

Epistle Reading - St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18



*Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2.
Psalm 27.9,1*

*O Lord, save your people and
bless your inheritance.*

*Verse: To you, O Lord, I have
cried, O my God.*

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may

not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, September 7, 2014
Sunday before the Elevation of the
Venerable and Life-Giving Holy
Cross

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant:

Very Reverend Fr. Luke Kontgas

Parish Council: *Dr. Charles Beck (President),
Chuck Karpakis (Vice President), Chris Gounaris
(Treasurer), Joe Varanakis (Asst. Treasurer),
Michael Petrogeorge (Secretary), Jim Priskos, Joe
Sasich, George Sergakis, Bruce Shand, Peter
Souvall and Sophie Wondolowski*

Welcome Fr. Luke Kontgas: We are very blessed to have with us today Fr. Luke Kontgas, residing in Price, Utah. We welcome and thank him for celebrating Divine Liturgy with our new Parish family!

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to the Sergakis family – George, Tina, Anna and Kosta – for hosting this week’s post-Liturgy fellowship hour.

Stewardship Update: Continued thanks to those who have turned in their stewardship pledge cards and begun their stewardship payments. Stewardship cards will be available after Liturgy and can also be found on our website: www.ocpslc.org. Completed cards can be mailed to Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah, c/o Chris Gounaris, Treasurer, P.O. Box 4791, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110, scanned and emailed to treasurer@ocpslc.org, or given to a Parish Council member before or after Liturgy. Please make stewardship checks payable to “Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah” and mail them to Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah, c/o Chris Gounaris, Treasurer, P.O. Box 4791, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110, or give them to a Parish Council member before or after Liturgy. Your stewardship is critical to the success of our new Parish!

Sunday School: Sunday School begins next week! Please visit the registration table during the post-Liturgy fellowship hour to sign up your adorable children and grandchildren. We will have five classes this year: Preschool/ Kindergarten (K3/K4/K); Lower Elementary (1st/2nd/3rd); Upper Elementary (4th/5th/6th); Middle School (7th/8th/9th) and High School (10th/11th/12th). Students must be 6 years old by Sept. 1 to enter 1st grade.

Sexton Ministry Team: We need volunteers for our Sexton Ministry Team! This team assists with the set up and tear down of the iconostasis, chairs, tables, stained glass window coverings, etc. for our weekly services. We hope to have 4 teams with at least 10 parishioners each, with each team serving one Sunday per month. Please contact Chuck Karpakis at chuck@paragonproperties.biz or 801-265-0900, or Joe Varanakis at joe2263@comcast.net or 801-694-6576 to offer your assistance.

Important Dates:

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2014, 7-9pm
First Day of Sunday School: September 14, 2014 (ice cream sundaes!)

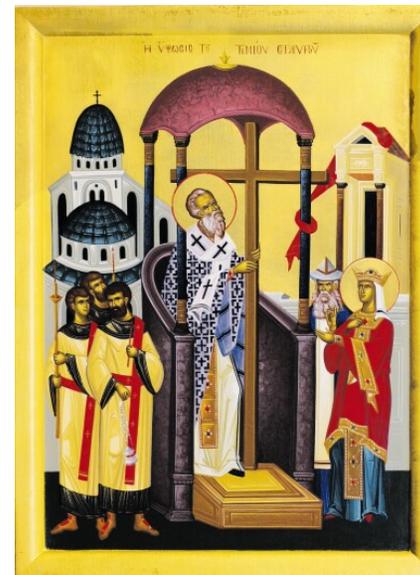
Prayer List: Maria, Mary, Anastasia, George, Barbara, Ange and Christopher. (Please send the name of anyone you would like added to Michael Petrogeorge at mpetrogeorge@parsonsbehle.com).

Worship Space: We were blessed with a truly amazing turnout for our inaugural Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 31, 2014! Although we expect to continue our worship at the Woods on Ninth for the time being, we will need to consider a larger venue if interest in our new Parish continues to grow. The Parish Council is assessing various options, but welcomes your input and suggestions. Please contact Chuck Karpakis, Chair of our Real Estate Ministry Team at chuck@paragonproperties.biz or 801-265-0900 if you are aware of any potential venues.

Schedule of Upcoming Services: We expect to have a visiting priest to conduct Liturgy on Sunday, September 14, 2014, the feast day of the Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross. We are also working to secure visiting priests for Sunday, September 21, 2014 and September 28, 2014. If no priest is available on any of these dates, we will hold lay services and Sunday School. All future services remain subject to available funds for facility rental, clergy stipends, etc.

KUER Coverage: To listen to Dan Bammes’ story on our first Liturgy visit: <http://kuer.org/post/first-worship-service-new-greek-orthodox-parish>

Gospel Reading - The Gospel of John 3:13-17



The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.”