



## **St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church**

**9201 South 1300 East, Sandy, UT 84094**

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**Forefeast of Epiphany**

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

**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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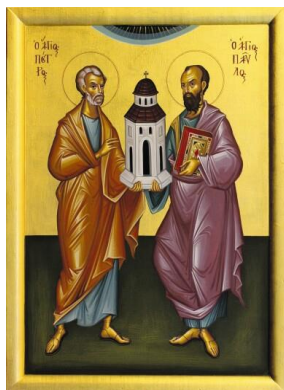


## Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter Timothy 4:5-8

*Prokeimenon Plural Mode pl. 2. Psalm 27*

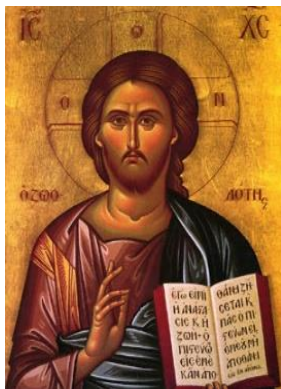
*O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.*

*Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God.*



Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved this appearing.

## Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Mark 1:1-8



The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare you way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts with wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### **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**

To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection. (Liturgy Book 115)

### **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**

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### **Hymn for the Forefeast**

O Zabulon, prepare, and be ready, Nephthalim. \*Jordan River, hold your course, and exultantly receive\* the Master who is coming to be baptized. \*Adam leap for joy with Eve the Foremother. \*No longer hide yourselves, as once in Paradise; \* for having seen you naked He has appeared \* to clothe you in your former venture. \*The Christ has appeared, wishing to renew \* the entire creation.

## **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**

To the flowing streams today \*of River Jordan \* comes the Lord and cries aloud \* to John the Baptist, and He says, \* “Be not afraid to baptize me now; \* for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.”

### **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’rable 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](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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:treasurer@stannagocutah.org) or 801-633-2607.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held, Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

### **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](mailto: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 Sunday January 10, 2021. Please send requested bulletin announcements to Elaine Peterson at [layniep53@comcast.net](mailto:layniep53@comcast.net) **no later than Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:treasurer@stannagocutah.org) for further details.

### STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 Stewardship Update: As of December 31, 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 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:angiekatsanevas@aol.com)

### PRAYER LIST

**Alex, Alexander, Angela, Anna, Athena, Barbara, Bill, Carol, Charissa, Chris, Christy, Debbie, Dena, Diane, Dimitri, Don, Elleney, Fotini, Fred, Gary, George, 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](http://www.stannagocutah.org/?page_id=1663) to obtain an electronic copy of the parish calendar.

<b>January 2021</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>before</b> <b>Epiphany</b> 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 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	<b>6</b> 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 pm	<b>7</b> Paraklesis for the Most Holy Theotokos 6:30 pm  Orthodox Inquirer's Class 7:30 pm In person at the Church and via Zoom	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only

10 Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	11	14 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	13 Bible Study In Person at the Church and Zoom 7:00 pm	14 Paraklesis for the Most Holy Theotokos 6:30 pm  Orthodox Inquirer's Class 7:30 pm In person at the Church and via Zoom	15	16 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
17 Twelfth Sunday of Luke 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	18 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	20 Bible Study In Person at the Church and Zoom 7:00 pm	21 Paraklesis for the Most Holy Theotokos 6:30 pm  Orthodox Inquirer's Class 7:30 pm In person at the Church and via Zoom	22	23 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
24 Fourteenth Sunday of Luke 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	25	26 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	27 Bible Study In Person at the Church and Zoom 7:00 pm	28 Paraklesis to St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos 6:30 pm  Orthodox Inquirer's Class 7:30 pm In person at the Church and via Zoom	29	30 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!*



On  
January  
10th.

*St. Anna Women's Ministry Team*

# Vasilopita

**SALE**

Though we can't be together for an Auction, please support the philanthropic work of the WMT by purchasing an incredible Vasilopita prepared by Claudine Artisan Cafe and Bake Shop in Encino, CA. Preorder now and pick up after the Vasilopita Cutting in the Church on January 10.

*Delivery Available!*

**\$50.00**

**Suggested Price**

For Pre-Orders, Contact Joanne Dokos at:

**801-815-5293 or [jwdokos@hotmail.com](mailto:jwdokos@hotmail.com)**