



Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

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Sunday, August 2, 2015
Ninth Sunday of Matthew

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 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4. Psalm 75.11,1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel



IN THOSE DAYS, Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, arose and disputed with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated men, who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, and set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us." And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

And the high priest said, "Is this so?" And Stephen said: "Brethren and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, 'Depart from your land and from your kindred and go into the land which I will show you.' Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living; yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him in possession and to his posterity after him, though he had no child."

"But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands; as the prophet says, 'Heaven is my throne, and earth my footstool. What house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?'"

“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth against him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34



At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.” And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are

the Son of God.” And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Hymn at Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, 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 Proto-Martyr

O Stephen, a crown of royalty was laid on your head for contests you courageously endured for Christ our God, as first among Martyr saints. You stood in accusation of the raging Judeans; and you saw your Savior at the right hand of the Father. We pray that you will ever entreat Him to save 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

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

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 August 2: Translation of the Relics of Stephen the Protomartyr; Holy New-Martyr Theodore of Dardanelles; Saint Phocas the Martyr; Venerable Photeini (Fotou) the Wonderworker of Cyprus; Blessed Basil the Wonderworker & Fool-for-Christ of Moscow; Etheldritha (Alfreda) the anchoress of Croyland; and Saint Friardus of Vindumitta (Gaul).

Welcome Father Ambrose: This week we are blessed to welcome back Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas from the Metropolis of Denver to celebrate Divine Liturgy with our Parish this weekend!

Altar Server News: The scheduled altar servers this week are Jacob Pananos and Dionysios "Dennis" Apostole. The scheduled altar servers for Sunday, August 9, 2015, are Kosta Sergakis, Zachary Petrogeorge and Jonathan Petrogeorge.

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

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Tom and Carolyn Leitko, Fred and Connie Pantke, Todd and Andrea Rosenkrantz, Joe and Ann Sasich and Toulia Souvall for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Please join us!

Fellowship hour on Sunday, August 9, 2015, will be hosted by Klea and Gerard Gallegos and family in loving memory of Stylianos E. Tzeiranakis.

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

Memorial Services:

Today, August 2, 2015:

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

Sunday, August 9, 2015:

Stylianos 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 making the appropriate arrangements.

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

Transfiguration of our Lord:

Thursday, August 6, 2015 – Orthros: 9:00 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Hieromonk Ambrose Omayas

Dormition of the Theotokos:

Saturday, August 15, 2015 – Orthros: 9:00 a.m./Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Visiting Celebrant: Reverend Father James "Jimi" Foresos

Proistamenos Assignment: As noted last week, His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah has assigned the Reverend Father Anthony Savas as the Proistamenos of our Parish, beginning September 1, 2015. Father Anthony, his wife, Presvytera Andrea Zoumadakis Savas, and their four children, Damian, Alexia, Markella and Dimitri, 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. We are excited to welcome Father Anthony and his family into our Parish!

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.

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.

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.

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

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. Space is limited, so make your reservation today!

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

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

This will also be Father Anthony's inaugural service with our Parish.

- **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)

Please bring your own adult beverages.

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!

Congratulations: Congratulations to Dimitri Burikas, who was ordained to the Diaconate on June 6, 2015. Deacon Dimitri is the husband of Danielle Hillas Burikas, and the son-in-law of Harry and Barbara Hillas. Deacon Burikas currently serves at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines, Illinois, in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago. AXIOS!

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!

2015 Stewardship: Stewardship is our spiritual expression of faith and giving thanks for the God given gifts of time, talent and treasure. It is what we do with those gifts. One's stewardship has everlasting consequences and we can never outlive that stewardship. As we go forward, please pray God will continue to shower us with His blessings and consider what more you can do to show your love and appreciation. Let us continue to express the joy, peace and love which we experience in our parish. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. [2 Corinthians 9:7]

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, Christopher, Dan, Fred, George, Jacqui, Jim, Joe, John, Julie Ann, Kristina, Linda, Lorlee, Margie, Marie, Michael, Mike, Mila, Nick, Sandy, Shirley, Theano, Toula, Victor.

If you wish to add additional names, please contact Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@gomissionparishut.org.