



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

**Sunday, June 21, 2015**  
**Third Sunday of Matthew**

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

**Reverend Father Elias Warren**  
**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 Romans 5:1-10**

*Prokeimenon. Mode 2. Psalm 117.14,18*

*The Lord is my strength and my song.*

*Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.*



BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.



**Gospel Reading: The Gospel of Matthew 6:22-33**

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and

yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

### **Hymn at Small Entrance**

*Resurrectional Apolytikion*

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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 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 Protection of Christians unshamable, mediation with the Creator immovable, we sinners beg you, do not despise the voices of our prayers, but anticipate, since you are good, and swiftly come unto our aid as we cry out to you with faith: Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who defend now and ever those who honor you.

### **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 June 21:** On June 21 we commemorate Julian the Martyr of Tarsus, Hieromartyr Terentios (Terrence) the Bishop of Iconium, and Nikitas the New Martyr of Nisyros. Other saints commemorated today include Martyr Aphrodisius of Cilicia, Venerable Anastasia (Ana) the Princess of Serbia, Martyr Alban of Naxos, Martyr Demetria of Rome, Abbots Mewan & Leofrid, and Martyr Julian of Libya.

**Welcome Reverend Father Elias Warren:** We are blessed to once again welcome back Reverend Father Elias Warren (Retired) residing in Omaha, Nebraska to celebrate Divine Liturgy with our Parish!

**Altar Server News:** The scheduled altar servers this week are Jacob Pananos, Dionysios (Dennis) Apostole and Myles Burke. The scheduled altar servers for Sunday, June 28, 2015, are Kosta Sergakis, Zachary Petrogeorge and Jonathan Petrogeorge.

If your son is at least 8 years old, is entering the third grade or above in the fall and is interested in serving in the altar, please contact Michael Petrogeorge at [secretary@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:secretary@gomissionparishut.org). No experience necessary!

**Fellowship Hour:** Thank you to John and Mary Feotis, Phill and Liberty Mudrock, Sophie Wondolowski, and Charlie and Sandra Zoolakis for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Please note that our regular fellowship hall will be set for the Shand baptism, and thus today's fellowship hour will be held in rooms 9 and 10 (located just down the hall from our regular fellowship hall). Please join us!

The fellowship hour on Sunday, June 28, 2015, will be hosted by Chris and Kathy Floor and family, and Mary Simos, in loving memory of Goldie Sargetis Floor.

If you would like to host a fellowship hour, please contact Sophie Wondolowski at [swondo@comcast.net](mailto:swondo@comcast.net).

## **Memorial Service – May Her Memory Be Eternal:**

*Sunday, June 28, 2015:*

Goldie Sargetis Floor (40 days)

If you would like to schedule a memorial service, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at [president@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:president@gomissionparishut.org) or 801-573-6800.

**Liturgy with His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah:** Our Parish will be blessed with its second visit from His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah on Sunday, July 5, 2015. Metropolitan Isaiah will be joined by Fr. Ambrose Omayas and Deacon Paul Zaharas, both from the Metropolis of Denver.

**Shand Baptism:** The Shand family invites all of our parishioners to celebrate the baptism of Madeline Grace Shand, daughter of Nathan and Beth Shand, immediately following Liturgy TODAY, Sunday, June 21, 2015. All parishioners are invited to a celebratory luncheon immediately after the baptism in our Parish's regular fellowship hall. Please join the Shand family in celebrating another first for our Parish – the first infant baptism!

**Vacation Bible School:** Thank you to Kim Mallas and everyone else who gave the stewardship of their time, talent and treasure in the planning and implementing of our Parish's Vacation Bible School on Thursday, June 18, 2015, and Friday, June 19, 2015. Our Parish, and especially its youth, is so very blessed to have the benefit of your commitment and dedication.

**Congratulations:** The Parish sends its congratulations to Jessie Li, who was baptized and received into the Eastern Orthodox Church on Saturday, June 13, 2015. Jessie is the fiancée of Gregory Klekas and future daughter-in-law of John and Sandy Klekas. She was sponsored by Goldie Karpakis.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m.

**Women's Ministry Team Event:** Please join the Women's Ministry Team for their monthly activity/meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at Pins and Ales, 12101 S. State, Draper. There will be a quick meeting from 6:30 -7:30 p.m., and bowling and fellowship from 7:30-9:00 p.m. \$25 per person covers the meeting room, shoes, bowling for 90 minutes, pizza and unlimited soft drinks (all taxes and gratuities

included). Other menu items will be available for individual purchase.

