



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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14th Sunday of Luke

December 2, 2018

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.

Great Doxology: 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:15 a.m.

Reverend Father Anthony Savas

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Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17

Prokeimenon. Mode 2. Psalm 117.14,18

The Lord is my strength and my song.

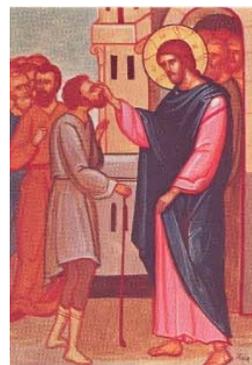
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.



Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke 18:35-43



At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and

when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And

immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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 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

Today the Virgin goes forth, making her way to a cave where from her, ineffably, God the eternal Word will be born. Let the world be filled with joy, hearing these tidings. Joining the angels and shepherds let us give glory to Him who is God from all ages, yet wills to be seen as a little child. (Liturgy Book page 241)

Megalynarion (Hymn for the Theotokos)

It is truly right to call you blessed O Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure and the mother, the mother of our God. More hon'able 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 in the highest. (3) (Liturgy Book page 83)

After Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light; we have received the heav'nly Spirit; we have found the true faith, worshiping the undivided trinity, the Trinity who has saved us. (Liturgy Book page 87)

Dismissal Hymn

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

Orthodox Saints Commemorated on December 2: Holy Prophet Habakkuk; Martyr Myrope of Chios; Venerable Cyril of Phileotes; Hieromonk Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia; Virgin-Martyr Viviana of Rome; Venerable Joannicius of Devič, Serbia; Abbakum the Ascetic of Cyprus; Martyr Habibus the New of Edessa; and the Synaxis of Hermits John, Heraclemon, Andrew & Theophilos of Egypt.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Saunee Cairo, Connie and George Cayias, Jerry and Connie Floor, Philip and Liberty Mudrock, Irene and Chris Petrogeorge, and Dean and Sylvia Zekas for hosting this week's fellowship hour. Please join us!

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, the Parish Council and our GOYANs will sponsor a luncheon honoring His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah, who will be with us to commemorate the Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna, one of our parish feast days.

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

Epistle Reader: The epistle reader for today, Sunday, December 2, 2018, is Luke Varechok.

Memorial Services - May Their Memory Be Eternal:

Sunday, December 23, 2018: Helen Kalivas (9 years); Tony Kalivas (21 years)

To schedule a memorial service, please contact Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org or 801-824-3987.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Ushering: 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. Sunday School students should not proceed up the aisle for communion until they have been ushered. Sunday School students at the back of the church should remain at the back of the church until they have been excused by the Sunday School usher.

After all of the Sunday School students and teachers have been dismissed for communion, the rest of the parishioners will then be ushered for communion, front to back, row by row, by a member of the Parish Council. 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!

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 Parish Council Treasurer Nick Daskalas 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 Parish Council Treasurer Nick Daskalas at treasurer@stannagocutah.org for further details.

Amazon Smile Donations to St. Anna: Our parish is 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!

Visit from His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah for Parish Feast Day: His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah will visit our parish next weekend (December 8-9) to join us in commemorating the Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna, one of our parish feast days. His Eminence will be with us for Great Vespers on Saturday, December 8, 2018, and for Liturgy on Sunday, December 9, 2018.

Please join us for a special luncheon honoring His Eminence on Sunday, December 9, 2018, immediately following Divine Liturgy. The luncheon will be hosted by the Parish Council and our GOYANs. Please join us!

Parish Council Elections: Our 2018 Parish Council elections will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2018, immediately following Divine Liturgy. We will be electing members to fill six seats on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council members with expiring terms are Charles Beck, Mike Daskalas, Nick Daskalas, Michael Petrogeorge, Myra Shenk, and Julie Steele.

If you are interested in running for the Parish Council, please contact Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org or 385-313-9358.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

St. Barbara the Great Martyr

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

Thursday, December 6, 2018

St. Nicholas of Myra the Wonderworker

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

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Great Vespers of the Conception of the Theotokos (with His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah)

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9, 2018

The Conception of the Theotokos (with His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah)

Orthros: 9:00 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

St. Spyridon the Wonderworker

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

Saturday, December 15, 2018

St. Modesto Pet Blessing (in parking lot)

Noon

Monday, December 24, 2018

Forefeast of the Nativity Matins and Royal Hours

9:30 a.m.

Vespers Liturgy on the Eve of the Nativity of Christ

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 – Merry Christmas!

The Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

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

Thursday, December 27, 2018

St. Stephen the First Deacon and First Martyr

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

Friday, December 28, 2018

Paraklesis Service to St. Anna, the Mother of the Theotokos

7:00 p.m.



PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, December 2, 2018: Narthex: Michael Petrogeorge and Julie Steele; Front ushers: Joe Sasich and Myra Shenk; Sunday School Ushers: Charles Beck and Perry Drossos; Middle Usher: Steve Simos.

