



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah
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Sunday, July 26, 2015
Eighth Sunday of Matthew

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

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 Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 67.35,26

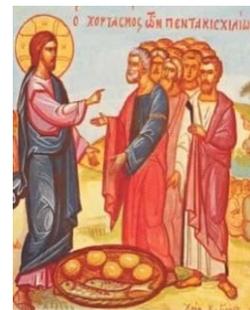
God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.



BRETHREN, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel of Matthew 14:14-22



At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left

over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Hymn at Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

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

Your diligence corresponded to your name, Paraskevi, which denotes preparedness. Through faith you inherited the promised dwelling that was prepared for you, O prize-winning Martyr. Therefore you pour out cures and healings, and you intercede on behalf 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 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 July 26: Righteous Martyr Paraskevi of Rome; Hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus & Hermocrates at Nicomedia; Holy Virgin-Martyrs Jerusalem & Orizela of Byzantium; Venerable Moses the Hungarian; Archbishop Sava III of Serbia; Martyr Appion, Venerable Ignatius of Mt. Stirion; Roman Martyrs Symphronius with Olympius, his wife Exuperia & their son Theodulus; and Gerontius the Ascetic of Mt. Athos.

Welcome Father Dimitrios Kyritsis: This week 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!

Altar Server News: The scheduled altar servers this week are Andy Adondakis, Luke Varechok and Thanasi Johnson. The scheduled altar servers for Sunday, August 2, 2015, are Jacob Pananos, Dionysios "Dennis" Apostole and Thanasi Johnson.

We are looking for new altar servers! If your son is at least 8 years old, entering third grade or above and interested in altar service, contact Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org.

Altar server training has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 9, 2015, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the church. No experience necessary!

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to the Beck and Kireiev families for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Please join us!

Fellowship hour on Sunday, August 2, 2015, will be hosted by Tom and Carolyn Leitko, Fred and Connie Pantke, Todd and Andrea Rosenkrantz, Joe and Ann Sasich and Toula Souvall.

If you would like to host a fellowship hour, please contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net.

Memorial Services:

Sunday, August 2, 2015:

John L. Poulos (8 years); Loretta Tsouras (5 years)

Sunday, August 9, 2015:

Stylios E. Tzeiranakis (1 year)

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

Scheduling Sacraments: Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at president@gomissionparishut.org or 801-573-6800 if you would like to schedule a sacrament at our Parish so that the Parish Council can assist in determining whether the Church and related facilities are available and in making arrangements for one of our visiting priests to perform the sacrament. Communication with Dr. Beck is particularly important if you would like to schedule a baptism or other sacrament after Liturgy on a Sunday in a manner that may impact our regular service and/or fellowship plans.

Proistamenos Assignment: Our prayers have been answered regarding a full-time priest! On July 21, 2015, we received the official letter from His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah assigning the Reverend Father Anthony Savas as the Proistamenos of our Parish, beginning September 1, 2015!

Father Anthony is a native of Salt Lake City. He received his Masters of Divinity from the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 1997, after which he was assigned to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas, Texas. Father Anthony served in Dallas for eight years, first as the assistant priest and then as the Proistamenos of that parish. In 2005, Father Anthony was assigned as the Proistamenos of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Northridge, California, where he has served for the past ten years. Father Anthony has been dedicated to youth work on the parish, Metropolis and Archdiocesan levels throughout his ministry.

Father Anthony's wife, Presvytera Andrea Zoumadakis Savas, is also from Salt Lake. They have four children: Damian, Alexia, Markella and Dimitri. Father Anthony and his family will relocate to the Salt Lake area towards the end of summer, and his first service as our new

Proistamenos will be held on Sunday, September 6, 2015. It is incredible to have such an esteemed, seasoned and well-regarded Proistamenos serve our Parish and help us continue our spiritual journey. We are excited to welcome Father Anthony, Presvytera Andrea, Damian, Alexia, Markella and Dimitri into our Parish family!

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.

