

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

**3015 E. Creek Road, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093
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**Twenty Fifth Sunday
Sunday, December 8, 2019**

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.

Great Doxology: 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:15 a.m.

His Eminence Metropolitan Isiah

Reverend Father Anthony Savas

Reverend Father Elias Koucos, Retired

Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev

Deacon Paul Zaharas

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Readings and Hymns for Sunday, December 8, 2019

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7

Prokeimenon Mode pl. 4 Psalm 75

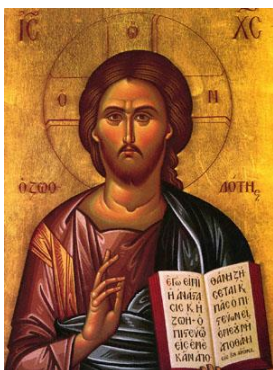
Pray and return to the Lord Your God

Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel



Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke 13:10-17



At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight,

and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Response to First Antiphon

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. (4) (Liturgy Book page 25)

Response to Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia. (4) (Liturgy Book page 29)

Response to Third Antiphon

From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord. (Liturgy Book page 127)

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

From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord. (Liturgy Book page 127)

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)

Trisagion Hymn

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3) (Liturgy Book page 39)

The Pheme for Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

Isaiah the most-reverend and God-chosen Metropolitan of the Holy Metropolis of Denver, our father and chief shepherd, many years to him.

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'orable 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 (3). Alleluia (Liturgy Book page 83)

Hymn after Communion

We have seen the true light; we have received the heav'nly spirit; we have found the true faith, worshipping 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 8, 2019:

Venerable Patapios of Thebes; Holy Apostles of the 70; Sosthenes, Apollo, Kephias, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Caesar and Onesiphorus; Archbishop Sophronius of Cyprus; Venerable Parthenios of Chios; Archbishop Aeros of Jerusalem; Venerable Cyril of Chelmogorsk; and Gunthild the Abbess of Thuringia.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Tom and Carolyn Leitko; Lloyd and Penny Mills; Bob and Kris Parenti; Joe and Ann

Sasich; Craig and Paulette Stagg; and Bob & Heidi Varechok for hosting the Fellowship hour today Sunday, December 8, 2019. Please join us!

The Fellowship hour for Sunday, December 15, 2019, will be hosted by Mike and Argie Carmichael; Stan and Sophie Kouris; Steve and Georgette Lowe; and Joe and Irene Polidori.

Since the Nativity Program will be held Sunday, December 22, 2019, we are encouraging anyone who would like to bring any of the following for Fellowship hour that day, to please do so. God Bless.

- Fruit
- Vegetable tray with dip or hummus
- Cheese and Crackers
- Cookies

If you would like to host a fellowship hour in the coming months, please contact Carolyn Leitko at csleitko@gmail.com. Thank you!

Epistle Reader: The Epistle reader for today, Sunday, December 8, 2019, will be George Hunter.

Memorial Services - May Their Memories be Eternal:

Sunday, December 8, 2019: Georgia Dinsmore (4 years); Theodore Jamison (49 years)

Sunday, December 22, 2019: Tony Kalivas (22 years); Helen Kalivas (10 years)

Sunday, January 19, 2020: Joseph Steve Sargetakis (96 years); Mike T. Sargetakis (66 years); Despina Vasilakis Sargetakis

(61 years); Telemahos Patsuris (44 years); Theodore Sargent (Sargetakis) (39 years); Tasia Patsuris (37 years); Dolores Sargent (22 years); Fay Soter Sargent (18 years) John Joseph Sargetakis (16 years) Georgia Patsuris Sargetakis (12 years); and Joseph Sargent (7 months)

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

COMMUNITY CHAIRTY OPPORTUNITIES

Sub-for-Santa Project: Please bring gifts TODAY, Sunday, December 8, 2019.

Thank you to everyone who is participating in our Parish Sub-for-Santa project being coordinated with Head Start for 60 children in need.

