



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Sunday of Orthodoxy

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 Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Daniel 3.26,27

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Reading – The Gospel of John 1:43-51

At that time, 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 he 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

Entrance Hymn

Come let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who arose from the dead.

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.

Hymn for the Feast

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

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 Champion General, I your City now ascribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride

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 March 1: On March 1 we commemorate the Holy Righteous Martyr Eudokia the Samaritan and Holy Martyr Antonina the Abbess of Nicaea. Other saints commemorated today include Holy Martyr Domnina of Syria, Holy Ascetic Agapius of Vatopedi on Mount Athos, Saint David the Bishop of Wales, and Holy Martyrs Nestor, Tribimius, Marcellus, and Anthony of Perge in Pamphylia.

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.

Sunday of Orthodoxy – Procession of the Icons: TODAY, March 1, 2015, is the Sunday of Orthodoxy. 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." Our Sunday School students will participate in the Procession of the Icons, and our adult parishioners are invited and welcome to participate as well.

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival: TODAY, 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 on March 20-22, 2015.

Altar Server News: The scheduled altar servers this week are Kosta Sergakis, Zachary Petrogeorge and Jonathan Petrogeorge. The scheduled altar servers for next week are Andy Adondakis, Thanasi Johnson, Mitchell Mallas and Matthew Mallas.

Supplements to Weekly Liturgy Books for Lent: During Great Lent, some of the regular hymns in our weekly Liturgy books will be replaced by different hymns. Supplements will be available in the narthex each week so that you may continue to sing along and participate in the service. Please return those supplements at the conclusion of Liturgy each week so they may be reused the next week.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Elaine Peterson, Saune Cairo, Michael and Angela Petrogeorge, and Nick and Joni Clark for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Please join us! Next week's fellowship hour will be hosted by Bruce and Kathy Shand and Stephanie Chachas.

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

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

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

Memorial Services – May Their Memory Be Eternal:

Sunday, March 15, 2015:

Annette Lazarakis (18 years) and Gus Lazarakis (6 years)

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

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow, March 2, 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 space.

Parish Lenten Retreat: The Women's Ministry Team will sponsor a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 21, 2015. The retreat will be led by Rev. Fr. Brendan Pelphrey, PhD, Ekonomos, Presiding Priest of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Price, Utah, and also by Nicole Hillas. Further details to come, but mark your calendar today!

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 by Sunday, March 22, 2015, to order.

Volunteer Labor: We are putting together a volunteer labor force to assist with the improvements at our new worship facility on the St. Thomas More campus. Volunteers will work under the direction of Bill Souvall and the licensed contractors/sub-contractors. Please contact Bill Souvall at 801-808-1667 or wpsouvall@aol.com or Jim Priskos at jimpriskos@gmail.com or 801-556-7501 to assist.

Furnishings for New Worship Space: As noted last week, we are seeking donations to assist in the acquisition of a new pangari (narthex candle stand), lambada (vigil lamp) stand and other supplies for our Parish home. Please contact Chris Gounaris at treasurer@gomissionparishut.org or 801-660-9224 if you would like to contribute funds for the acquisition of these items.

Camp Emmanuel: Camp Emmanuel will be held at Manzano Mountain Retreat in Torreon, New Mexico (near Albuquerque). All Junior and Senior High School students are invited to learn and grow in an Orthodox Christian community atmosphere. Junior High Session (ages 11-14): June 7-13, 2015; Senior High Session (ages 15-18): June 14-20, 2015. Early registration deadline (reduced rate): April 1, 2015. Final registration deadline: May 1, 2015. Register at: www.events.denver.goarch.org/?eventId=51&controller=event&task=individualRegister.

Thank You! A very special thank you to Barbara Hillas, Amber Pananos and all the members of our wonderful Women's Ministry Team for hosting a wonderful Mardi Gras event last Sunday evening. Thank you also to Chris Dokos, Tom Harris and their respective bands

for the wonderful entertainment, and the nearly 200 people who attended. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a parish with family and friends before entering into Great Lent.

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 or Pauline Jensen at douglas1pauline@aol.com with the names of any parishioners that should be included on their list.

2015 Stewardship Information: To date, we have received 108 commitment cards for 2015, with stewardship commitments totaling \$212,670 putting us at 92.5% of the goal we all established for ourselves at the Fall Parish Assembly. Thanks for your support!

Target: \$230,000



\$212,670 - 92.5%

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

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 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. Email additional names to secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

PAN-ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers - TONIGHT, 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 Orthodox Parishes this evening at Sts. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church located at 355 South 300 East. Vespers at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Procession of the Icons. A Lenten potluck meal will be served immediately after services (bring a Lenten dish to share). Fr. Ambrose Omayas will stay until Monday, March 2 in order to participate in tonight's wonderful opportunity for Pan-Orthodox Worship and fellowship. Please attend.

Sts. Peter & Paul Lenten Retreat: Members of our Parish are invited to an annual Lenten Retreat March 6-7, 2015, at Sts. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church located at 355 S. 300 East, Salt Lake City. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 6:

9 a.m. - Presanctified Liturgy

10:30 a.m. - Ladies Session (open to all)

6 p.m. - Salutations to the Theotokos

7:30 p.m. - Session 1 w/ Lenten Potluck Meal (childcare provided)

Saturday, March 7:

8 a.m. - Liturgy w/ Memorial Service & Koliva

10 a.m. - Session 2 w/ Light Refreshments

Noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Session 3 w/ Q&A

The featured speaker will be V. Rev. Fr. Gregory Horton, Pastor of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women Orthodox Church in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Suggested Donation: \$25 (Teens & College Students: \$15).