



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah
3015 E. Creek Road, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093

Sunday, April 19, 2015
Thomas Sunday
Christ Is Risen! Χριστὸς Ανέστη!

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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: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 146.5; 134.3

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.



IN THOSE DAYS, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Gospel Reading: The Gospel of John 20:19-31



On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the

nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe.”

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to Him: “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs, He has granted life.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν ἁριστάμενος.

Hymns at Small Entrance

Entrance Hymn

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, who arose from the dead.

Apolytikion

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God. And though the doors had been bolted, You came to Your disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your great mercy.

Kontakion

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Selected Psalm Verses for the Sunday of Thomas

He clothed Himself. Alleluia.

1. The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with majesty. Alleluia.
2. The Lord clothed and girded Himself with power. Alleluia.
3. And He established the world, which shall not be moved. Alleluia.
4. Who shall tell the mighty deeds of the Lord, Who shall make all His praises heard? Alleluia.
5. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His mercies and His wonders to the sons of men. Alleluia.
6. For He fed the empty soul and filled the hungry soul with good things. Alleluia.
7. Those sitting in the darkness and shadow of death. Alleluia.
8. Bound in poverty and fetters. Alleluia.
9. Let those redeemed by the Lord say so, Whom He redeemed from the hand of the enemy. Alleluia.
10. Their soul fainted in them. Alleluia.
11. They were weak, and there was no one to help them. Alleluia.
12. Then they cried out to the Lord in their afflictions. Alleluia.
13. And He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death. Alleluia.
14. For He crushed the gates of bronze and shattered the bars of iron. Alleluia.
15. And let them offer a sacrifice of praise. Alleluia.
16. And let them proclaim His works with exceeding joy. Alleluia.
17. Let them exalt Him in the assembly of the people and praise Him in the seat of the elders. Alleluia.
18. The Lord awoke as from sleep, and He struck His enemies. Alleluia.
19. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered. Alleluia.

20. And let those who hate Him flee from before His face. Alleluia.

21. This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein. Alleluia.

22. Arise, O Lord my God, let Your hand be lifted high, and do not forget Your poor to the end. Alleluia.

Glory. Both now. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. Alleluia.

Dismissal Hymn

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

Orthodox Saints Commemorated on April 19: On April 19 we commemorate Hieromartyr Paphnutius of Jerusalem, Matrona the Wonderworker of Moscow, and George the Confessor & Bishop of Antioch. Other saints commemorated today include Martyrs Theonas, Christopher & Antoninus of Rome, Venerable John of the Ancient Caves of Palestine, Saint Tryphon the Patriarch of Constantinople, Hieromartyr Alphege of Canterbury, Venerable Symeon the Barefoot, and Martyr Agathangelus of Mount Athos.

Altar Server News: The scheduled altar servers this week are Jacob Pananos, Dennis (Dionysios) Apostole and Miles Burke. The scheduled altar servers for next week are Kosta Sergakis, Zachary Petrogeorge and Jonathan Petrogeorge.

Last week, we received five additional altar server robes from St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Greenwood Village, Colorado. We now have a sufficient supply of robes so that any altar server can participate even when not scheduled to serve. Thank you to Nick Varanakis for helping us to secure these additional robes.

Fellowship Hour: This week's fellowship hour will be hosted by George and Tina Sergakis, Steven and Myra Shenk, and Ron and Julie Steele. Please join us!

The fellowship hour on Sunday, April 26, 2015, will be hosted by the Beck and Kireiev families. If you would like to host a fellowship hour, please contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net.

Memorial Services: If you would like to schedule a memorial service, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at president@gomissionparishut.org or 801-573-6800.

Thank You! Thank you to everyone for a truly blessed and glorious Holy Week and Pascha. The first week in our new Parish home was wonderful, thanks to all of you!