**Women's Ministry Team Food Drive:** The Women's Ministry Team will collect food for the Utah Food Bank beginning TODAY, June 21, 2015, and every third week of every month thereafter. Please save everything you would like to contribute and bring it to church on the third Sunday of every month. Eventually, the group would like to start a food pantry, but we need to start by collecting and donating to the Utah Food Bank first. Please help us and those in the area who need a helping hand. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Daskalas at 801-883-9494. Handouts identifying the types of food that are accepted by the Utah Food Bank are available in the narthex. Thanks so much!

**Open House with Parishioners from St. Thomas More:** Thanks to everyone who attended the open house with the parishioners of St. Thomas More Catholic Parish last Sunday. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know our gracious hosts and to show them our new worship space. We were blessed to receive a framed photograph of Pope Francis receiving a blessing from His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. And our friends from St. Thomas More graciously and humbly received our gift—a framed copy of the icon of the Holy Brothers and Apostles, Saints Peter and Andrew, which His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras commissioned and presented to Pope Paul VI at their historic 1964 meeting in Jerusalem. Both of these gifts are symbolic of the mutual respect and admiration our ancient faiths have for each other despite their theological differences, and celebrate our two Parishes coming together to support each other and to worship on the same physical campus.

**Mission Parish Pan-Orthodox Fishing Trip at Strawberry Reservoir:** Our Parish is organizing a Pan-Orthodox fishing trip to Strawberry Reservoir, which will take place on Thursday, July 16, 2015, through Sunday, July 19, 2015. This event is for interested Orthodox Christians in any of our local parishes and non-Orthodox guests are always welcome. Bring your motor home, trailer or tent and join us in the campground, or stay in the Strawberry Lodge. For room, boat and slip rentals, contact the Lodge directly at 435-548-2500 or [www.strawberrybay.com](http://www.strawberrybay.com). There will be a group prime rib dinner at

the Lodge on Thursday evening, as well as group dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings at the campground. Come enjoy fellowship and create some fishing memories! For further information and registration, contact Chuck Karpakis at 801-265-0900 or [chuck@paragonproperties.biz](mailto:chuck@paragonproperties.biz) or Mark Vrontikis at 801-231-5525 or [mvrntikis@comcast.net](mailto:mvrntikis@comcast.net). This is a great event for the whole family!

**Religious Book Lending Library:** The Women's Ministry Team has started a lending library for our Parish. Book donations will be accepted during fellowship hour after Liturgy on Sundays, and books can also be checked out at this time. Thanks to everyone who has already donated. We now have a few children's books. Please, check out our collection! Contact Lisa Apostole at [lisa.apostole@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.apostole@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Save the Dates - One Year Anniversary Weekend:** Our Parish will celebrate its first anniversary with the following events:

Saturday, September 5, 2015:

6:00 p.m. Anniversary Banquet in the large banquet hall at St. Thomas More. Cocktails, dinner, dancing and more!

Sunday, September 6, 2015:

9:00 a.m. Orthros  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Time TBD Parish Picnic at Canyon Rim Park

Further details to come!

**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](mailto:gomissionparishut@gmail.com).

**Home and Shut-In Visitations:** Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at [president@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:president@gomissionparishut.org) or 801-573-6800 if you would like any of our visiting priests to conduct home or shut-in visitations.

**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](http://www.faithendowment.org). The application deadline is Saturday, June 27, 2015.

**Weekly Bulletin Announcements:** Please send weekly bulletin announcement requests to Parish Council Secretary, Michael Petrogeorge, at [secretary@gomissionparishut.org](mailto: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 wish to add additional names, please contact Michael Petrogeorge at [secretary@gomissionparishut.org](mailto:secretary@gomissionparishut.org).

### PAN-ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pancretan Association of America's 44<sup>th</sup> National Convention:** The Pancretan Association of America's 44<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be held in Salt Lake Saturday, June 27, 2015, through Thursday, July 2, 2015. Multiple events and activities are planned. Please visit [www.paaslc2015.org](http://www.paaslc2015.org) for further details. Tickets to the various convention events can be obtained from Kris Parenti, Irene Petrogeorge or Myra Varanakis during our fellowship hour.

**AHEPA/DOP Scholarships:** Salt Lake AHEPA Beehive Chapter 146 and Daughters of Penelope Charai Chapter #79 are jointly offering six \$1000 Scholarships to undergraduate students planning to attend college this fall. Students need to be members of a Salt Lake area Greek Orthodox Church or member or child of a Salt Lake City based AHEPA Family Organization. Membership in AHEPA/DOP is NOT REQUIRED. Applications will be accepted until July 15, 2015. Application forms or information can be obtained by contacting Jim Klekas at 801-971-6060, Marinos Poulos at 801-792-4841, Vasi Katsikathas at 801-554-1827 or any AHEPA or DOP member.

