



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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11th Sunday of Luke
December 16, 2018

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.

Great Doxology: 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:15 a.m.

Reverend Father Anthony Savas
Reverend Father Elias Koucos, Retired
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Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Daniel 3.26,27

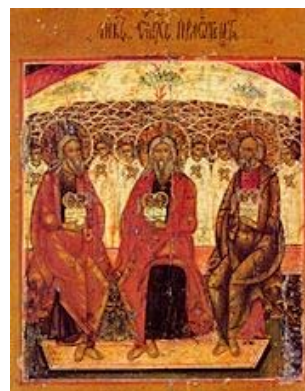
Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.



Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke 14:16-24



The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the

servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

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 Ancestors of Christ

By their faith You justified Your ancestors, Christ our God, and through them, of old you betrothed to Yourself the Church brought together from the nations. Let these saints rejoice in glory, for from their seed has come forth a noble fruit, she who gave You birth without seed. Through their prayers, Christ our God, save our souls. (Liturgy Book page 187)

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 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 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

Grant long life, Lord, to our master and hierarch. (Liturgy Book page 343)

Orthodox Saints Commemorated on December 16: The Holy Prophet Haggai; Empress Theophano the Wonderworker of Byzantium; Archbishop Modestos II of Jerusalem; Martyr Marinos of Rome; Patriarch Nicholas of Constantinople; Venerable Sophia of Suzdal; Memnon the Archbishop of Ephesus; Righteous Adelaide the Empress of Italy; Archbishop Symeon of Antioch; Domna the Eldress of Tomsk; and the Synaxarion of the Holy Forefathers.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Lloyd and Penny Mills, Steve and Elaina Simos, Sam and Maria Soter, and Craig and Paulette Stagg for hosting fellowship hour today, Sunday, December 16, 2018.

The fellowship hour on Sunday, December 23, 2018, will be hosted by Doug and Pauline Jensen, Naji and Colette Koury, Jefferson and Kristina (Georgelas) Packer, Joe and Ann Sasich, Barbara Van Asdlan, and Charlie and Sandra Zoolakis.

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 16, 2018, is Anna Drossos.

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

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!

Parish Council Elections: Our 2018 Parish Council elections will be held TODAY, 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. The following are running for the Parish Council: Mike Daskalas, Nick Daskalas, Michael Petrogeorge, Myra Shenk, Dmitri Smirnov, and Julie Steele.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Monday, December 24, 2018

Forefeast of the Nativity Matins and Royal Hours
9:30 a.m.

Vesperal 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.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

The Circumcision of Christ/St. Basil the Great
Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 5, 2019

Forefeast of the Theophany of Christ Matins and Royal Hours
9:30 a.m.

Eve of Theophany with Lesser Blessing of the Waters
6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Theophany with Great Blessing of the Waters
Orthros: 9:00 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:15 a.m.

Monday, January 7, 2019

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist
Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 17, 2019

St. Anthony the Great
Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 18, 2019

Ss. Athanasios and Cyril
Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 25, 2019

St. Gregory the Theologian
Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Paraklesis Service to St. Anna, the Mother of the Theotokos
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

The Three Hierarchs
Orthros: 9:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, December 16, 2018: Narthex: Carolyn Leitko and Craig Stagg; Front ushers: Michael Petrogeorge and Julie Steele; Sunday School ushers: Charles Beck and Myra Shenk; Middle usher: Joe Sasich

Sunday, December 23, 2018: Narthex: Mike Daskalas and Michael Petrogeorge; Front Ushers: Charles Beck and Craig Stagg; Sunday School Ushers: Mike Daskalas and Nick Daskalas; Middle Usher: Myra Shenk

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

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 our 2018 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.

Our 2019 stewardship campaign commenced last week and will continue throughout the month of December. If you did not obtain a stewardship packet last Sunday, please plan to pick up your packet from Peter Yannias, Stewardship Chairperson, following Divine Liturgy today. Packets not picked up will be sent via U.S. Mail. Per the 2019 budget approved at our Fall Parish Assembly last Sunday, our stewardship goal for 2019 is \$290,000. Please do your part to help us achieve this goal!

ST. ANNA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (SACC) UPDATE

We are getting closer and closer to meeting our goal of \$1.5 million dollars to have the funds necessary to make the down payment on the Atrium property.

We on the St. Anna Capital Campaign Ministry Team ("SACC") are asking our "Ambassadors", you, the members of St. Anna's Parish to reach out to the people outside our parish who you may know regarding our wonderful opportunity to have a new home for the St. Anna Parish.

Each one of you knows someone who might be able to donate to our campaign. The more Ambassadors we have talking to potential donors and letting your friends and acquaintances know about our Capital Campaign, we will reach our goal of \$1.5 million.

If you would like information to be provided to specific individuals or organizations, please get in touch with Nick Varanakis or any other member of the SACC and we will be happy to either provide you with the information to give to the potential donor or to contact the individual or organization on your behalf.

