



## Greek Orthodox Mission Parish of Utah

Sunday, September 21, 2014  
Sunday after Holy Cross

**Orthros: 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Celebrant:**

**Very Rev. Fr. Luke Kontgas**

**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.

### Epistle Reading - St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20



*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, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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continued generosity in printing our weekly bulletins!*

## Gospel Reading - The Gospel of Mark 8:34-38; 9:1



The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his

Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

**Welcome Back Fr. Luke Kontgas:** We are blessed to have back with us today Fr. Luke Kontgas, who resides in Price, Utah. We welcome and thank him for celebrating Divine Liturgy with our Parish family!

**Sunday School:** Students and teachers will be dismissed after Holy Communion for Sunday School. The K3-12<sup>th</sup> grade classes will meet upstairs. The nursery program will meet in the "Groom's Room" on the first floor (behind the narthex).

**Keyboardist Needed:** We would like to add a keyboard to our Liturgy to enhance the experience and assist us in our communal singing. Please contact Sophie Wondolowski at [swondo@comcast.net](mailto:swondo@comcast.net) or 801-278-3395 if you can volunteer your time and talent.

**Collection Trays:** We will no longer pass collection trays during Liturgy or during Sunday School to minimize disturbing our worship experience, except when a special collection is requested by our Hierarchs. Please keep this in mind as you make your offerings in the narthex, and please teach your Sunday Schoolers to place their offerings in the tray there, as well. Thank you.

**Cookbook Fundraiser:** CALLING ALL COOKS! Kim Souvall has received many tasty recipes for her cookbook fundraiser but needs more to reach her goal of 300! All types of cuisines are encouraged. Remind your family and friends to send in their favorite recipes. Send a request to that friend who has the recipe you have always wanted. The deadline is October 1, 2014. Include your full name, recipe title and number of servings. Send to [kimsouvall@gmail.com](mailto:kimsouvall@gmail.com) or fill out a form during fellowship hour. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of altar boy robes!

**2014 Ministry Teams:** Here is a list of our Parish Ministry Teams:

- Stewardship Ministry Team  
Co-Chairs: Sophie Wondolowski and Steve Simos
- Finance Ministry Team  
Co-Chairs: Chris Gounaris and Joe Varanakis
- Legal Ministry Team  
Co-Chairs: Michael Petrogeorge and Bruce Shand
- Communications/PR Ministry Team  
Chair: Michael Petrogeorge
- Youth and Sunday School Ministry Team  
Chair: Kim Mallas
- Young Adult Ministry Team  
Chair: Peter Souvall
- Sexton Ministry Team  
Co-Chairs: Chuck Karpakis and Joe Varanakis

- Women's Group Ministry Team (future Philoptochos)  
Chair: TBD
- Men's Group Ministry Team  
Co-Chairs: Steve Simos and Bill Souvall
- Liturgical Supplies Ministry Team  
Chair: Dr. Charles Beck
- Adult Catechism Ministry Team  
Chair: TBD
- Real Estate Ministry Team  
Chair: Chuck Karpakis
- Long Range Planning Ministry Team  
Chair: Dr. Charles Beck
- Historical Archives Ministry Team  
Chair: Mark Vrontikis

Please contact the identified Chair(s) if you have not already signed up but wish to offer your time and talent to one or more of these teams.

**Sexton Ministry Team:** Thanks to everyone who has volunteered for our Sexton Ministry Team, which will assist in the set up and tear down for our weekly services. As noted, we would like to have at least 40 volunteers for this committee so that we can create teams of 10 that can rotate and serve approximately one Sunday each month. Please contact Chuck Karpakis at [chuck@paragonproperties.biz](mailto:chuck@paragonproperties.biz) or 801-265-0900 or Joe Varanakos at [joe2263@comcast.net](mailto:joe2263@comcast.net) or 801-694-6576 to offer your assistance. In the meantime, those who can help are asked to arrive at The Woods at 8:00 a.m. this Sunday to assist with set up for Liturgy. Please also consider staying after fellowship hour to assist with the cleanup.

**Chanters Welcome:** Anyone interested and with prior training in chanting Orthros is welcome to assist us. Please contact Dr. Charles Beck at [asacbeck@msn.com](mailto:asacbeck@msn.com) or 801-573-6800 for more information.

**Worship Space:** Although we expect to continue our worship at the Woods on Ninth for the time being, we will need to consider a larger venue as 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](mailto:chuck@paragonproperties.biz) or 801-265-0900 if you are aware of any potential venues.

