



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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**Eleventh Sunday of Luke
Sunday, December 13, 2020
Orthros: 9:00 a.m.**

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

**Reverend Protopresbyter Anthony Savas
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Reverend Deacon Anatoli Kireiev**

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Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Prokeimenon Plural Mode 4 The Prayer of Azariah

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.

Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us.



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.'"

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 Son of God who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you, Alleluia. (4)

Response to Third Antiphon

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 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)

Hymn for the Forefathers

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)

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 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)

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

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: May Their Memories be Eternal:

Today, Sunday, December 13, 2020: Harris George "Georgie" Cairo (40 days)

Sunday, December 20, 2020: Helen Kalivas (10 years) and Tony Kalivas (23 years)

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

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update to Worship Service: As Father Anthony mentioned in an earlier email, steps have been taken to reconfigure our worship space to allow for the addition of more seats in the nave. The Parish Council also asked our Medical Advisory Ministry Team, made up of various medical professionals, to come together to review our coronavirus protocols to determine whether any adjustments

needed to be made, and to make further recommendations as we move into the fall and begin our Sunday School program.

With the additional seating that has been added to the nave, we have increased our total seating capacity in the nave to accommodate approximately 100 parishioners, even with appropriate social distancing.

Should attendance on any given Sunday exceed the number of people that may safely be allowed in the nave while maintaining proper social distancing, it will be necessary for us to ask parishioners to worship from the Fellowship Hall, with social distancing, via live stream. It may also be necessary for us to revisit the implementation of a reservation system in the event we continually exceed seating capacity in the nave, or if there is a change to state or local guidance further limiting the number of people who are allowed to be in attendance for live worship.

We have enjoyed consistent and robust participation in our live worship these past few months, and consider it a blessing to be in the position where we have to consider the possibility of exceeding our available capacity. The Parish Council, in coordination with the Medical Advisory Ministry Team, will do its best to minimize the inconvenience of our parishioners, maximize the opportunities for live worship, and timely communicate any necessary changes in protocols that may arise.

The Parish Council appreciates your continued cooperation, patience, flexibility and support as we navigate through these difficult and unprecedented times and continue to take the steps necessary to safely and consistently facilitate the continuation of our live worship and the commencement of our Sunday School program. We will continue to do our best to continue to make decisions with the health and safety of our parishioners at the forefront of our minds, with the fervent prayer that we will soon be able to remove all restrictions and return to the joys of full parish life.

New Electronic COVID-19 Contact Tracing Form: Parishioners participating in live-worship are now able to submit their contact tracing information electronically, using a Google form. To use the form, simply scan the QR code located on the table in the narthex using the camera on your personal smartphone device. The form will ask for your email address, the date of the service, the type of service (i.e., Divine Liturgy, Paraklesis, other), your name, the names of those in your household attending with you, and your phone number. The information submitted through the electronically submitted form will be recorded in a Google sheet to which only Fr. Anthony and the Parish Council have access. This is the same Google sheet in which we have been entering the information provided on the paper forms since the church reopened for live worship back in June. The information contained in the Google sheet is used by the members of the Parish Council and/or Medical Advisory Ministry Team to contact parishioners in attendance at a given service insofar as it is subsequently learned that another parishioner has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after attending such service. The information is not used for any other purpose. Paper contact tracing forms will continue to be available for those parishioners who are unable to access the Google form using a smartphone.

Your continued cooperation in completing the contact tracing forms (electronically or on paper) is greatly appreciated. Since June, we have had two instances where a parishioner tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after they had attended an in-person service. As a result of our contact tracing efforts, we were able to quickly contact all other parishioners who had attended the same service to alert them of a possible COVID-19 exposure so that they could monitor for symptoms and, if desired, contact their personal health care provider. In each instance, due to God's blessings and the various safety protocols that we have put into place with the guidance of our Medical Advisory Ministry Team, no other parishioners are known to have contracted the virus as a result of their attendance at church.

Parish Council Elections: Congratulations to the newly elected Parish Council members: Lincoln Brown, Pat Daskalas, Phill Floor, Pam Martinez, Julie Steele, and Peter Yannias.

Easy Way to Pay Your Stewardship and Other Church Donations:

The Parish Council has implemented a new way for stewardship and other donations made 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 Fun
- 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, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orthodox Inquirers' Class: The Orthodox inquirer's class invites the members of our parish to participate in the "Teaching Divine Liturgy" Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

During the service Father Anthony will be explaining, in detail, the steps leading up to the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is a great opportunity to enlighten your spiritual growth and welcome the participants interested in the church! Please join us! Paraklesis will not be celebrated that evening.

