



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church
3015 E. Creek Road, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093
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Sunday, September 11, 2016
Sunday before Holy Cross

Orthros: 9:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10:15 a.m.

Reverend Father Anthony Savas
Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev

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

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2. Psalm 27.9, 1

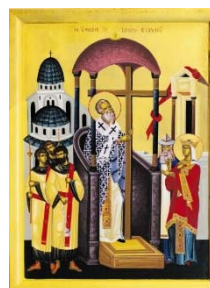
O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

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.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel according to 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."

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy. (Liturgy Book page 111)

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead. Save us who sing to You: Alleluia. (Liturgy Book page 37)

Hymn for the Feast

Your birth, O Theotokos, has filled the world with joy, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. He destroyed the ancient curse and replaced it with a blessing, thus confounding death by giving us eternal life. (Liturgy Book page 177)

Hymn for the Church

O God-minded Anna, you bore the pure Mother of God, the one who within her conceived the Conceiver of life itself. You were therefore transported to a place now in heaven. Joyful ones all reside there in the home of all gladness, asking for forgiveness for those who honor you, O blessed one.

Kontakion

Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death's corruption, O Pure One. Thus freed from the stain of sin, we your people honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our Life. (Liturgy Book page 229)

Megalynarion

It is truly right to call you blessed, O Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure and the mother, the mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. In virginity you gave birth to God, to God the Word. Truly the Theotokos, we magnify you, we magnify you. (Liturgy Book page 69)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him, praise Him in the highest. (Liturgy Book page 83)

Dismissal Hymn

Lord, grant long life to him who blesses us and sanctifies us. Amen. (Liturgy Book page 95)

Orthodox Saints Commemorated on September 11: Venerable Theodora of Alexandria; Euphrosynos the Cook of Alexandria; Holy Martyr Theodora of Vasta in the Peloponnese; Martyrs Evanthia, Demetrios & their son Demetrianos at Skepsis; Martyr Ia of Persia & 9,000 martyrs with her; Egyptian Martyrs Felix & his sister Regula at Zurich; and Paphnutius the Confessor of Egypt.

Altar Servers: The scheduled altar servers for today, Sunday, September 11, 2016, are Luke Varechok, Zachary Sasich, Sam Simos and Nicholas Simos.

The scheduled altar servers for Sunday, September 18, 2016, are Mitchell Mallas, Matthew Mallas and Caleb Mau.

Remember, all altar servers are welcome and encouraged to serve, whether scheduled or not.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Saunee Cairo, Nick and Joni Clark, Chris and Irene Petrogeorge, George and Irene Kocolas Petrogeorge, Michael and Angela Petrogeorge, and Dean and Sylvia Zekas for hosting this week's Fellowship Hour. Please join us!

The fellowship hour on Sunday, September 18, 2016, will be hosted by Tom and Carolyn Leitko, Lloyd and Penny Mills, and Steve and Myra Shenk.

If you would like to host a fellowship hour, please contact Carolyn Leitko at csleitko@gmail.com.

It is with love and joy that our parishioners provide Fellowship Hour each Sunday. In signing up to help, please remember any contribution is welcome. Feel free to bring what you choose. Sharing time together is what we cherish. We thank you for your generosity and participation!

Memorial Service – May Their Memory Be Eternal:

Today, September 11, 2016: The Reverend Father Matthew Gilbert (newly departed)

Sunday, September 25, 2016: Georgia Varanakis (71 years); Alexandra Maragakis (42 years); Nick Varanakis (37 years); Nick Maragakis (33 years); Tony Maragakis (33 years); John Maragakis (25 years); Sam W. Souvall (10 years); Joshua Sam Kresser (10 years); Leni Cairo (7 years); Bob Cairo (5 years); Mike N. Varanakis (4 years)

Sunday, November 13, 2016: Georgia Revas (30 years)

To schedule a memorial service, please contact Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org, 801-824-3987 (mobile), or 385-313-9358 (office).

