



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 4, 2016
11th Sunday of St. Matthew

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

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Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

Prokeimenon. Mode 2. Psalm 117.14,18

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.



BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel according to Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all



that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Hymns at Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When you descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the pow'r of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You. (Liturgy Book page 103)

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 Hieromartyr

Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Babylas. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching that our souls be saved.

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 4: Hieromartyr Babylas of Antioch; Prophet Moses the Godseer; Martyr Hermione the Prophetess & Physician; Venerable Anthimos the Blind of Kefallonia; Martyr Charitina of Amisus; Martyrs Jerusalem & her Children in Veria; Martyrs Thathuel & Vevaia of Edessa; Martyrs Theotimos & Theodoulos the executioners; Petronius of Ephesus; Candida the Elder; and the Synaxis of All Saints of Chios.

Altar Servers: The scheduled altar servers for today, Sunday, September 4, 2016, are Mathew Tsortanidis, Caleb Mau and Jackson Bartel.

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

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

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Sophie Gibson, Craig and Paulette Stagg, Bob and Heidi Varechok, Christopher and Nicol Zambos, and Elaine Zambos for hosting this week's Fellowship Hour. Please join us!

The fellowship hour on Sunday, September 11, 2016, will be hosted by Saunee Cairo, Doug and Pauline Jensen, Chris and Irene Petrogeorge, George and Irene Kocolas Petrogeorge, Michael and Angela Petrogeroge, and Dean and Sylvia Zekas.

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:

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)

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

Congratulations: Congratulations to Kristina Packer and Baby Nina for the celebration of their 40-Day Blessing that will take place near the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy. Please take the time to pray for Mom and Baby, together with Nina's Daddy, Jefferson, and Big Sister, Mary. God bless the growing Packer Family!

Office Hours: Fr. Anthony will not be in the office on Thursdays. No meetings will be scheduled, but feel absolutely free to contact him with any emergencies at 801-824-3987. Thank you!

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. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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

Sunday Epistle Readers: In an effort to involve our young people in the liturgical life of the church, beginning 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.

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 are:

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.

Your Prayers and Support of Fr. Matthew Gilbert and Family:

A Caring Bridge site has been set up to keep people updated on Fr. Matthew Gilbert's progress. This Caring Bridge site is a quick and efficient way for the family to be uplifted by your thoughts and prayers: caringbridge.org/visit/fathermatthewgilbert.

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

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. JUST IN TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!!



St. Anna Feast Day Picnic: Thank you to everyone who attended our Feast Day Picnic last Sunday, August, 28, 2016, at Canyon Rim Park. A special thanks to all of the people who assisted in pulling off such a wonderful first feast day celebration:

Food and beverage donations: Kevin and Beverly Bartel; Chuck and Goldie Karpakis; Tom and Carolyn Leitko (drink coordinators); Gerard and Klea Gallegos; Harry and Barbara Hillas; Phil and Liberty Mudrock.

Made and donated salads: Pat Daskalas (coordinator); Connie Floor; Mae Georgelas; Denise Hoyle; Colette Khoury; Penny Mills; Elaine Peterson; Tanya Smirnov; Elaine Zambos; Sandra Zoolakis.

Made and donated beans: Saunee Cairo; AnnaSophia Clark; Pauline Jensen; Liberty Mudrock; Bunnie Varanakis; Heidi Varechok.

Other Donations/Services: Joanne Dokos (picked up chicken); Gerard and Klea Gallegos (provided sports equipment and coordinated games); Peter Souvall (hailed tables); Mike "DJ" Varanakis (donated DJ service); Men's Ministry Team Members (set-up and clean-up).



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.

MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice: The next choir practice will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net with questions.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, September 4, 2016: Carolyn Leitko and Peter Souvall (Narthex); Charles Beck and Steve Simos (Front Ushers); Perry Drossos and Craig Stagg (Back Ushers); Joe Varanakis (At-Large)

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

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

FALL MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now that the summer has ended for most families, and the children of our community have either gone back to school or will begin shortly, we are grateful to announce the return to a full pastoral and ministerial calendar at St. Anna's. Though further details will be forthcoming in specific announcements, please refer to this guide as to what will generally be taking place. This list is not intended to represent all ministries of the Church, only those which currently have dates on the calendar.

Orthodox Christian Men's Morning Prayer Breakfasts (OCM): The inaugural meeting of OCM will be held **this Thursday, September 8, 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.

Orthodox Married Life (OML): The first meeting of OML of the 2016-17 season will be held **this Friday, September 9, 2016, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. OML generally meets the second Friday of each month.

Sunday School: **Sunday School classes begin next 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.

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.

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.

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.

Please watch for future announcements concerning our Young Adult and Seniors Ministry groups. Also, prayerfully keep in mind that our Choir, Altar Server and Women's Ministries have faithfully continued their practices, services and activities throughout the summer months.

There is something for everyone at St. Anna's Greek Orthodox Church. Get involved!

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.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communications Ministry Team Meeting: The next meeting of the Communications Ministry Team will be held on 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!

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 stannagocutah.org/?page_id=1663.

September 2016						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4 11th Sunday of Matthew 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	5 Happy Labor Day!	6 Choir Practice 7pm	7	8 Orthodox Christian Men's Morning Prayer Breakfasts (OCM) 7-8am @ Cottonwood Country Club	9 Orthodox Married Life (OML) 7-8:30pm	10
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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16 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	17 Parish Council Meeting 7pm	18 Choir Practice 6pm Women's Ministry Team Meeting 7pm	19 Adult Bible Study 7pm in Classrooms 8 & 9	20	21	22
23 6th Sunday of Luke 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	24	25 JOY Meeting (K-6th Grades) 6:30-7:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	26 St. Demetrios the Great Martyr 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Adult Bible Study 7pm in Classrooms 8 & 9	27	28 Parish Family Night 7pm	29
30 5th Sunday of Luke 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	31					