All gifts must be brought to Church this Sunday, December 8, 2019 and taken to the classroom next to Father Anthony's office. Place unwrapped items in a large plastic bag tied with the green card listing your chosen child's ID number. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless, Kathy Shand, Project Chair

We will also collaborate with the Sandy Senior Center to provide needed items during December - more details to come. Thank you and God bless. (Kathy Shand, Project Chair (801-554-4250).

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 8, 2019: Narthex: Carolyn Leitko and Myra Shenk; Front Ushers: Craig Stagg and Julie Steele;

Sunday School Ushers: Mike Daskalas and Dmitri Smirnov; Middle Usher: Nick Daskalas

Sunday, December 15, 2019: Narthex: Carolyn Leitko and Joe Sasich; Front Ushers: Steve Simos and Dmitri Smirnov; Sunday School Ushers: Myra Shenk and Julie Steele; Middle Usher: Nick Daskalas

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING UPDATES:

Construction Update: On November 3, 2019, the Parish Assembly unanimously approved plans and a budget for the construction of a temporary worship space in our newly acquired building located at 9201 S. 1300 East, Sandy. Pursuant to the approved plans, a temporary worship space will be constructed in the southern half of the building, in the area where previous services and social events have been held. Construction will include a dedicated narthex space, as well as an altar similar to what exists in our current worship space at St. Thomas More. The approved construction plan has been developed to minimize waste, and will include a permanent wall that will be incorporated to the long-range building plan. Construction has also been planned to allow significant recycling of building materials as we proceed with future phases of construction. The northern end of the building will be utilized for fellowship, community gatherings, ministry team meetings, etc. We plan to use existing walls and temporary partitions to create dedicated Sunday School spaces, and will make use of the existing kitchenette, offices and restrooms pending future phases of construction. Construction commenced the

week of November 11, 2019, and should be completed by the end of the year.

First Liturgy - February 2, 2020: As announced at the Parish Assembly this past Sunday, our first liturgy in the new building has been scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2020, to coincide with The Presentation of our Lord and Savior in the Temple. We cannot think of a more fitting day for our parish to enter and first use our new temple. His Eminence Metropolitan Isiah has agreed to visit our parish and be with us for this historical day. We will start with Orthros in our current worship space at St. Thomas More. We will then process as a community, led by His Eminence and local Clergy, from our current location to our new building, each car physically transporting a liturgical item from our rented space to our new parish home. Upon arriving at the new building, there will be an "opening of the doors" service and then process into our new church for a Hierarchical Liturgy. It is sure to be a blessed, memorable, and historic day!

"WE GOT TO MOVE IT, MOVE IT!" - Boxes Update

Dear Parishioners of St. Anna,

Thanks to all of you who have provided boxes for our upcoming move to our new location. If you have been to church at all during the past few weeks, you can see our entryway is starting to look like a FedEx store. At this time, I think we may have enough boxes to at least get us started. Please keep checking back to this space in the bulletin if more boxes are needed.

Again, thanks to EVERYONE who has helped procure boxes for our move. This has been a HUGE help.

The St. Anna Move Team
(Father Anthony, Joe Sasich, Steve Simos)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Great Vespers for the Parish Feast of the Conception of the
Theotokos
7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 9, 2019

The Conception of the Theotokos
8:00 a.m. Orthros/ 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 12, 2019

St. Spyridon
8:00 a.m. Orthros/ 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Annual St. Modestos Pet Blessing
2:00 p.m.

ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening Bible Study: Every Wednesday evening, at 7:00
p.m. In-Depth Study of the Parables of Christ! Will
continue every Wednesday evening until Lent.

Morning Bible Study: Every Thursday morning, at 10:30
a.m. studying 1 Corinthians. John Kaloudis teaching.
Will continue every Thursday morning until Lent.

Orthodox Inquirer's Class: Every Tuesday evening, at
6:30 p.m.

