



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Sunday of the Holy Cross

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 4:14-16; 5:1-6

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.



BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading – The Gospel of Mark 8:34-38; 9:1



The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Hymn for the Feast

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

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

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

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

O Lord, the light of Your face was stamped upon us. Alleluia.

Dismissal Hymn

Preserve him who blesses and sanctifies us, O Lord; preserve him for many years.

Orthodox Saints Commemorated on March 15: On March 15 we commemorate Agapius the Martyr & His Companions, Manuel the

New Martyr of Crete, and Holy Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy & First Bishop of Britain. Other saints commemorated today include Saint Zacharias the Pope of Rome, Martyr Nicander of Egypt, Hieromartyr Alexander of Side in Pamphylia, and Holy Martyr Lucretia of Cordoba.

Welcome Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas: We are blessed to welcome back 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, Dennis (Dionysios) Apostole, Luke Varechok and Miles Burke. The scheduled altar servers for next week are Kosta Sergakis, Zachary Petrogeorge and Jonathan Petrogeorge.

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

Sunday, March 22, 2015 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis

Sunday, March 29, 2015 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

Memorial Services – May Their Memory Be Eternal:

Today, 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).

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Ron and Sophie Gibson, the Mike and Kari Roberts family, the George and Tina Sergakis family, and Sophie Wondolowski for hosting this week's fellowship hour in loving memory of Gus and Annette Lazarakis. Next week's fellowship hour will be hosted by Fred and Connie Pantke, Andrea Rosenkrantz and Toula Souvall.

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.

Holy Week Books: The Women's Ministry Team is selling Holy Week books. Books cost \$27 and will be available for purchase in the narthex each Sunday. You can also contact Joanne Dokos at 801-566-2890 or jwdokos@hotmail.com to obtain a book.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow, March 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to attend, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at 801-573-6800 or president@gomissionparishut.org so we can secure adequate space.

Women's Ministry Team News: The Women's Ministry Team will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 6:30 pm. at St. Thomas More, 3015 E. Creek Rd., Cottonwood Heights. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. We will have a short meeting of prayer, announcements & celebration and then break into the following ministry groups: (1) Service, Philanthropy, Benevolence; (2) Faith; (3) Outreach & Fellowship; (4) Social; and (5) Fundraising. If you have not yet joined a Ministry Group, plan to do so at the meeting. We ask those with the last name starting A-L to please bring a small appetizer or dessert to share! The other half of the alphabet will be asked to contribute next month. We look forward to seeing everyone at our new location!

The Women's Ministry Team is now taking membership donations. There is no set amount, give what you feel in your heart! Membership donations will be collected by our two treasurers, Penny Mills and Liz Varanakis.

Items for New Worship Space: Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the fund to acquire the items that are critical and not part of the facility improvement budget passed at the Special

Parish Assembly. We are still accepting donations to assist in the acquisition of the following items for our new Parish home:

Pangari (narthex candle stand):	Est. \$750
Candle holder for pangari:	Est. \$100
Table to hold candle dispenser for pangari:	Out to bid
Children's pangari (narthex candle stand):	Est. \$750
Candle holder for children's pangari:	Est. \$85
Table to hold candle dispenser for children's pangari:	Out to bid
Lambada (vigil candle) stand:	Est. \$1,000
Kouvouklion (symbolic tomb of Christ):	Est. \$1,500
Epitaphios (embroidered icon of Christ placed in Kouvouklion):	Est. \$2,500

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. The generosity of those in our Parish never ceases to amaze!

Volunteer Labor: We have established 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 at 801-808-1667 or wpsouvall@aol.com to assist.

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.

Good Luck in Dallas! Anna Drossos will represent our Parish at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival in Dallas, Texas on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Anna is the daughter of Perry and Martha and sister of

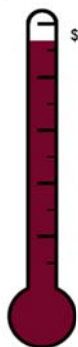
Alexandra. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Sophia Drossos and the late Paul Lester and Nancy Ghiz. Anna is a great example to the youth in our Parish. Good luck, Anna!

Parish Lenten Retreat – Come Follow Me! Going Forward in Discipleship: The Women’s Ministry Team will sponsor a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 21, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas More fellowship hall. The retreat will be led by Rev. Fr. Brendan Pelphrey, PhD, Economos, Presiding Priest of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Price, Utah, and also by Nicole Hillas Minetos. A light breakfast will be served. Potluck Lenten lunch by last name: A-F: Salad; G-S: Entrée/Hot Dish; T-Z: Dessert. (Or just bring your favorite Lenten dish). Everyone in our Parish is invited, and guests are welcome to attend!

Pascha Dinner – Sunday, April 12, 2015: George Sergakis has graciously agreed to chair our Parish’s first community dinner to celebrate Pascha, which will be held in the large banquet hall at St. Thomas More on Easter Sunday. Further details to come. Please contact George Sergakis at 801-718-1721 or gms1230@gmail.com to offer your assistance in the planning and preparation for this important community gathering.

2015 Stewardship Information: To date, we have received 112 commitment cards for 2015, with stewardship commitments totaling \$214,720 putting us at 93.4% of the goal we all established for ourselves at the Fall Parish Assembly. Thanks 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. 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!

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.

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: The family of Fr. Matthew Baker, 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, Margie, Maria, Marie, Mary, Mitch, Stacie, Theano, Tom, Vasiliki, Zachary. Please send any additional names for our prayer list to secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

PAN-ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations for the Family of Fr. Matthew Baker: We were all shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Fr. Matthew Baker on Sunday, March 1, 2015, the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Fr. Baker was a presbyter of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston. He was traveling home from Vespers with his six children (ages 2 through 12). His Presvytera Katherine was at home, having just recently lost their seventh child to a still birth. Driving in a winter storm, Fr. Matthew’s van spun out of control, flipping multiple times and ejecting him from the vehicle. He was pronounced dead on the scene, but his six children were relatively unharmed. A fund has been established for Fr. Baker’s family. Visit www.gofundme.com/nizf2g to donate.