Sunday, December 9, 2018: Narthex: Michael Petrogeorge and Joe Sasich, Front Ushers: Charles Beck and Nick Daskalas; Sunday School Ushers: Perry Drossos and Craig Stagg; Middle-Usher: Carolyn Leitko

Parish Council Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, December 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

FALL PARISH ASSEMBLY NOTICE

Our Fall Parish Assembly will be held **TODAY**, Sunday, December 2, 2018, in the fellowship hall immediately following fellowship hour. The Parish Assembly package was e-mailed to all 2018 stewards, and a copy of the notice and agenda was also delivered to all stewards via U.S. Mail.

Please note that updates regarding our parish's efforts to obtain the Atrium property will be provided at the Fall Parish Assembly today, but we will **not** be voting to approve the acquisition of the property at this time. A Special Parish Assembly has been scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2019, for such purposes. Please note this date on your calendars.

All stewards in good standing are eligible to vote in the Parish Assembly. Under our parish by-laws, a steward is in good standing for purposes of the Fall Parish Assembly if he or she has submitted a stewardship commitment card and has paid three-fourths (3/4) of his or her total commitment as of the date of the assembly. If you have questions regarding your stewardship status, please contact Nick Daskalas, Parish Council Treasurer, at 801-998-8007 or treasurer@stannagocutah.org.

These are exciting and important times for our Parish. Please make every effort to attend both the Fall Parish Assembly scheduled for next Sunday, December 2, 2018, and the Special Parish Assembly scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2019.

ST. ANNA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (SACC) UPDATE

The SACC is busy working toward raising the additional funds needed to finalize and attain the Atrium property as the new home of Saint Anna's Greek Orthodox Church. It is such a wonderful and excellent opportunity for our parish to have the Atrium become available to us again.

In order to minimize the need for financing and make the acquisition of the Atrium property financially feasible for our Parish, the Parish Council has set a goal of making at least a 50% down payment when we close on the property next fall. Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to our campaign, we are very close to reaching this goal. Indeed, we already have 78% of the required down payment as cash on hand! We know that with everyone's help, we can promptly raise the remaining 22% and reach our down payment goal! Every dollar donated or pledged brings us one step closer to taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity given to our parish. In addition to encouraging further support from within the parish, the SACC will be reaching out to potential donors outside of our parish both locally and nationally.

If you have not had the opportunity to donate to the campaign in the form of a pledge, it is not too late. Please take the time to prayerfully talk with your family and make a donation or pledge. Forms are available at the Narthex and through the church office. You can also contribute online at stannagocutah.org/?page_id=2666. Please reach out to any of the SACC members with any questions or potential donor opportunities you may have.

Our Coffee vs Cash monthly donation of \$10 or \$20 per week instead of purchasing a cup of coffee at your favorite coffee shop is still alive and well. You can find directions on how to participate in this opportunity to donate to the capital campaign below. The SACC is always available to answer any questions you may have. Please email us at stannacampaign@stannagocutah.org with any questions.

St Anna Capital Campaign Ministry Team

STEWARDSHIP

Your Stewardship Ministry Team, Parish Council and Clergy are thankful for your dedication to the ongoing, well-being of our St. Anna parish. Stewardship, as you well know, is the absolute life-blood of our community's financial health. We do not hold outside fundraisers, pass trays or make seasonal appeals so that we can pay our operational expenses. To God's glory, and to your credit, we

sustain primarily through Stewardship and the sustained giving of our contributors.

Contributions towards those pledges are not quite tracking pledges made. This is common for this time of year, and we are happy to see that the gap between pledges and collections is narrowing. But it still exists. So please, please recall the pledge you made at the beginning of the year and strive to catch up. Honoring our pledge is always important, but now that we are approaching banks to help us acquire the Atrium for our church home, it is imperative that we put our best financial foot forward.

To date, we have received 173 Stewardship commitment cards. If you are a contributing member of our St. Anna community and desire to be counted as a Steward of the community (and we pray that you do), please ask Fr. Anthony; a member of the parish council; Stewardship chairman, Peter Yannias; or visit the St. Anna website to fill out a Stewardship Pledge Card – even for the remainder of 2018. 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. And since we are in the process of preparing the 2019 budget for approval at our next Parish Assembly, it is that much more important that we finish this year strongly. Thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice: The next Choir practice will be on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. (Contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net with questions.)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: There will be no further Women's Ministry Team meetings this year. See you at the Mingle & Jingle on December 11, 2018 - get your ticket now from Pat Daskalas or Tanya Smirnov!

2018 Sub for Santa: It is that time of year when we offer to help fill the wishes of those less fortunate.

You will see Christmas trees with ornaments for girls and boys, as well as adults. Girls will have pink yarn, boys will have blue yarn, and adults will have green yarn holding these ornaments. Ornaments will be on the tables until today, Sunday, December 2, 2018, unless all were chosen sooner. Please choose the ornament(s), purchase the item(s), and return your gifts to church no later than Sunday, December 9, 2018. There are instructions on the back of the ornaments. Please read these for more information.

This year all the wishes of each child or adult are on one card. You may want to fill all the wishes by yourself or ask others to join you. Cash donations are welcome to fulfill those ornaments not chosen. Please make sure you find a Women's Ministry Team member to tell her what number you have chosen before you leave with your ornament.

