



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

Sunday, May 17, 2015
Sunday of the Blind Man
Christ Is Risen! Χριστὸς Ανέστη!

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

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: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1. Psalm 11.7,1

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

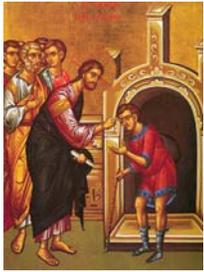
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.



IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed

their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel of John 9:1-38



At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in

the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we

do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped him.

Christ Is Risen / Χριστός Ανέστη

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

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν χαρισάμενος.

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.

Resurrectional 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 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

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.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount.

Dismissal Hymn

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

Orthodox Saints Commemorated on May 17: On May 17 we commemorate the Holy Apostles Andronicus & Junia, Saint Stephen the Archbishop of Constantinople, and Archbishop Athanasios the New Wonderworker of Christianopolis. Other saints commemorated today include Venerable Fathers Nectarios & Theophanes of Meteora, Saint Euphrosyne (Eudoxia) the Princess of Moscow, and Saint Restituta the martyr of Carthage.

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, Luke Varechok and Thanasi Johnson.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Ron and Sophie Gibson, Mike and Beth Johnson, Theros and Cindy Johnson and Kari Roberts for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Please join us!

The fellowship hour on Sunday, May 24, 2015, will be hosted by Mike and Argie Carmichael, Steve and Georgette Lowe, Stan and Sophie Kouris, and Joe and Irene Polidori. If you would like to host a fellowship hour, please contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net.

Sunday School Promotion: TODAY, May 17, 2015, will be the last day of Sunday School for this year. Sunday School promotion will be held immediately following Divine Liturgy, and an ice cream sundae bar will be available during fellowship hour in honor of all Sunday School students and teachers.

Upcoming Special Services: In addition to our weekly Divine Liturgy services each Sunday, please join us for the following special services:

Holy Ascension and Feast Day of Sts. Constantine and Helen:
Thursday, May 21, 2015 – Orthros: 9:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

Saturday of Souls:
Saturday, May 30, 2015 – Orthros: 9:00 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Father Dimitrios Kyritsis

Memorial Day Trisagions: Fr. Ambrose will be available to perform Trisagion services at Mt. Olivet Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Please contact Fr. Ambrose directly at 720-297-6227 or ambrosefather@aol.com if you would like to schedule a Trisagion at one of our other local cemeteries.

Vacation Bible School: Our Parish will offer Vacation Bible School June 18-19, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for children entering preschool and grades K-6 this fall. Cost: \$25 per student (includes T-shirt). Please email Kim Mallas at kmallas22@gmail.com to register your child(ren) no later than June 15, 2015. Please include requested T-shirt size and the grade your child(ren) will enter in the fall. Guests are always welcome, but should pre-register for planning purposes.

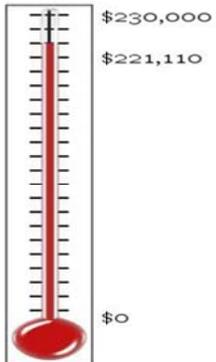
Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Days of Yore: Our Parish will have a booth at the St. Thomas More Catholic Parish's Days of Yore celebration to be held June 5-7, 2015. We will sell Greek pastry boxes, koulourakia and iced frappes. Please contact Amber Pananos at apananos@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer for a shift in our booth.

Open House with Parishioners from St. Thomas More: The previously announced open house with the parishioners of St. Thomas More Catholic Parish has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2015. The open house will be held in the large banquet hall and will commence at 12:30 p.m., immediately following our regular fellowship hour. Please make plans to join us for this gathering with our gracious hosts from St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

One Year Anniversary Photo Yearbook: Elaina Maragakis Simos is collecting pictures for a photographic yearbook commemorating our first year as a new Parish. Please send any photos you may have taken to gomissionparishut@gmail.com.

2015 Stewardship Commitments: To date, we have received 126 commitment cards for 2015, with stewardship commitments totaling \$221,110 putting us at 96.1% 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!

Faith Scholarships for Academic Excellence: *Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism* announced that it will offer the prestigious

series of "Faith Scholarships for Academic Excellence." These merit-based college scholarships provide funding to graduating high school seniors for their university studies. The application and criteria can be downloaded from the *Faith* website: www.faithendowment.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.

Prayer List: Ange, Bill, Christopher, Fred, George, Jacqui, Joe, John, Linda, Margie, Michael, Mike, Mila, Samuel and Sandy. If you would like to add any additional names, please contact Michael Petrogeorge, Parish Council Secretary, at secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

PAN-ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 7-12th 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.