



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner

January 7, 2018

Orthros: 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:15 a.m.

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Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 63.11,1

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.



In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?"

They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to John 1:29-34



At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness,

"I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend

and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Response to Antiphon II

Save us, O Son of God, who were baptized in the Jordan by John. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Hymn for the Feast

At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest, for the Father's voice bore You witness by calling You his beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of the Father's Word. O Christ our God, You have appeared to us and enlightened the world. Glory to You. (Liturgy Book page 209)

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)

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking, seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You. (Liturgy Book page 119)

Hymn for the Forerunner

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more ven'erable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy.

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

You have revealed Yourself to the world today, and Your light shines forth on us, who sing Your praise with full knowledge: You have come to us, O Lord; You are made manifest, O inaccessible Light. (Liturgy Book page 249)

Megalynarion (Hymn for the Theotokos)

O my soul, magnify the ever-virgin Maid who from the curse has redeemed us.

O all spotless Bride, surpassing comprehension are the wonders of your childbirth, blessed Mother! Through you obtaining comprehensive salvation, we bring you a gift in striking up this worthy hymn of gratitude to you our Benefactress.

First Communion Hymn - Psalm 148

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him, praise Him in the highest. (3) (Liturgy Book page 83)

Second Communion Hymn - Psalm 111 (112)

The mem'ry of the righteous will endure, endure forever. (3) (Liturgy Book page 328)

Hymn after Holy Communion

At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest, for the Father's voice bore You witness by calling You his beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of the Father's Word. O Christ our God, You have appeared to us and enlightened the world. Glory to You. (Liturgy Book page 209)

Dismissal Hymn

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

Orthodox Saints Commemorated on January 7: Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, & Forerunner, John the Baptist; Julian the Deacon of Aegina; New-Martyr Athanasios of Attalia & Smyrna; Joseph the New of Cappadocia; Virgin-Martyrs Parthena, Neollina & Domnina of Edessa in Macedonia; Kentigerna the Hermitess of Loch Lomond; Cedd the Bishop of Lastingham; Valentine the Bishop of Rhaetia; and, Hieromonk Brannock of Braunton.

Fellowship Hour: Today, Sunday, January 7, 2018, is Vasilopita Sunday, and the Women's Ministry Team will sponsor fellowship hour with a free luncheon. Please join us!

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

Memorial Services – May Their Memory Be Eternal:

Sunday, January 14, 2018: John Sargetakis (14 years) and Georgia Sargetakis (11 years)

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

Epistle Reader: The epistle reader for today, Sunday, January 7, 2018, is Matthew Tsortandides.

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. *Our Sunday School students and teachers will be ushered for communion first, front to back, row by row, by a member of the Parish Council.* The rest of the parishioners will then be ushered for communion, front to back, row by row, by a member of the Parish Council. Please allow our Sunday School students and teachers to take communion first so

they can get to their classes. Your cooperation in this process is appreciated!

Church Etiquette Reminder: Please remember that no one should enter the church during the Small Entrance, the Great Entrance, the Epistle Reading, the Gospel Reading, or the Creed. Please remain in the hallway, narthex or fellowship hall during these parts of the Divine Liturgy if you have not already entered the church. Thank you!

OTHER UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

St. Anthony the Great

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

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Ss. Athanasios and Cyril

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

Friday, February 2, 2018

Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

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

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Saturday of Souls

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

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Saturday of Souls

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

Monday, February 19, 2018

Great Compline

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 23, 2018

Salutations

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Saturday of Souls

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

Monday, February 26, 2018

Great Compline

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

Classes resume TODAY, Sunday, January 7, 2018

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Affirmation of Office: We are pleased to report that His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah has ratified our December 2017 election. At the conclusion of today's Liturgy, Fr. Anthony will give the Affirmation of Office to the following parishioners who will serve as our 2018 Parish Council: Dr. Charles Beck, Mike Daskalas, Nick Daskalas, Perry Drossos, Carolyn Leitko, Michael Petrogeorge, Joe Sasich, Steve Simos, Myra Shenk, Craig Stagg, and Dr. Julie Steele. Axios!

House Blessings: During the weeks following the Feast of Theophany (the appearance of the Holy Trinity at Christ's Baptism - Celebrated January 6th), it is customary for the Parish Priest to bless the homes of his parishioners with Holy Water from the Great Sanctification of the Waters, asking the Lord to grant peace, health, salvation and protection to the home, and to the family who resides there. It is also appropriate, during this special time, to have your businesses blessed as well.

Blessing forms are available in the Narthex and will be sent via email. Please mail, email or return the form to the church before the end of January so that Fr. Anthony can properly schedule and accommodate the needs of our parishioners. Once the form is received, Fr. Anthony will call to finalize a specific time to bless your home.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Fr. Anthony to get to know you and your family in the comfortable environment of your own home. This is the best occasion to share your thoughts and dreams concerning our parish community with your priest.