Sunday School Begins TODAY: Sunday School classes begin today, Sunday, September 11, 2016. Please note, however, that students will remain in the church following Communion for the Appreciation Acknowledgement of our Teachers and the Blessing of the New School Year and the Sunday School Classrooms. Contact Kim Mallas at kmallas22@gmail.com or Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org or with questions.

God Bless the Newly Departed Rev. Fr. Matthew Gilbert – May His Memory Be Eternal:



We were all deeply saddened by the news that Fr. Matthew Gilbert fell asleep in the Lord at approximately 1:40 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. He was a wonderful, kind, humble, selfless and loving priest and a spiritual father to many in our parish. May God bless and guide his family during this difficult time, and may they find comfort knowing that he was beloved by many and is no longer in pain.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, 2016, at St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Monastery in Florence, Arizona, with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America presiding. Fr. Matthew was interred at the cemetery on the monastery grounds.

Please contact Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org to learn how you can participate in our collective effort to share our continued love, compassion, respect and gratitude to Fr. Matthew's family.

May His Memory Be Eternal!

Communion Ushering Reminder: All those who are prepared and wish to receive communion should wait to be ushered from their rows by a member of the Parish Council. *Sunday School children and teachers will be ushered out, front to back, row by row, by a member of the Parish Council. The remainder of the parishioners wishing to receive communion will then be ushered out, front to back, row by row, by a member of the Parish Council.* Your cooperation in this process is appreciated.

Youth Activity Bags: Our parish's new children's activity bags have arrived! Now your kids can enjoy coloring, stickers and other fun activities during Liturgy without having to bring it all from home. Use what you want during service and leave the bag to be refilled at the end. And of course it's all spiritually themed! Thanks to Bobbie Harper for the design work on the bags, to Chuck Karpakis for designing and building the stand, and to Elaina Simos for coordinating the goodies inside.

Sunday Epistle Readers: In an effort to involve our young people in the liturgical life of the church, beginning today, Sunday, September 11, 2016, the first day of Sunday School, students from our Sunday School, grades 10-12, will be reading the Epistle Readings during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The assignments of the readings will be coordinated through the Sunday School Program. Parents of our high school teens, please encourage your children to stand before the congregation and proclaim God's Word to His people. It is a blessing, an honor (and actually a lot of fun) to read in the church.

St. Anna Feast Day Picnic: A special thank you to Elaina Maragakis, Chair, Mary Feotis and Sophie Wondolowski, Food Committee Chairs, and Presbyteria Andrea Savas, Children Games Committee Chair, for their hard work in planning the St. Anna Feast Day Picnic on August 28, 2016. Their names were inadvertently excluded from last week's bulletin announcement, but their efforts are much appreciated.

Ordination of Gregory Jerry Floor to the Holy Diaconate – Sunday, October 9, 2016:



We are blessed and honored that Gregory has chosen St. Anna's as the location for his ordination to the Holy Diaconate on Sunday, October 9, 2016. A luncheon honoring Gregory will be held in Meyer Hall immediately following the services that day. Further details to come. Axios! Axios! Axios!

Altar Wish List: As you have undoubtedly noticed, there has been a blessed increase in the participation of our Altar Servers on Sunday mornings. We are so thankful for the ministry that these boys and young men offer, and for the support that their parents provide. With more and more kids serving in the Altar, it is necessary to provide them with processional items used for their sacred service. Therefore, new items have been ordered and your contributions toward their purchase are greatly appreciated.

