



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, March 8, 2015
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
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.

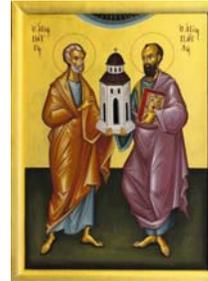
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Epistle Reading - St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1. Psalm 11.7,1

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.



“IN THE BEGINNING, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?” Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Gospel Reading – The Gospel of Mark 2:1-12



At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to

say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory 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 Hierarchy

Beacon of Orthodox belief, the strong support of the Church and her teacher inspired by God, you are the ornament of monks, the unassailable champion of theologians, O Gregory the Wonder-worker and the boast of Thessalonica, the messenger of grace. Forever earnestly entreat 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 8: On March 8 we commemorate Saint Theophylactus Bishop of Nicomedia, Apostle Hermas of the 70, Saint Paul the Confessor of Plusias, and Saint Dometios the Righteous. Other saints commemorated today include Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch, Saint Dio the Martyr, and Saint Felix Bishop of Dunwich & Enlightener of East Anglia.

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 Andy Adondakis, Mitchell Mallas, Matthew Mallas and Thanasi Johnson. The scheduled altar servers for next week are Jacob Pananos, Dennis (Dionysios) Apostole, Luke Varechok and Miles Burke. Any altar server may serve on any Sunday, but robe preference should be given to those scheduled to serve that day.

Schedule of Upcoming Services:

Sunday, March 15, 2015 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

Sunday, March 22, 2015 – Orthros: 9 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis

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).

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Bruce and Kathy Shand, and George and Joni Kandilakis for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Next week's fellowship hour will be hosted by the George and Tina Sergakis family in loving memory of Gus and Annette Lazarakis.

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.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 16, 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 – 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, Ekonomos, 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!

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.

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 at 801-808-1667 or wpsouvall@aol.com to assist.

Items for New Worship Space: We are seeking 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

These items are critical and are not part of the facility improvement budget passed at the Special Parish Assembly. Please contact Chris Gounaris at 801-660-9224 or treasurer@gomissionparishut.org if you would like to contribute funds for the acquisition of these items or have any questions.

Congratulations and Good Luck! Congratulations to Anna Drossos on her successful participation in our Parish's first annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival last Sunday. She will represent our Parish at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival in Dallas, Texas on 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. Thank you, Anna, for a job well done! Good luck in Dallas!

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.

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 111 commitment cards for 2015, with stewardship commitments totaling \$214,120 putting us at 93.1% 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!

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, Marie, Mary, Mitch, Stacie, Stan, Theano, Tom, Vasiliki, Zachary. Please send any additional names for our prayer list to secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

PAN-ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Prophet Elias Philoptochos Annual Lenten Retreat: The Prophet Elias Philoptochos will host its annual Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 14, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Prophet Elias Social Hall. The Very Reverend Archimandrite Makarios Mannos will present a morning session entitled “Personal Holiness” and an afternoon session entitled “Can I eat, drink and be merry and still make it to heaven?” A continental breakfast will be served. Attendees are asked to bring a Lenten dish to share during lunch. Everyone is invited to attend!