Forever Young: There will be no activity during December due to the Holidays.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements: Our next weekly bulletin will be published for **Sunday December 15, 2019**. Please send requested bulletin announcements to Elaine Peterson at layniep53@comcast.net no later than Tuesday, *December 10, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.*

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Isiah: It is with heartfelt love and respect we welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Isiah and Deacon Paul Zaharas who have joined us today to celebrate our Parish Feast Day. Thank you and God Bless.

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!

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. Communion ushering will not commence until all altar servers have received communion.

Your cooperation in this process is greatly appreciated!

Sunday School Ushering: Sunday School has begun and the Parish Council ushers will resume ushering Sunday School students and teachers for communion from **front to back** and will then return to usher the rest of the parishioners for communion from front to back. **Please note that everyone should wait his or her turn to be ushered, and that anyone standing in the back of the church should not proceed up the aisle for communion until invited to do so by the Parish Council usher.**

Online Credit Card and ACH (Automated Clearing House) Giving Options: 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 may also be made through the Vanco Give+ Mobile App. Please contact Parish Council Treasurer Dmitri Smirnov 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 Dmitri Smirnov at treasurer@stannagocutah.org for further details.

St. Anna 2019 Commemorative Christmas Ornaments go on Sale this Sunday, December 8, 2019.

Pre-order this year's beautiful and inspiring Commemorative Christmas Ornament today, December 8, 2019 during Fellowship. The 2019 Ornament features a three dimensional icon of St. Anna praying in her garden; etched on brass and includes an engraving of the year and the name of our church. These ornaments make lovely gifts and will look beautiful on your own tree. The cost is \$25.00 and will benefit St. Anna Youth Ministry activities. Please support our children's activities while enjoying this festive tradition.

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice: The Choir Practices for December are pending. Contact Sophie Wondolowski at swondo@comcast.net with questions.

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Stewardship Update: Thank you to all who completed their 2019 Stewardship pledge card and continue to fulfill their commitment. The 2019 Stewardship budget is \$290,000 and as of December 2, 2019, we have collected \$256,884 leaving us at 89% of our goal. Considering we have less than 1 month remaining before the end of the year, we would like to remind everyone to make sure you are up to date with your commitment. If you have questions about your status, please talk to Nick Daskalas or Dmitri Smirnov.

2020 Stewardship Update: Stewardship packets were distributed at church November 3, 2019 at the General Assembly and packets for those not in attendance were sent out via U.S. Mail. Please do your part to help us achieve our budgeted goal of \$340,000! Bring your completed Stewardship Commitment Card to church this

Sunday or mail it to 3015 E. Creek Road, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093.

Our 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.

ST. ANNA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (SACC) UPDATE

Dear St. Anna Parishioners,

The Capital Campaign Committee wants to thank everyone again for their generous support this past year as our parish moved forward with our new church building purchase.

As the year ends, please review your pledges to the Capital Campaign and prayerfully consider fulfilling the pledge you and your family made for the year 2019.

The pledges made for 2019 will help our Parish Council continue planning and working on our new church for our first service in February 2020.

Please also consider donating to the Coffee vs Cash Campaign that is available for you to donate the cost of a cup of coffee a week toward the campaign. This will add up over the year and help our building committee remodel our new church building.

**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!

Thank you all once again for your continued support of our Saint Anna Greek Orthodox Church.

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

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!!!

St. Anna Capital Campaign Ministry Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Calendar

December 22, 2019; Nativity Program

December 29, 2019; Christmas Break – No Classes

February 2, 2020: Procession to our new church home –
No Classes **Note corrected date**

February 23, 2020: Godparent Sunday

March 1, 2020: Oratorical Festival

March 21-22, 2020: Metropolis Oratorical Festival –
Location TBD

April 12, 2020: Palm Sunday **Note corrected date**

April 19, 2020: Pascha **Note corrected date**

May 17, 2020: Sunday School Graduation

Folk Dance Practices each Sunday:

Golden Angels	Grades K-2	12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Hrisopeda	Grades 3 - 5	12:30 - 1:15 p.m.
Hrisa Palikaria	Grades 6 - 12	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Ministry Team Meeting: There will be no general meetings in December due to the Holidays.