Items available to donate include:

Processional Torch, with Liquid-Wax Candle and Stand: \$ 550.00

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Processional Fan (Hexapteryga) with Pole and Stand: \$ 675.00

Processional Fan (Hexapteryga) with Pole and Stand: \$ 675.00

Processional Cross with Pole and Stand: \$ 675.00

Thank you for your prayerful consideration in enhancing the beauty and dignity of our liturgical services at St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church. May God bless you always.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, September 14, 2016:

The Universal Exultation of the Cross

Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 26, 2016:

Demetrios the Great Martyr

Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016:

Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016:

Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel

Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016:

St. Nektarios

Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Monday, November 21, 2016:

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Friday, November 25, 2016:

St. Katherine the Great Martyr

Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 30, 2016:

St. Andrew the First Called Apostle

Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice: The next choir practice will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net with questions.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, September 11, 2016: Perry Drossos and Craig Stagg (Narthex); Michael Petrogeorge and Joe Varanakos (Front Ushers); Joe Sasich and Peter Souvall (Back Ushers); Steve Simos (At-Large)

Sunday, September 18, 2016: Chuck Karpakis and Michael Petrogeorge (Narthex); Carolyn Leitko and Steve Simos (Front Ushers); Charles Beck and Perry Drossos (Back Ushers); Craig Stagg (At-Large)

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Server Retreat (Boys in 3rd Grade through 12th Grade): An altar server retreat will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 2016, beginning at 2:00 p.m.** Join us for service training, altar server

Olympics, dinner and an evening at the Rocky Mountain Raceway. Further details to come. Please contact Fr. Anthony if your son, who is of proper age, is interested in altar service.

St. Anna Youth Ministry Kick-Off Celebration: The St. Anna Youth Ministry Kick-Off Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.**, at the home of the Zoumadakis/Savas family, 2009 Waldo Drive, Holladay. Join us for a BBQ dinner, fun and planning for the 2016-17 activities!

JOY Ministry (1st Grade - 5th Grade): Our first JOY meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 25, 2016, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**, in the fellowship hall. Remember that JOY generally meets the last Tuesday of the month, with additional service projects, parties, and outings.

GOYA Ministry (Jr. GOYA, 6th Grade - 9th Grade, Sr. GOYA, 10th Grade - 12th Grade): Please watch for announcements concerning the GOYA calendar and activities. GOYA will consist of home Bible Studies, service projects, outings, retreats and parties.

ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choose the Fall Bible Study Topic: For those of you who participated in our Bible Study on Wednesday evenings last year, we look forward to seeing you again and hopefully to welcoming new participants. Since our group continued to grow and our space became cramped, we are moving into Classrooms Eight and Nine. Please tell your friends about our lively and lovely discussions. You all brought so much to the group.

Fr. Anthony is requesting that in the next week, you vote on what you would like to study this Fall.

Please email him at franthony@stannagocutah.org with your choice from among the following topics:

The Book of Revelation (St. John's Apocalypse)
The Book of Acts
The Parables of Christ

Adult Bible Study: The first Adult Bible Study class of the 2016-2017 season will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in classrooms 8 and 9. Watch for further announcements.

Parish Family Nights: The first Parish Family Night of the 2016-17 season will be held on Friday, September 23, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Details to come. Parish Family Nights are generally held the fourth Friday of the month.

Orthodox Married Life (OML): The OML meeting scheduled for last Friday was cancelled to allow Fr. Anthony to attend a funeral out of state. The first meeting of OML of the 2016-17 season will therefore be held on Friday, October 14, 2016, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. OML generally meets the second Friday of each month.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Ministry Team Meeting: Please join us for a short meeting followed by a light dinner, Greek dancing and fellowship on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you know how to Greek dance come prepared to teach. If you don't know how to Greek dance, come prepared to learn. In either case, be prepared to have FUN! Please RSVP to Liberty Mudrock at 801-943-1851 and bring a \$5.00 donation to help cover the cost of the food. We look forward to seeing you there!

Women's Ministry Team Communications: If you would like to receive communications from the Women's Ministry Team but are not currently on our email list, please contact our Secretary, Elaine Peterson, at layniep53@comcast.net.