Every dollar donated or pledged brings us one step closer to taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity given to our parish.

This is such a wonderful and excellent time for our parish to have the Atrium become available for our new home.



The SACC is always available to answer any questions you may have. Please contact the committee directly or email us at stannacampaign@stannagocutah.org.

St Anna Capital Campaign Ministry Committee.

**Saint Anna Coffee vs. Cash Capital Campaign Program
The 5 Dollar New Church Deal!**

Five Bucks Gets Us a New Church Deal

By allowing St. Anna's New Church building campaign committee to make a small charge to your credit card monthly imagine what we can build!



Example of Greek Orthodox Church only

- * 5 bucks twice a week instead of that expensive Latte will raise roughly \$500,000.00 in 4 short years!
- * All for 5 bucks.
- * Of course if more people jump on board you can imagine what happens. More *****
- * How many of our wonderful members think 10 bucks is more like it? * That could easily become \$1,500,000.00 in that short 4 years.
- * Really how much would each of us miss that 5 bucks compared to having our own wonderful new facilities?

How do you start? It can be done in five short steps!

- *Sign on to Saint Anna's website
- *Go to Donate Now Button
- *Go to Capital Campaign and input weekly or monthly dollar amount
- *Go to Donation Frequency and put frequency to either weekly or monthly
- *Hit Continue button to input credit card info and you are all done!

Sign up today so we can get what each of us truly wants!

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY NOTICE

We will hold a Special Parish Assembly on Sunday, January 6, 2019, immediately following fellowship hour, in the fellowship hall. The sole purpose of this Special Parish Assembly will be to vote to approve the acquisition of the Atrium property. These are exciting and important times for our Parish. Please make every effort to attend!

MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice: There are no further choir practices scheduled for 2018. The next Choir practice will be on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. Contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net with questions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date - 2019 Vasilopita Sunday: Our parish's 2019 Vasilopita luncheon and auction will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019. We have moved this back one week in order to accommodate the Special Parish Assembly being held to vote to approve the acquisition of the Atrium Property.

ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Evening Bible Study: The next weekly evening bible study will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Evening bible study is taught by Fr. Anthony Savas.

Weekly Morning Bible Study: The next weekly morning bible study will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. Please join us to study the Gospel of Mark, taught by John Kaloudis.

Orthodox Inquirer's Class: Our next Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer's Class will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The Orthodox Inquirer's Class is taught by Mary Yannias.

Forever Young Fellowship Christmas Party: All parishioners 55 and older are invited to the Forever Young Fellowship Christmas Party on December 20, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided by our Parish Council. If you'd like to participate in our gift exchange, please bring a \$20.00 gift.

Orthodox Married Life ("OML"): The next OML has been rescheduled for Friday, February 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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, 2019: 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

Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) Meeting: Our next JOY meeting will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your kids or grandkids in grades 1-5 (kindergarteners also welcome) and join the fun!

FOLK DANCE MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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: *The next bulletin will cover TWO SUNDAYS – December 23, 2018, and December 30, 2018.* Please send requested bulletin announcements for the next *two* weeks to Parish Council Secretary Michael Petrogeorge at secretary@stannagocutah.org no later than *Tuesday, December 18, 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, Stacie, 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

December 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
11 th Sunday of Luke 9am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Folk Dance Practice 12:30-1:30 pm Parish Council Elections (following Divine Liturgy)	Parish Council Meeting 7pm		Bible Study 7pm	Bible Study 10:30am Forever Young Fellowship Christmas Party 11:30am Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer’s Class 7pm		

December 2018						
23 Sunday Before Nativity 9am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Christmas Program	24 Christmas Eve Forefeast of the Nativity Matins and Royal Hours 9:30am Vesperal Liturgy on the Eve of the Nativity of Christ 5:00pm	25 Merry Christmas! The Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy	26	27 St. Stephan the First Deacon and First Martyr 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy JOY Meeting 6:30pm	28 Paraklesis Service to St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos 7pm	29
30 Sunday After Nativity 9:15am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy	31 New Year's Eve Go UTES!!					

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6 Theophany with Great Blessing of the Waters 9am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Special Parish Assembly (following fellowship hour)	7 Synaxis of St. John the Baptist 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy	8	9 Bible Study 10:30am	10 Bible Study 7pm Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer's Class 7pm	11	12

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13 Sunday after Epiphany 9am Orthros / 10:15am Divine Liturgy Vasilopita Lunch and Auction (following Divine Liturgy)	14	15	16 Bible Study 10:30am	17 St. Anthony the Great 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy Forever Young Ministry 11:30am Choir Practice 1pm Bible Study 7pm Orthodox Spirituality Inquirer's Class 7pm	18 Ss. Athanasios and Cyril 9:30am Orthros / 10:30am Divine Liturgy	19
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