Thank you to Pat Daskalas for a wonderful Mingle Jingle December 2, 2019 and to two years of dedicated service as President of St. Anna's Women's Ministry Team!



PRAYER LIST

Angela, Athena, Brooke, Carol, Chad, Charissa, Chris, Cyndy, Cynthia, Debbie, Don, Ellie, Eugene, Eugenyi, Fred, Gary, George, Greg, Gus, Jacqui, Jennifer, Joe, Jordan, Ken, Kimberly, Lezlie, Lynne, Mackenzie, Madeline, Mary, Mary Lynn, Maureen, Myles, Natalia, Natalie, Nicole, Paisley, Patty, Preston, Rock, Sal, Stephanie, Steve, Tamara, and Theodore

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.

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Tenth Sunday of Luke Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	9 The Conception of the Theotokos 8:00 am Orthros/ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	10 Orthodox Inquirer's Class 6:30 pm	11 Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm	12 St. Spyridon 8:00 am Orthros/ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Morning Bible Study 10:30 am	13 Family Night - Gingerbread Decorating Contest 7:00 pm	14 Annual St. Modestos Pet Blessing 2:00 pm

Great Vespers for the Parish Feast of the Conception of the Theotokos 7:00 pm						
15 Eleventh Sunday of Luke 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	16 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Orthodox Inquirer's Class 6:30 pm	18 Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm	19 Morning Bible Study 10:30 am	20	21
22 Sunday before Nativity 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	23	24 Paramony of the Nativity of Christ 5:00 pm	25 Feat of the Nativity of Christ 8:00 am Orthros/ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	26	27 St. Stephen the First Deacon and First Martyr 8:00 am Orthros/ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Paraklesis Service to St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos 7:00 pm	28

FAMILY NIGHT

Ginger Bread House Contest!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 7:00 PM

St. Anna's will supply the House Kit, Pop Corn, Hot Chocolate & Holiday Movie. You Bring a \$10.00 Donation and Your Favorite Candies to Use to Decorate. We'll begin with Small Vespers. Please Text R.S.V. P. to Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987.

Please limit One House per Household.

FUN PRIZE FOR THE WINNERS!

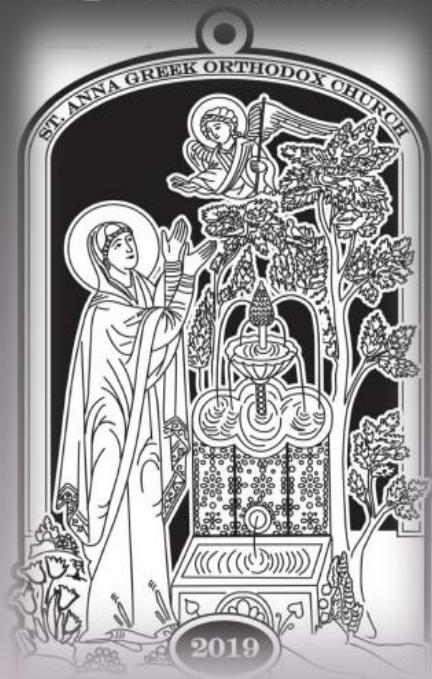
St. Anna's Pet Blessing

St. Modestos Pet Blessing
Saturday, December 14th, 2019
at 2:00 pm in the Parking Lot



Please Bring a Monetary Donation for the Humane Society of Utah.

*St. Anna 2019
Commemorative
Christmas
Ornament.*



**The Perfect Gift for You and Others at only \$25.00.
Beautiful Die-Cut Icon in Etched Brass. Elegant 3-D Design.
Packaged in Velvet Gift Box with Numbered Certificate.
Sold to Benefit St. Anna Youth Ministry Programs.
Pre-Orders Begin December 8th or Email Fr. Anthony at
franthy@stannagocutah.org**