A very special thank you to George Sergakis and all of his dedicated volunteers (identified in Dr. Beck's weekly email) who worked so hard to plan and put on our first ever Anastasi dinner early Sunday morning, and to Kessimakis Produce Co. for donating the vegetables for the salad. The food and atmosphere were wonderful. It was such a blessing to be able to break the fast with so many of our fellow parishioners, and to be joined in the festivities by Fr. John Evans, the Priest at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

Thank you to the dedicated members of our informal choir for leading us in our communal singing throughout this past week; to Presto Print for printing our lamentation hymnals; and to Leo Davis, Phill Floor, Rachel Mellas and Robert Shand for assisting with the chanting and reading. A special thanks as well to all of our altar servers for their hard work and dedication, and to our beloved Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev.

Last, but definitely not least, thanks to Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas for his love, support, patience and perseverance in serving our Parish during this past week. In addition to leading us in 18 worship services over the course of nine days, he heard numerous confessions and provided spiritual and practical guidance to all of those working to make our Parish's first Holy Week a truly blessed and awe-inspiring experience. We are truly blessed that he has been so willing to help our new Parish grow and thrive, and that His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah has been so unwavering in allowing Fr. Ambrose and the other visiting clergymen to lead us in worship each and every week.

Next Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Parish Assembly: Our Spring Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

Camp Emmanuel: Camp Emmanuel will be held at Manzano Mountain Retreat in Torreon, New Mexico (near Albuquerque). Junior Session (ages 11-14): June 7-13, 2015; Senior Session (ages 15-18): June 14-20, 2015. The registration deadline is May 1, 2015. www.events.denver.goarch.org/?eventId=51&controller=event&task=individualRegister.

Calendar of Scheduled Events/Meetings: The staff at St. Thomas More has created a Google calendar to track our Parish's reservations for meetings and events. To view this read-only calendar, please visit <http://www.stmutah.org/content.cfm?id=360>. To schedule Parish related events or meetings, please contact Chuck Karpakis at vicepresident@gomissionparishut.org. To schedule personal events or meetings, please contact Nora directly at nora@stmutah.org.

Weekly Bulletin Announcements: Please send weekly bulletin announcement requests to Parish Council Secretary 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: Bill, Fred, Jacqui, John, Linda, Margie, Michael, Mila, Samuel. If you would like to add any additional names, please contact Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

PAN-ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daughters of Penelope Meeting and Elections: The Daughters of Penelope will hold their next meeting tomorrow, Monday, April 20, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cottonwood Condominium Clubhouse, located at approximately 1890 E. 5150 South. Please bring a side dish,

salad or dessert for a pot luck dinner. Elections will be held for chapter officers, and for district and national convention delegates.

2015 † Greek Orthodox Sports League Youth Basketball Camp: The GSL staff is looking forward to another exciting year for our annual Sports League Youth Basketball Camp. Our camp is designed to provide players with outstanding instruction, teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. We hope that you will join us this summer!

Date: June 8-11, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. for boys and girls 3-6th grade (doors open at 8:00 a.m.); 1:00-4:00 p.m. for boys and girls 7-10th grade

Location: Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church (5335 S. Highland Drive, Holladay, Utah)

Cost: \$70

Registration forms are available at our Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah. Please contact Gerard Gallegos at 801-647-2829 or 801-484-5470 for more information.

Volunteers Needed: The Greek Orthodox Sports League is looking for volunteers to help with our Youth Basketball Camp that will be held June 8-11, 2015. Two shifts daily: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Must be 14 years of age or older. If interested, please contact Gerard Gallegos at 801-647-2829 or 801-484-5470.

AXIA! "Wall of Fame" - Honoring Women at the Pancretan National Convention in Salt Lake City: As part of the Women's AXIA night during the Pancretan National Convention, we are asking you to contribute photos or collages of important and influential women (mothers, grandmothers, aunts, etc.) who have contributed to the Cretan Community. These will be displayed prominently at the venue, along with a short statement about the woman (or women). Please submit a photo (or collage of photos), unframed, in an 8X10 inch format, along with a statement about the woman or women pictured, no longer than 200 words. Please note that the photos and collages will not be returned. Send entries to Elleni Katsanevas, 3685 S. Lincoln Park Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84115. Each submission must be accompanied by a \$5 entry fee.