Thank you, ahead of time, for your generous hearts!

2018 Mingle and Jingle: ALL the ladies of St. Anna are invited to join the Women's Ministry Team for our annual Mingle & Jingle on December 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Cottonwood Country Club, 1780 E. Lakewood Drive, Holladay. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be bought from Pat Daskalas, Tanya Smirnov, or Joanne Dokos commencing Tuesday, October 16, 2018, and continuing through today, December 2, 2018. Tickets will not be sold after today and will not be available at the door. Please come and enjoy a relaxing evening with your friends while eating a delectable dinner. Hope to see you there!

Call Pat Daskalas at 801-673-5051 or Tanya Smirnov at 630-946-4948 with any questions.

FOLK DANCE MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The folk dance practice schedule for the next few months is as follows:

Today, Sunday, December 2, 2018: Dance Practice

Sunday, December 9, 2018: No Dance Practice

Sunday, December 16, 2018: Dance Practice

Sunday, December 23, 2018: No Dance Practice

Sunday, December 30, 2018: No Dance Practice

Sunday, January 6, 2019: No Dance Practice

Sunday, January 13, 2019: Dance Practice Resumes

The dance program is open to all young people, from Kindergarten through 12th grade, regardless of ethnicity or prior dance experience. This year, our focus will be less on choreography and more on enjoying the fun of dance. We encourage all of the young people in our parish to give our program a try!

Our instructors this year are as follows:

K-2nd Grades: Angela Patterson

3rd-5th Grades: Presbyteria Andrea Savas

6th – 12th Grades: Georgiann Petrogeorge and Damian Savas

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018-19 Sunday School Calendar

December 23, 2018: Christmas Program

December 30, 2018: No Classes (Christmas Break)

January 6, 2018: No Classes (Christmas Break)

February 24, 2019: Godparents Sunday

March 10, 2019: St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

March 22-24, 2019: GOYA Lenten Retreat

April 21, 2019: No Classes (Palm Sunday)

April 28, 2019: No Classes (Pascha/Easter Sunday)

May 19, 2019: Graduation/Promotion

ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forever Young Fellowship: The next meeting of the Forever Young Fellowship will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

Family Night: The next parish family night will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will watch Christmas movies and having a gingerbread house contest. Mark your calendars now!



Orthodox Married Life ("OML"): The next OML has been rescheduled for Friday, February 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Mobile App: The St. Anna mobile app is available through the Apple App Store at www.itunes.apple.com/us/app/st-anna-greek-orthodox-church/id1140666277?ls=1&mt=8 and through

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

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

PAN ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pan Hellenic Scholarships: The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is pleased to share that it will once again offer \$250,000 in scholarship awards to 40 exceptional Greek American undergraduates. Scholarship awards are available to all undergraduate students of Hellenic descent, and are offered to recognize students of high scholastic achievement for their accomplishment, and to provide support to those in financial need. Twenty (20) awards of \$10,000 each will be given based on academic achievement and financial need, two (2) of which are allocated solely for Music and Arts. Twenty (20) awards of \$2,500 each will be awarded based solely on academic achievement.

The application is currently available online at panhellenicsf.org/apply/, and the deadline to apply is Thursday, January 31, 2019. The scholarships will be distributed at the Foundation’s annual Awards Ceremony and Galla, which will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation strives to promote education which, combined with the values of our Faith and Heritage, encourages and guides our scholarship recipients to become significant achievers and contribute meaningfully to society.

PRAYER LIST

Alexandra, Alyssa, Ange, Angela, Barbara, Cathy, Christopher, Cynthia, Fr. Jimi, Gail, Gary, George, Gregory, Gus, Harry, Irene, Jennifer, Jill, Joan, Joanne, Jorge, Karen, Kay, Kimberly, Luke, Madeline, Marion, Merry, Michael, MJ, Natalie, Ron, Sarah, Sophia, Sophie, Stan, Stephanida, Susan, Tamara

If you would like to add a new name to the 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.

December 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 14 th Sunday of Luke 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Fall Parish Assembly 12:45pm Folk Dance Practice 12:30-1:30 pm	3	4 St. Barbara the Great Martyr 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy	5	6 St. Nicholas the Wonderworker 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy	7	8 Great Vespers of the Conception of the Theotokos (with His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah) 6:00pm
9 10 th Sunday of Luke and The Conception of the Theotokos (with His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah) 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Luncheon honoring His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah (following Divine Liturgy)	10	11 Women’s Ministry Team Mingle & Jingle 6pm at Cottonwood Country Club	12 St. Spyridon the Wonderworker 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy	13 Choir Practice 1pm	14 Parish Family Night 7pm	15 St. Modesto Pet Blessing Noon
16 11 th Sunday of Luke 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Folk Dance Practice 12:30-1:30 pm Parish Council Elections (following Divine Liturgy)	17 Parish Council Meeting 7pm	18	19	20 Forever Young Fellowship Christmas Party 11:30am	21	22