



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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**Eleventh Sunday of Matthew
Sunday, August 23, 2020
Orthros: 9:00 a.m.**

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

**Reverend Protopresbyter Anthony Savas
Reverend Father Elias Koucos, Retired
Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev**

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

Prokeimenon. Mode 2 Psalm 117

*The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation.
Verse: The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up
to death.*



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

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



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

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

Response to First Antiphon

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

Response to Second Antiphon

Save us, O Holy Comforter, save us who sing to you: Alleluia (4)
(Liturgy Book page 29)

Response to Third Antiphon

In giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your dormition you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. For as the Mother of Life, you have yourself passed into life. And by your prayers you deliver our souls from death. (Liturgy Book page 223)

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us sing to You: Alleluia.
(Liturgy Book page 37)

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)

Apolytikion of the Feast

In giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your dormition you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. For as the Mother of Life, you have yourself passed into life. And by your prayers you deliver our souls from death. (Liturgy Book page 223)

Apolytikion of the Parish 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 the forgiveness for those who honor you, O blessed one.

Kontakion

She is our vigilant intercessor, the Theotokos, our sure hope and protection. Neither death nor tomb held any power over her, for as the Mother of Life, she was taken into life by that very one who deigned to dwell in her ever virgin womb. (Liturgy Book page 289)

Trisagion Hymn

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

Megalynarion (Hymn for the Theotokos)

Now all generations call you blessed, O only Theotokos. In you the laws of nature are defeated,* O undefiled Virgin pure. * In virginity childbirth was accomplished, and death introduces life. * You, after

bearing, are virgin, and after dying are living. * Mother of God, *
ever save your inheritance.

Communion Hymn

I will lift the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.
(Liturgy Book page 324)

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

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

Orthodox Saints: For Saints of the Day, please visit the parish
website at https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=4529, or the
parish Facebook page.

Memorial Services:

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

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reduced Interest on Building Acquisition Loan: With interest
rates dropping, the Parish Council approached First Utah Bank to
see if we could reduce the interest rate on the loan we took to
purchase our building last October, and First Utah Bank agreed to
lower our rate from 5% to 4.62%. As a result of the reduced
interest rate, we will save approximately \$378 per month on our
mortgage payments. This will result in an annual savings of
approximately \$4,500, with total savings of almost \$35,000 over
the term of the loan. First Utah Bank also graciously agreed to
waive all fees and costs associated with the transaction. First Utah

Bank has proven to be a wonderful partner for our parish, and we appreciate their support!

New Way to Pay Your Stewardship and Other Church

Donations: The Parish Council is excited to announce that stewardship and other donations to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church can now be quickly and easily made via text message using GIVE+ Text, a text donation platform offered through Vanco, our online donation partner.

To make your first donation to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church via text message, follow these four simple steps:

1. Send a text message to 844-936-2414 (St. Anna's dedicated Give+ Text number), stating the amount you would like to donate followed by the account code in the body of the text, using the following format: \$xx 0x. The available account codes are as follows:

- 01-Stewardship
- 02-Altar & Benevolence
- 03-Building Fund
- 04-Miscellaneous giving
- 05-Candles-Pangari
- 06-Candles-Vigil

2. You will receive a return text message containing a link for you to complete your donation.

3. Click on the link in the return text to enter your name, address and credit card information and register yourself as a Give+ Text user.

4. You will receive another text message confirming your donation.

Future text donations are even easier! All you have to do is text the amount you want to donate followed by the applicable account code (\$xx 0x) to 844-936-2414 (St. Anna's dedicated Give+

Text number). The credit card entered at the time of your initial registration will be charged your donation amount, and you will receive a confirming text message.

Further information on the Give+ Text donation platform can be found through the following video tutorials available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tgrZk6fEy4&feature=youtu.be>

If you have any questions, please contact our Assistant Treasurer, Nick Daskalas, at treasurer@stannagocutah.org or 801-633-2607.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held, Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Anthony is beginning discussions with ministry leaders to get classes, Bible Studies and Virtual Fellowship Times up as soon as possible. We will continue to explore all possible avenues to keep us connected as a family of faith.

ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Outreach Program Calls

The Parish Outreach calls are currently being made to every St. Anna family. If you haven't already been contacted, please expect to receive a call in the next few days. A heartfelt thank you to the Ministry Leaders, Service Coordinators and Volunteer Callers for your commitment to keeping our Church community connected. Stay well and God bless. Service Ministry Team

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements: Our next weekly bulletin will be published for Sunday August 30, 2020. Please send requested bulletin announcements to Elaine Peterson at layniep53@comcast.net no later than *Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 5:00 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

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candle Lighting and Donations: As we navigate through these difficult times, we invite all faithful to remotely light a candle and offer a prayer. Fr. Anthony will light as many narthex and vigil (7-day) candles as you would like to request. To make a request, simply email Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org specifying the number and type of candles you would like to have lit, providing the name(s) you would like to have read for each candle. You can also call Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 to make your request and provide your name(s).