Upon Fr. Anthony's arrival, please have the family ready to begin the blessing service. Lights should be turned on in all the rooms of the house that are to be blessed. Please provide a list of all names of family members who live in the house so that he can properly pray for them. Please make sure that all televisions, radios and computers are off at the time of the Blessing.

Glory to the Triune God Who Reveals Himself upon the Waters of the Jordan!

Bottled Holy Water: If you are in need of bottled Holy Water from the Theophany services, please contact Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org or see him following the Divine Liturgy.

Online Credit Card and ACH (Automated Clearing House) Giving Options: We are pleased to announce that you can now make stewardship payments and other donations (including donations to the Altar/Benevolence Fund and St. Anna Capital Campaign Fund) via credit card or ACH payment. Visit stannagocutah.org/?page_id=2666 to make a one-time donation or set up reoccurring payments. Donations can also be made through the Vanco Give+ Mobile App. Please contact Nick Daskalas, Parish Council Treasurer, at treasurer@stannagocutah.org with any questions.

Stock Donations: Our parish is now set up to receive marketable securities donations. Such donations will be received and

handled in accordance with the financial policies adopted by the Parish Assembly. Please contact Nick Daskalas at treasurer@stannagocutah.org for further details.

Amazon Smile Donations to St. Anna: Our parish is now set up to receive donations through Amazon Smile! For those not aware, Amazon Smile is a program where Amazon users can have a small percentage of their purchases on Amazon donated to the charity of their choice. All you do is make your regular Amazon purchases through smile.amazon.com and designate St. Anna as your charity of choice. You receive the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com (and Amazon Prime benefits for those who are members) with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price to St. Anna! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/47-1002380 to register and/or select St. Anna as your charity of choice today!

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 7, 2018: Narthex: Mike Daskalas and Nick Daskalas; Front Ushers: Myra Shenk and Julie Steele; Sunday School Ushers: Perry Drossos and Steve Simos; At-Large/Middle Usher: Carolyn Leitko

Sunday, January 14, 2018: Narthex: Joe Sasich and Julie Steele; Front Ushers: Nick Daskalas and Michael Petrogeorge; Sunday School Ushers: Mike Daskalas and Myra Shenk; At-Large/Middle Usher: Perry Drossos

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

STEWARDSHIP

God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Corinthians 9:7)

To date, we have received 95 stewardship commitment cards with pledges totaling \$197,322, putting us at 68% of our goal of \$290,000! If you have not yet submitted your stewardship commitment card for 2018, please prayerfully consider your time,

talent and treasure commitments and submit your card as soon as possible so that we can proceed as budgeted in the new year. Our continued growth, success and faithful witness is only possible through healthy and spiritually-oriented Stewardship.

Remember, a commitment card does not create a legal obligation, but is rather a commitment of faith. If you are already giving to the Parish but have not completed a stewardship commitment card, please do so. Having the completed card allows us to maintain an up to date and accurate roster of the parish membership and assists us greatly in preparing and tracking against our annual budgets.

Visit stannagocutah.org/?page_id=21 to obtain a 2018 Stewardship Commitment Card or submit your card online..

MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chanting Class/Practice: The first chanting class/practice of 2018 will be held tomorrow, Monday, January 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice: The first choir practice of 2018 will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. Contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net with questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY): Our next monthly JOY meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will meet briefly and then join with GOYA for our monthly service project.

Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA) Meeting: Our next GOYA meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Katherine Smirnov, 8515 S. Danish Road, Cottonwood Heights.

Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA): Please join us on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anna for our monthly service project.

Save the Date - Camp Emmanuel 2018: Mark your calendars now for the Metropolis of Denver's Camp Emmanuel: Senior Session (Ages 15-18): June 10-16, 2018; Junior Session (Ages 11-14): June 17-23, 2018. Further information to come. Please visit www.youth.denver.goarch.org/events/ or contact Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 or franthonny@stannagocutah.org with questions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vasilopita Sunday: The Women's Ministry Team invites you to participate in Vasilopita Sunday immediately following Divine Liturgy TODAY, Sunday, January 7, 2018. Come enjoy a nice lunch and support the live auction of deliciously homemade Vasilopita breads and cakes. Proceeds will benefit St. Basil Academy, St. Anna Capital Campaign, and the Women's Ministry Team. Please contact Sophie Wondolowski at 801-278-3395 or swondo@comcast.net if you would like to donate Vasilopita for this event.

Women's Ministry Team Meeting: Please join us for the next Women's Ministry Team Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Save the Date - Apokreas/Mardi Gras: Our annual Apokreas/Mardi Gras party will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Details to come soon!

FOLK DANCE MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Folk Dance Practice: There is no dance practice today, Sunday, January 7, 2018, so families can participate in the annual Vasilopita. The first dance practice of 2018 will be held next Sunday, January 14, 2018.

Your consistent attendance at dance practice is appreciated as we conclude preparations for our first performances at the Apokreas/Mardi Gras party on February 10, 2018.