St. Modesto Blessing of the Animals: Bring your loving dogs, cats, other domestic animals to the annual St. Modesto Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, December 19, 2020, 3:00 pm in the St. Anna Parking Lot. Remember to wear your mask and practice social distancing.



SERVICE PROJECTS

Operation Chimney Drop w/Head Start:

A big heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners. Your generosity has made sure 60 children from the Head Start program as well as their siblings will have their wishes granted on Christmas morning. What a blessed morning these children will have.

And our parish continues to give. Twenty senior citizens will have Christmas gifts to open. The Women's Ministry Team, because of all of you, purchased warm shawls/scarves for the women and warm lap blankets for the men. We have included a small candy treat as well as a gift card for each.

And lastly, again because of your generous donations, we will donate the balance of the money to food pantries and food banks. All of this because we opened our hearts.

The Women's Ministry Team wishes everyone a beautiful and blessed Christmas.

BUILDING COMMITTEE MINISTRY

The Building Committee Ministry is asking for more volunteer support in order to keep our beautiful St. Anna spaces clean, safe and sanitized after each service. Please contact Myles Carrera at mylescarrera@gmail.com or 801-645-6088 for our volunteer team's weekly schedule and any updates.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements: Please note the next bulletin will be published for both Sunday, December 20, 2020 and Sunday December 27, 2020. Please send requested bulletin announcements to Elaine Peterson at layniep53@comcast.net **no later than Tuesday, December 15, 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

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 December 1, 2020, we are at \$296,810; 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 lifeblood 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.

PAN ORTHODOX, FRATERNAL, AND OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders from the Daughters of Minos: Each month we like to provide chapters' news to the Kriti Magazine. If you would like to announce the graduation, engagement, wedding, baptism, retirement, or a recent death etc....any important update in your family, please send in the information and a photo if you'd like to

our historian Angie Katsanevas before the 3rd of each month. The Kriti Magazine is also offering special ads in their upcoming holiday issue from individual families wishing to support the magazine and send out a holiday message to everyone in the PAA, please contact Angie for more information. Angie Katsanevas 801-231-7626 or angiekatsanevas@aol.com

PRAYER LIST

Alex, Alexander, Angela, Anna, Athena, Barbara, Bill, Carol, Charissa, Chris, Christy, Debbie, Dena, Dimitri, Don, Elleney, Fotini, Fred, Gary, Helen, Irene, Jill, John, Juliet, Kay, Kim, Laurie, Luke, Lydia, Mary, Nicolay, Nicole, Nina, Pam, Pavel, Sam, Sophia, Sophie, Steve, Theodore, Val and Weston.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

December 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 Twelfth Sunday of Luke 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited	14 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	15 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	16 Bible Study In Person at the Church and Zoom 7:00 am	17 Orthodox Inquirer's Class Teaching Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm	18	19 St. Modesto Blessing of the Animals Live at St. Anna's Parking Lot with masks and social distancing. 3:00 pm Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
20 Sunday before Nativity 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	21	22 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy GOYA Virtual Christmas Party 7:00 pm	23 No Bible Study	24 Orthros and Royal Hours for the Nativity of Christ 9:30 am Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the Nativity of Christ 5:00 pm	25 Feast of the Nativity of Christ Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am	26 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only

27 Sunday after Nativity 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	28	29 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	30 No Bible Study	31 New Year's Eve No Paraklesis or Inquirer's class		
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January 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Feast of the Circumcision of Christ and St. Basil the Great Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am	2 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
3 Sunday before Epiphany 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	4	5 Orthros and Royal Hours for the Theophany of Christ Orthros 9:30 am Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great and Lesser Blessing of the Waters 5:00 pm	6 Feat of the Theophany of Christ Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of the Waters 10:00 am Bible Study In Person at the Church and Zoom 7:00 am	7 Paraklesis for the Most Holy Theotokos 6:30 pm	8	9 Great Vespers 5:00 pm
10 Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	11	Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	13 Bible Study In Person at the Church and Zoom 7:00 am	14 Paraklesis for the Most Holy Theotokos 6:30 pm	15	16 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church of Sandy, UT Holiday Season *Schedule*

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Orthros and Royal Hours for the Nativity of Christ: 9:30 am

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the Nativity of Christ: 5:00 pm

Friday, December 25, 2020

Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Orthros: 9:30 am / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 am

Friday, January 1, 2021

Feast of the Circumcision of Christ and St. Basil the Great

Orthros: 9:30 am / Divine Liturgy: 10:30 am

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Orthros and Royal Hours for the Theophany of Christ: 9:30 am

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great and the Lesser Blessing of the Waters:
5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Feast of the Theophany of Christ

Orthros: 9:00 am / Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of the Waters:
10:00 a.m.



Christ is Born! Glorify Him!