To make a donation for the candles requested, simply click on the link below to access our online donation page. On the line for "Other Donations" insert the amount you wish to donate and type "Candle Donations" in the adjacent comment box. Donations can also be mailed via check addressed to:

Donations can also be mailed via check to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 171224, Holladay, Utah 84117.

May God continue to bless and protect all people of the world as we navigate through these challenging times.

Message from Peter Yannias, Stewardship Ministry Team Chair:

“It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, Infinite though He is, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today.” - Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris

As stewardship chairman I am asking each of you to please be vigilant in your stewardship commitment to our beautiful new St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church. Though we are not attending service as we would normally, we need everyone, if possible, to not delay in honoring their financial commitment to our parish so that the parish can continue to honor its financial commitments. Stewardship payments may be sent by check via mail to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 171224, Holladay, Utah 84117. Stewardship payments may also be made online through the parish website by visiting **https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=2666 and clicking on the "Donate Now" button.**

If you have not yet completed your 2020 stewardship commitment card, now is the critical time to do so. Visit https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=21 to access the St. Anna 2020 Stewardship commitment card on our website. The Stewardship page on the St. Anna website also discusses different options for submitting your stewardship payments.

You might consider making any offerings you would otherwise make at the pangari for candles, etc. by check via mail to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 171224, Holladay, Utah 84117, or online by visiting **https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=2666 and clicking on the "Donate Now" button.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 Stewardship Update: As of August 18, 2020, we are at \$295,510; 87% of our goal of \$340,000! A great start but we are not quite there. Please do your part to help us achieve our budgeted goal! Bring your completed Stewardship Commitment Card to

church this Sunday or mail it to PO Box 171224, Holladay, Utah 84117.

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.

PRAYER LIST

Angela, Athena, Barbara, Brooke, Carol, Chad, Charissa, Chris, Christopher, Christy, Debbie, Don, Elaine, Elham, Ellie, Eugene, Eugeny, Gaby, Gary, George, Greg, Gus, Haylee, Helen, Irene, Jacqui, Jill, Jim, Joe, Jordan, Julie, Kay, Kaliope, Ken, Kimberly, Luke, Lynne, Madeline, Mary, Mary Lynn, Maureen, Myles, Natalia, Natalie, Nicole, Paisley, Patty, Pete, Presbyteria Toulas, Preston, Sophie, Stan, Stephanie, Steve, Tamara, Theodore, and Theresa.

Please note as the new ecclesiastical calendar is coming up September 1, 2020 I will be removing all names above from this large prayer list. Please send me an email at layniep53@comcast.net to request name(s) to remain or added no later than Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

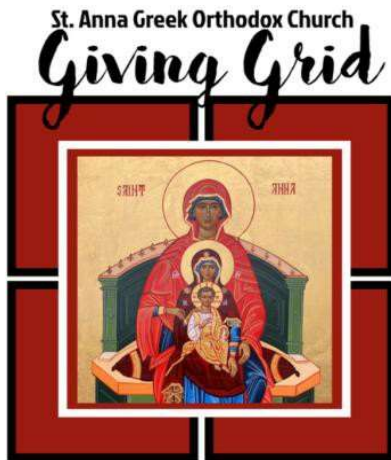
PARISH CALENDAR

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

ST. ANNA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (SACC) UPDATE

Dear

Parishioners and Friends of St. Anna,



Buy a Square...Answer Our Prayer!

On behalf of the Capital Campaign Ministry, we hope and pray everyone is doing well and staying safe during this trying time.

At this time of social distancing, we are reminded of the wonderful annual activities our parish has enjoyed in the past few years, including the Golf Tournament, Tables Extraordinaire, and St. Anna's Name Day Picnic. These events have been remarkably successful and have been critical components of helping us build our community, our programs, and our physical buildings, all in service to our Lord.

Regrettably, this year, the pandemic has resulted in cancellation of these important events. As a result, we have searched for an alternative to raise funds for our parish.

Thankfully, we have a solution! We are launching an innovative, fun, and easy virtual online fundraiser called the "St. Anna Giving Grid."

The St. Anna Giving Grid (www.givinggrid.com/stanna) is an online grid of five hundred squares, each with a dollar amount from \$1 to \$500 per square and every amount in between (in other words, there is a \$1 square, \$2 square, \$3 square, all the way to the \$500 square). You have the opportunity to purchase any

available square (or multiple squares). The wonderful feature of the St. Anna Giving Grid is that, because there are opportunities to donate a broad range of amounts, everyone (and we mean *everyone*) can participate!

When you purchase a square, you can upload your name and a photo, which will appear in place of the square you purchased, along with your name. Each square will become part of our Giving Grid. Our goal is to fill the entire grid with the beautiful faces of St. Anna parishioners and friends of St. Anna.