**My Sister's Closet Charity Boutique:** The U-SA Cares for Life organization will hold its annual fundraiser on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at The Fellowship, 615 East 9800 South, Sandy, Utah. Experience the freedom of cleaning out your closet and donating your HIGH-LINE gently used items (women's clothes, shoes, handbags and jewelry) to help change the destiny of destitute children and women in South Africa. Make arrangements to have your items picked up or dropped off by calling or emailing Rose Pylidis at 801-860-3851 or [rose@sacaresforlife.com](mailto:rose@sacaresforlife.com). Admission to the event is \$25, all of which will go towards your purchases.

In South Africa, more than 1,800 people die each day from HIV/AIDS related illnesses, leaving orphaned babies and children on the streets, in child-headed households or being raised by grandparents. An estimated 170,000 children in South Africa will be orphaned in a year by parents who die of HIV/AIDS. U-SA Cares for Life has been called to come along side SA CARES FOR LIFE and help these children – and families – to give them the education and necessities they need to make a difference in their lives. Visit [www.sacaresforlife.com](http://www.sacaresforlife.com) for more information.

**Fall Parish Assembly:** Our fall Parish Assembly has been scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2014 from 2-4pm (Location TBD).

**Schedule of Upcoming Services:** Our Metropolitan continues to support us and is working out a schedule of clergy coverage so that we can expect a priest to be present the vast majority, and likely all, of the Sundays the next 3 months. If no priest is available on any of these dates, we will hold lay services and Sunday School.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7pm. Please contact Dr. Beck at [asacbeck@msn.com](mailto:asacbeck@msn.com) or 801-573-6800 if you wish to attend so that we can secure a large enough meeting space.

**Stewardship:** We on the Parish Council want to take a moment to thank everyone who has submitted their stewardship pledge cards and made stewardship payments to date. Your generosity and support for our new Parish, not only in the form of attendance and volunteerism but also financially, has been overwhelming. We feel very blessed to have such giving and dedicated parishioners in our new Parish.

Our **average** stewardship pledge continues to exceed \$2,000 per family. Please remember this figure is not intended to suggest any minimum required pledge, as there is no such requirement. We simply ask that people give cheerfully, freely and in proportion to their means as instructed in Scripture. The exceedingly generous pledges received so far show that our parishioners are truly grateful for their blessings from above. Our goal of having a permanently assigned priest and a permanent place of worship grows ever more attainable, thanks to your sacrificial giving.

Stewardship cards are available after Liturgy and can also be found on our website: [www.ocpslc.org](http://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](mailto:treasurer@ocpslc.org), or given to any Parish Council member in a sealed envelope 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 in a sealed envelope before or after Liturgy.

**Liturgical Items:** We are in need of the following liturgical items (among others): a standing cross for the altar table; an antidoron stand, standing candelabras for the front of the iconostasis, processional items (candles, banners, lanterns, fans, poles, etc.). We are checking prices, but please consider whether you would be willing to make a donation so that the Parish may purchase needed items.

**Congratulations Kosta Sergakis:** Kosta Sergakis, son of George and Tina Sergakis, was named the "Offensive Player of the Game" by MaxPreps for last Saturday's football performance when his Jordan High Beetdiggers traveled by bus to Cherry Creek High School in Greenwood Village, CO taking a 38-14 victory. Kosta pulled off this recognition despite the fact that he was hit hard after being sandwiched between two defenders, sustaining a mild concussion in the first few minutes of the 3rd quarter (still making an excellent catch). Kosta had 5 catches for 95 yards with 1 touchdown pass. Kosta was cheered on by about 8 of his Colorado friends that he met at Camp Emmanuel last year. Go Kosta! Get well for the next game!

**Bulletin Announcements:** If you would like to have any announcements included in our weekly bulletin, please send them to Michael Petrogeorge at [mpetrogeorge@parsonsbehle.com](mailto:mpetrogeorge@parsonsbehle.com) by 5:00 pm on Wednesdays.

**Memorial Services – May Their Memory Be Eternal:**

*Today:* Stylianos Emmanuel Tzeiranakis (40 days). The Gerard and Klea Gallegos family will host our fellowship hour in his memory.

If you would like to schedule a memorial, please contact Dr. Charles Beck at [asacbeck@msn.com](mailto:asacbeck@msn.com) or 801-573-6800. All scheduled memorials are subject to the availability of a visiting priest.

**Prayer List:** Adam, Anastasia, Ange, Barbara, Bill, Christopher, George, John, Katherine, Maria, Mary, Matylda, Mitch. Please send any additional names for the Prayer List to Michael Petrogeorge at [mpetrogeorge@parsonsbehle.com](mailto:mpetrogeorge@parsonsbehle.com).