretary@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:secretary@gomissionparishut.org) by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Announcements for Pan-Orthodox, Fraternal and other events will be published at the discretion of the Parish Council and as space permits.

**Prayer List:** Alec, Anastasia, Andromahi, Ange, Anthony, Austin, Barbara, Beverlee, Bill, Cathy, Christopher, Chrysoula, Connie, Cynthia, Dan, Elaine, Elizabeth, Garegin, Gary, George, Helen, Irene, Jackie, Jennifer, Joe, John, Justin, Katherine, Konstantinos, Kristina, Margaret, Maria, Mary, Mitch, Sharon, Stacie, Theano, Tom, Vasiliki, Zachary. Please send additional names for the prayer list to Michael Petrogeorge at [secretary@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:secretary@gomissionparishut.org).

## PAN-ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers – March 1, 2015:** It is becoming a common practice that the Procession of the Icons is conducted as part of a Pan-Orthodox Vespers service on the evening of the Sunday of Orthodoxy. This is a service when Orthodox Christians of the various jurisdictions in America come together for worship and in a united affirmation of the Truth of the Orthodox Faith. In that spirit, our Parish has been invited to participate with the Antiochian, Serbian, and Russian Parishes at Sts. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church located at 335 South 300 East. Vespers at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Procession of the Icons. A Lenten meal will be served immediately after services. Fr. Ambrose Omayas will stay an extra day to participate in this wonderful opportunity for Pan-Orthodox Worship and fellowship. Please plan to attend.

**AHEP Academy:** The AHEP Academy is an interactive leadership and professional development program to be held at George Mason University outside Washington, DC from June 21 - June 27, 2015. The AHEP Academy is looking for exceptional Greek-American high school juniors during the 2014-2015 school year with top grades (minimum 3.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent or Top 10% of Class), who exemplify scholarship, leadership, character, participation in extracurricular activities, community service, and involvement in the Greek-American community to apply for selection to this summer's AHEP Academy on Campus program. Applications are available at [www.AHEPAcademy.com](http://www.AHEPAcademy.com). The early action deadline for submission of completed applications to AHEP Academy is March 1, 2015. Please feel free to contact AHEP Academy directly if you have any questions regarding your eligibility for the program.