MEN'S MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orthodox Christian Men's Morning Prayer Breakfasts (OCM): Thank you to everyone who attended the inaugural meeting of OCM this past Thursday. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 13, 2016, from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at the

Cottonwood Country Club, 1780 East Lakewood Drive, Holladay. This group will generally meet the second Thursday morning of each month for prayer, inspiration, fellowship, spiritual growth and heightened awareness of leading the families of Orthodox Christian homes. This group will be the gathering point and communications hub for our St. Anna Men's Ministry.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communications Ministry Team Meeting: The next meeting of the Communications Ministry Team will be held tomorrow, Monday, September 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Mobile App: We are pleased to announce that the St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church's mobile app is now live and available for free download from both the Apple App Store (for Apple users) and Google Play (for Android users). Please note that the "Parish Directory" link is not working as planned, but that we are working to fix it.

Apple App Store:

<http://fa0fc072-16b2-4e93-b199-3aa947209c07.mobapp.at/landing/Desktop#.V6fir7tf0nY>

Google Play:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.conduit.app_fa0fc07216b24e93b1993aa947209c07.app

The mobile app is a great way to keep up with the news and events of our parish. Install it today!

Parish Directory Photos: Please send digital photos to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@stannagocutah.org for inclusion in this and future editions of the parish directory.

Weekly Bulletin Announcements: Please send requested announcements for the weekly bulletin to Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@stannagocutah.org by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Parish Post Office Box: The parish's mailing address is St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 171224, Holladay, Utah 84117.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the generous Stewards of St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church. Now that we have reached halfway through the calendar year, we as parish leadership, clergy and your Stewardship Ministry Team, wish to express our appreciation for your sincere and generous support of our God-loving and Christ-centered parish. We thank you for your commitments and yet, still remind you that true and sincere Stewardship is the gifting back to the Lord, that which He has already given us. Let us never become complacent in our giving; for when that happens in our communities, the Light of Christ burns less vibrantly in the hearts of the faithful.

God bless you always and again, thank you for your sacrificial and well-pleasing hearts.

PAN-ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plastic Bags for Refugee Totes: Thank you to everyone who helped with the plastic bag collection to make totes for refugees. The connection person for this project has just moved out of state. At this time, Ludmila Davis is not collecting plastic bags. God bless!

Save the Date - International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) Wine and Chef's Tastings: The IOCC's Wine and Chef's Tastings benefit will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Alta Club, 100 East South Temple. Tickets are \$85 per person and may be purchased online at www.iocc.org/slc. Free valet, silent auction, great food and wines. Don't miss this amazing event for a wonderful charitable organization!

PRAYER LIST

Angela, Athan, Austin, Barbara, Brad, Brooklyn, Charissa, Charlene, Christopher, Chrysoula, Dena, Dick, Drew, Eleni, Emilee, Father Matthew and family, George, Gloria, Irene, Joe, John, Julie Ann, Juliet, Katherine, Kylianna, Linda, Lisa, Luke, Madeline, Melissa, Michael, Mike, Nick, Paulette, Peter, Presley, Rich, Sam, Shirley, Sophie, Sylvia, Tamara, Teresa, Tom, Toulia

To add a name to our prayer list, please email Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@stannagocutah.org.

PARISH CALENDAR

An electronic copy of the parish calendar can be found on the parish website at www.stannagocutah.org/?page_id=1663.

September 2016						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
11 Sunday before Holy Cross 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL	12	13 Choir Practice 7pm	14 The Universal Exultation of the Cross 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy	15	16	17 Altar Server Retreat 2pm @ St. Anna's and Rocky Mountain Speedway
18 Sunday After Holy Cross 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	19 Parish Council Meeting 7pm	20 Choir Practice 6pm Women's Ministry Team Meeting 7pm	21 Adult Bible Study 7pm in Classrooms 8 & 9	22	23 Parish Family Night 7pm	24
25 1st Sunday of Luke 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy St. Anna Youth Ministry Kick-Off Celebration 3pm @ Zoumadakis / Savas home, 2009 Waldo Drive, Holladay	26	27 Choir Practice 7pm	28 Adult Bible Study 7pm in Classrooms 8 & 9	29	30	

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30 5th Sunday of Luke 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	31					