



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, March 22, 2015
Sunday of St. John Climacus
Orthros: 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Celebrants:
Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis
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 6:13-20

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode, Psalm 28.11,1

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.



BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading – The Gospel of Mark 9:17-31



At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you

can! All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

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 Saint

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of 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

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 22: On March 22 we commemorate Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra, Martyrs Callinica & Basilissa of Rome, and New-Martyr Euthymios of Mt. Athos. Other saints commemorated today include St. Lea the Merciful, St. Drosis of Antioch & the Venerable Nuns Agalida, Apollinaria, Daria, Mamthusa, and Thais martyred with her.

Welcome Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis: We are blessed to welcome back Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis from the Assumption of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Metropolis Cathedral of Denver to celebrate Divine Liturgy with our Parish! Fr. Dimitri will be assisted by Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev.

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

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Fred and Connie Pantke, Andrea Rosenkrantz, Toulia Souvall and Mary Simos for hosting this week’s fellowship hour. Please join us! Next week’s fellowship hour will be hosted by Evan and Kim Mallas and Jim and Mary Mylonakis.

Memorial Services: 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).

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

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

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.

Schedule of Holy Week Services: Unless otherwise announced, all Holy Week services will be held in our new worship facility on the St. Thomas More campus located at 3015 E. Creek Rd, Cottonwood Heights. Our visiting celebrant for Holy Week will be Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas. Fr. Ambrose will be assisted by Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev.

Saturday of Lazarus, April 4, 2015:

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2015:

9:00 a.m. Orthros
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday

Holy Monday, April 6, 2015:

9:00 a.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins of Holy Tuesday

Holy Tuesday, April 7, 2015:

9:00 a.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins of Holy Wednesday

Holy Wednesday, April 8, 2015:

9:00 a.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction/Reading of the Seven Gospels
7:00 p.m. Mystical Supper Matins of Holy Thursday (followed by anointing of Holy Unction)

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2015:

9:00 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, of the Mystical Supper
7:00 p.m. Service of the Holy Passion/Reading of the Twelve Gospels/Matins of Holy Friday

Holy Friday, April 10, 2015:

9:00 a.m. Royal Hours
3:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Descent from the Cross
7:00 p.m. Lamentation Matins and Procession

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2015:

9:00 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, of the Resurrection
11:00 p.m. Vigil Matins/Resurrection Service/Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, of the Resurrection

Holy Pascha, Sunday, April 12, 2015:

11:00 a.m. Agape Vespers

Palm Cross Tying: We will tie the palm crosses for Palm Sunday on Saturday, April 4, 2015, immediately following the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, at St. Thomas More, Room 12 (our future fellowship hall). Please join us!

Anastasi Dinner: Our Parish will host its first Anastasi (Resurrection) dinner in the St. Thomas More banquet hall immediately following the Resurrection Service/Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday night/Easter Sunday morning. Please contact the event chair, George Sergakis, at 801-718-1721 or gms1230@gmail.com if you would like to assist in the planning and preparation for this important community gathering.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More.

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:

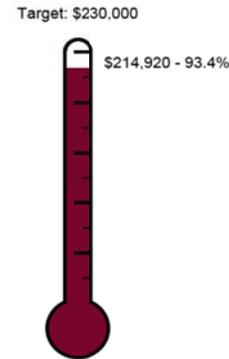
Pangari (narthex cabinetry with sand basins for lit candles)	Est. \$4,000
Candle dispenser/holder for pangari	Est. \$100
Children's pangari (narthex candle stand for lit candles)	Est. \$750
Candle dispenser/holder for children's pangari	Est. \$85
Lambada (vigil candle) stand	Est. \$1,000
Kouvouklion (symbolic tomb of Christ)	Est. \$1,500
Epitaphios (embroidered icon of Christ to be 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 our parishioners is amazing!

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.

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.

2015 Stewardship Information: To date, we have received 113 commitment cards for 2015, with stewardship commitments totaling \$214,920 putting us at 93.4% of the goal we all established for ourselves at the Fall Parish Assembly. Thanks for your support!



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). 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 deadline: May 1, 2015. www.events.denver.goarch.org/?eventId=51&controller=event&task=individualRegister.

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

Daughters of Penelope News: The next Daughters of Penelope meeting will be held tomorrow, March 23, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church, 5335 S Highland Drive, Holladay.