Please contact Connie Cayias, our Folk Dance Ministry Team Program Director, at connie.cayias@gmail.com with any questions.

ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study: The first bible study class of 2018 will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer's Class: The first class of 2018 will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are exploring the Orthodox faith or enriching your faith, please join Mary Yannias for this informative class!

Orthodox Married Life (OML): Our next OML meeting is Friday, January 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please join us!

Forever Young Fellowship: The next meeting of the Forever Young Fellowship is Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

Parish Family Night: The next Parish Family Night will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Details to come!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Build the house, that I may take pleasure in it, and that I may be glorified." Haggai 1:8



To date, we have collections and pledges totaling \$1,218,517 towards our fundraising goal of \$3 million.

Please visit the capital campaign page of our parish website at stannagocutah.org/?page_id=2520 for additional information, including answers to some frequently asked questions.

PAN-ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

AHEPA Scholarship Fundraiser presents
ANGELO TSAROUCAS

The "Funny Greek" Comedian - 1st time in Salt Lake City!



Saturday, January 27, 2018
Holy Trinity Cathedral Memorial Building
279 S. 300 West, Salt Lake City

\$70 per person (includes dinner and show)
To reserve seats or tables of 10 contact
Hermione Klekas: 801-582-7777

www.funnygreek.com

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Mobile App: The St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church's mobile app is live and available for free download.

Apple App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/st-anna-greek-orthodox-church/id1140666277?ls=1&mt=8>

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

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

PRAYER LIST

Aletheia, Anastasia, Angie, Argos, Barbara, Bill, Cathy, Charles, Dena, Elizabeth, Fr. Jimi, Gary, George, Helen, Jamin, Janene, Jennifer, Juliet, Madeline, Mae, Preston, Sam, Sarah, Tamara, Taylor, Tony

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

PARISH CALENDAR

Visit www.stannagocutah.org/?page_id=1663 to obtain an electronic copy of the parish calendar.

You can link our calendar with your personal calendar by clicking on the "subscribe" button on the lower right hand corner and selecting the calendar program of your choice.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 GOYA BBQ 6:00 Choir Practice 7:	2	3 Saturday of Soul
4 Matins, Liturgy 9	5 Monday of the H St. Anna Team -	6	7	8 Choir Practice 7:	9	10
11 Camp Emmanuel - Sr. Goyans	12 Matins, Liturgy 9 St. Anna Team -	13	14	15 Forever Young IV Choir Practice 7:	16	17
18 Camp Emmanuel - Jr. Goyans	19 Matins, Liturgy 9 St. Anna Team -	20 Women's Ministr	21	22 Choir Practice	23	24
25 Matins, Liturgy 9 St. Anna Team -	26 St. Anna Team - JOY/GOYA Bee	27	28 Ss. Peter and Paul	29	30	

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7 Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Vasilopita Sunday (following Liturgy) No Dance Practice	8 Chanting Class/Practice 7pm	9 GOYA Meeting @ Smirnov home 7pm	10 Bible Study 7pm	11 Choir Practice 1pm Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer's Class 7pm	12 Orthodox Married Life 7pm	13
14 Leavetaking of the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Dance Practice 12:30pm	15 Chanting Class/Practice 7pm	16 Women's Ministry Team Meeting 7pm	17 St. Anthony the Great 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy Bible Study 7pm	18 Ss. Athanasios and Cyril 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy Forever Young Fellowship 11:30am Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer's Class 7pm	19	20
21 15 th Sunday of Luke 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	22 Parish Council Meeting 7pm	23 JOY Meeting 6:30pm JOY/ GOYA Service Project 7pm	24 Bible Study 7pm	26 Choir Practice 1pm Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer's Class 7pm	26 Parish Family Night 7pm	27
28 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	29 Chanting Class/Practice 7pm	30	31 Bible Study 7pm			

February 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer's Class 7pm	2 Presentation of the Lord in the Temple 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy	3
4 Sunday of the Prodigal Son 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Dance Practice (Dress Rehearsal) 12:30pm	5 Chanting Class/Practice 7pm	6 GOYA Meeting 7pm	7 Bible Study 7pm	8 Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer's Class 7pm	9 Orthodox Married Life 7pm	10 Saturday of Souls 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy Apokreas/ Mardi Gras
11 Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Dance Program Celebration (following Sunday School)	12 Chanting Class/Practice 7pm	13 GOYA Meeting 7pm	14 Bible Study 7pm	15 Forever Young Fellowship 11:30am Choir Practice 1pm	16	17 Saturday of Souls 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy
18 Forgiveness Sunday 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	19 First Day of Lent / Clean Monday Great Compline 6pm Parish Council Meeting 7pm	20 Women's Ministry Team Meeting 7pm	21 Presanctified Liturgy 7pm	22	23 Salutations 7pm	24 Saturday of Souls 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy
25 Sunday of Orthodoxy 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	26 Great Compline 6pm	27	28 Presanctified Liturgy 7pm			