One Year Anniversary Weekend: Make plans to join the celebration of our Parish's first anniversary with the following events:

- **Anniversary Banquet - Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing & More:**

Date: Saturday, September 5, 2015

Location: St. Thomas More Catholic Church - Meyer Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$60 per person (cash bar)

Children 12 and under: \$25

For reservations, contact Martha Drossos at 801-733-6222 or annalexmom@comcast.net or Sophie Wondolowski at 801-278-3395 or swondo@comcast.net. Reservations will also be taken during fellowship hour this Sunday.

- **Church Services on Sunday, September 6, 2015:**

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

- **Parish Picnic - Games, Music, Youth Dance Performance, Dinner & Fun:**

Date: Sunday, September 6, 2015

Location: Canyon Rim Park, 3100 E. Grace St. (3100 So.)

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free (donations accepted)

Youth Folk Dance Group: Youth folk dance practice is held each Thursday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More gymnasium. All youth ages 3 and up are invited and welcome to participate regardless of ethnicity or prior experience. Please contact Kim Mallas at kmallas22@gmail.com or 801-915-7815 for further information.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you! Thank you to Chuck Karpakis and Mark Vrontikis, co-chairs of the Parish fishing trip, for their efforts in organizing this event at Strawberry Reservoir this past weekend. Special thanks to John Anton, Phill Floor, Chris and Heidi Gounaris, Jim Mylonakis, A.J. Nicolodemos, Fred Pantke, Chris Petrogeorge, George Priskos, Mike Radivoyevich, the entire Souvall Family and George Vosnos, who helped with the setup, teardown, meal preparation and cleanup, and to Jim Karpakis for donating the use of his company's covered trailer to transport all the equipment and supplies. Thank you also to the numerous parishioners and guests who took the time to attend and enjoy some fellowship in the great outdoors. It was a wonderful community gathering in the beauty of God's creation, and we all look forward to next year!

Religious Book Lending Library: The Women's Ministry Team has started a lending library. Book donations will be accepted during fellowship hour after Liturgy on Sundays, and books can also be checked out at that time. Thanks to everyone who has already donated. Please check out our collection! Contact Lisa Apostole at lisa.apostole@gmail.com with any questions.

Women's Ministry Team Food Drive: The Women's Ministry Team will collect food for the Utah Food Bank the third week of every month. The next collection will be on Sunday, August 16, 2015. 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. Thanks!

Save the Date - Holiday Boutique: Our Women's Ministry Team will host a holiday boutique on Saturday, October 31, 2015, in the St. Thomas More Gymnasium. Further details to come. Save the date!

Donor Recognition Plaque: The Parish Council is preparing a plaque that will recognize those who donated to the construction and furnishing of our new worship facilities. The plaque will include the names of all who made special donations towards the project,

including those for whom donations were made "in honor of" or "in memory of." In recognition of the fact that the construction was funded largely through stewardship dollars, the plaque will also include the names of all who have been stewards at any time since the inception of our Parish through July 30, 2015. Please contact Chris Gounaris at 801-660-9224 or treasurer@gomissionparishut.org if you would like to confirm that a name will be included on the plaque.

2015 Stewardship: Christian Stewardship is a grateful and responsible use of God's gifts in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. Christian stewards, empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to conscious, purposeful decisions. Stewardship is lived out by: living and telling the Good News; sharing with God in seeking justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in an interdependent universe; wisely employing God-given human resources, abilities and relationships; sharing the material resources we hold and giving them in service, justice, and compassion; providing for future generations; and sharing in the life, worship, and responsible stewardship of the Church and its mission. Both for the individual and for the community, stewardship is a joyful act for the sake of God's world.

To date, we have received 127 commitment cards for 2015, with stewardship commitments totaling \$222,910 putting us at 96.9% of the goal we all established for ourselves at the Fall 2014 Parish Assembly. Thanks for your support!

Please visit www.gomissionparishut.org/?page_id=21 to obtain a 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.

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: Alec, Ange, Bill, Christopher, Dan, Fred, George, Jacqui, Jim, Joe, John, Kristina, Linda, Lorlee, Margie, Michael, Mike, Mila, Sandy, Toula, Victor. If you wish to add additional names, please contact Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org.