As you prayerfully decide which square (or squares) to purchase, and to maximize the success of our campaign, we encourage you to:

- Remember the amounts you and your family may have otherwise donated in the course of participating in the Golf Tournament, Tables Extraordinaire, and the Parish Name Day Picnic, and consider making a comparable donation
- Involve our youth by encouraging them to purchase a square—remember, there are squares which can be purchased for as little as \$1, \$2, \$3, so everyone can participate
- Share the Giving Grid on social media (the Giving Grid has a button which allows you to share on your social media account)
- Share the Giving Grid link with friends and family outside of our parish
- Explore the photos and videos we have uploaded to the Giving Grid site, which contain beautiful pictures from our community activities

St. Anna's Giving Grid will be launched Sunday, August 2, 2020 and will be open through August 31, 2020.

Remember to *Buy a Square... Answer Our Prayer!*

Further details on participating are above. If you have any questions or would like to make an offline donation (including by check), please contact givinggrid@stannagocutah.org, or you can contact me at 801- 694-9019.

Although we are physically distanced, our beautiful St. Anna parish has always met our challenges by opening our hearts to ensure that our community continues to flourish.

Nick E. Varanakis
Capital Campaign Ministry

August 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Eleventh Sunday of Matthew 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	24	25 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	26	27 Paraklesis to the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	28	29 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
30 Twelfth Sunday of Matthew 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	31					

September 2020

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		1 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	2	3 Paraklesis to the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	4	5 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
6 Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	7	8 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	9	10 Paraklesis to the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	11	12 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
13 Sunday before Holy Cross 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	14 The Universal Elevation of the Cross 8:00 am Orthros/ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	15 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	16	17 Paraklesis Service to St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos 7:00 pm Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	18	19 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
20 Sunday after Holy Cross 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	21 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	22 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	23	24 Paraklesis to the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	25	26 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only

The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine

Celebrating the Feast of Indiction and the Protection of the Environment

Webinar in Honor of the Protection of the Environment
Featuring Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis & Dr. Lee Ann Clements

Covid-19 and the Renewal of the Earth

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

7 – 8 PM (EST)

The Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine, located in Saint Augustine, Florida, is delighted to present a special webinar presentation with Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis and Dr. Lee Ann Clements entitled “Covid-19 and the Renewal of the Earth,” on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, the Feast of the Indiction. The event is hosted online by The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The free broadcast will be live-streamed and open to all (pre-registration required). Registration for the live event may be completed at

https://goarch.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LjdoDIFnR-a9l8sqX9R10w. Participants will be able to ask questions. For those who miss the live broadcast, the Shrine will archive this unique event on its website and Facebook page.

The webinar is part of a dual observance shared between the Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint Augustine. Both Orthodox Christians and Roman Catholics observe the day as a special remembrance of Creation and for the Protection of the Environment.



Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis is an author and theologian serving as Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and theological advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarch. He is a clergyman of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese

of America. Born in Australia, he graduated from Athens University and Oxford University. His publications focus on medieval theology, as well as on the history of the Eastern Church. His interests embrace the areas of spirituality and ecology. He co-founded St Andrew's Theological College in Sydney, where he also taught at the University of Sydney. In 1995, he was appointed Professor of Theology at Holy Cross School of Theology and directed the Religious Studies Program at Hellenic College. He has published over thirty books and numerous articles in several languages. His book *Creation as Sacrament: Reflections on ecology and spirituality* was published in 2019 by Bloomsbury. He lives in Maine.



Lee Ann J. Clements, PhD is the Chair of the Committee on Integral Ecology for the Diocese of St Augustine. She earned her BA in Biology from the University of Virginia, and her MS and PhD in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina. She is a Professor of Biology and Marine Science at Jacksonville University, and during her 32-year career has served as Chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,

Associate Provost, and now as Director of Academic Integrity. Dr. Clements has taught numerous students in courses such as Introduction to Marine Science, Biological Oceanography, Oral Communications in the Biological Sciences, and Physiological Ecology. She served on the boards of the National Conferences for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), and the Jacksonville Museum of Science and History (MOSH). Her research interests center around adaptations of marine organisms to changing environmental conditions. She has long been an advocate for science communication, informal education about the environment, and protecting our natural world.

Environmental concerns of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople has gained a reputation as a prominent environmentalist, putting the support of the Patriarchate behind various international environmental causes. His work throughout the years has earned him the nickname “the Green Patriarch.”

Since 1989, the Ecumenical Patriarch has invited Orthodox Christians throughout the world to reserve September 1 the

ecclesiastical New Year, as a day of prayer for environmental protection. Numerous Christian communions have followed suit, encouraged by the World Council of Churches and the Conference of European Churches. In August of 2015, Pope Francis announced plans to mark a day of prayer as well, saying he was calling on Roman Catholics to follow the lead of the Patriarch of Constantinople and Orthodox Christians in observing September 1 as a day of prayer for environmental protection.

On Monday, August 31, beginning at 6:30 PM Eastern Time and live-streamed (here <https://www.facebook.com/SaintPhotios/>) the St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine will hold the first of what is planned to be an new annual event; the service of Great Vespers for the Feast of the Indiction and Protection of the Environment, with His Grace, Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, presiding. This special service was composed by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Don't forget to purchase a square!

Information above

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church
Giving Grid



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