



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

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**Sunday before Epiphany**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**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: Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8**

*Prokeimenon 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 his 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 your 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 and

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, Savior, save us. (3)  
(Liturgy Book page 25)

### **Response to Second Antiphon**

Save us, O Son of God who were crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You, Alleluia. (3)

### **Response to Third Antiphon**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy. (Liturgy Book page 107)

### **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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### **For the Forefeast**

Make ready, Zebulon; prepare, O Nephthali. O Jordan, stop your flow, and with rejoicing receive the Master as He comes to be baptized. You too, O Adam, exalt with our mother Eve. Do not hide yourselves as you did, of old, in paradise. At the sight of your nakedness Christ has come forth, clothing you in innocence and renewing all creation. (Liturgy Book page 205)

### **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**

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'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](https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=4529), or the parish Facebook page.

### **Memorial Services: May their memories be eternal:**

January 9, 2022 *Lanny (Leon) Davis (10 years) and Onuphriy.*  
January 23, 2022 *Janene Daskalas (1 year)*

To schedule a memorial service, please contact Fr. Anthony at [franthonny@stannagocutah.org](mailto:franthonny@stannagocutah.org) or 801-824-3987.

## PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

### **Recent message from the Medical Advisory Ministry regarding COVID-19 precautions and the Delta variant:**

As you may know, the CDC has recently published updated guidance for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. We encourage all parishioners to be familiar with the recommendations made by the CDC, Utah health officials, and as

established by Sandy City. At this time face coverings or masks are not required but are recommended for indoor spaces.

**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 donate 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>.

### **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:** The next bulletin will be published for **Sunday, January 9, 2022**. Please send requested bulletin announcements to **Elaine Peterson** at [layniep53@comcast.net](mailto:layniep53@comcast.net) **no later than Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 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)

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

This year all classes are learning to be known as "Little Christ" aka Christians through age-appropriate study of the Gospel books. All grades are learning similar themes. We would love it if you would engage in conversations with our Sunday School students about what we are studying. Some great questions to get you started:

*Can you teach me what you learned in class today/this week?  
What did Jesus do or say this week in your lesson?*

**Junior/Senior High School class:**

We are leaning in close to Christ by studying His parables and miracles as told to us in the Gospel books. We have been pondering what the Kingdom of Heaven means and how Christ's parables help us understand a bit better this month.

**Elementary and Early Childhood classes:** We are following Christ's story through the school year and learning about the Great Feasts of the Church and His life as we 'grow' with Christ through His earthly ministry.

Thank you for praying for our students and teachers, and for bringing your children/grandchildren/godchildren!

**SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**St. Anna Food Support Program - Help fight hunger!**

Please continue to donate nonperishable food items below, which can be dropped off in the blue bin on Sundays 9:00-12:00 noon and Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 am.

Needed food items: Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.); canned vegetables, canned chili, peanut butter, jelly, Top Ramen, Instant Mac and Cheese, Cup O' Noodle (other instant meals); rice; flour, sugar, dry milk, and granola bars

Your ongoing generosity provides crucial support to the Entrada and Copperview pantries that distribute food to our community neighbors facing hunger. To volunteer, contact Ron Steele at (801) 580-6964. God bless.

Please note: The Food Support Program will be expanded to incorporate community donations beginning in January, 2022. More information to follow.



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vasilopita 2022: Please plan to attend the annual Vasilopita to be held January 9, 2022 following Divine Liturgy. Free Will lunch consisting of Lasagna, salad, bread sticks and brownies. Plan to spread out in the Fellowship Hall, eat lunch and bid, bid, bid! All proceeds will help fund both St. Basil's and the many benevolent efforts of the Women's Ministry Team!

We traditionally offer some of the most beautiful, tasty breads and cakes available! Our Vasilopita coins are unsurpassed! Most Vasilopita offerings will be auctioned off, a select few will be priced and available for immediate purchase for those who cannot stay for lunch!

Please contact AnnaSophia Clark (Lilkoukla@yahoo.com) if you would like to make a Vasilopita bread or cake!

## **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 Phill Floor at [treasurer@stannagocutah.org](mailto:treasurer@stannagocutah.org) for further details.

## **STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stewardship, as you well know, is the absolute life-blood of our community's financial health. We do not pass trays or make seasonal appeals to 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

**Alexander, Argie, Athena, Craig, Christy, Debbie, Dena, Dino, Don, Elias, George, Georgene, Heather, Julia, Katherine, Kathy, Kay, Leon, Linda, Luke, Maggie, Margie, Mary, Max, Melanie, Nicole, Nina, Pam, Richard, Sandra, Sophie, Theodore, Tom, & Yiani**

## 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 2022</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
2 <b>Sunday before Epiphany</b> 9:00 am <b>Orthros</b> 10:00 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	3	4	5 <b>Forefeast of the Theophany of Christ</b> 9:30 am <b>Orthros</b> 10:30 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b>  <b>Eve of the Theophany with Lesser Blessing of the Waters</b> 5:00 pm  <b>The Orthodox Faith Discussion Series</b> 7:00 pm	6 <b>Theophany with Greater Blessing of the Waters</b> 8:00 am <b>Orthros</b> 9:00 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b>  <b>Orthodox Inquirer's Class</b> 7:00 pm	7 <b>Synaxis of St. John the Baptist</b> 8:00 am <b>Orthros</b> 9:00 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	8
16 <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00 am <b>Orthros</b> 10:00 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	17 <b>St Anthony the Great</b> 8:00 am <b>Orthros</b> 9:00 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b>  <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	18 <b>Women's Ministry Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	19 <b>The Orthodox Faith Discussion Series</b> 7:00 pm	20 <b>Forever Young Ministry Team Lunch</b> 11:30 am	21	22
23 <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00 am <b>Orthros</b> 10:00 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	24	25 <b>St. Gregory the Theologian</b> 8:00 am <b>Orthros</b> 9:00 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	26	27	28 <b>Paraklesis to St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos</b> 7:00 pm	29

# St. Anna

Food Support  
Program



In Support of Two Local Food Pantries:

COPPERVIEW FOOD AND  
RESOURCE CENTER

ENTRADA ADULT/DIAMOND  
RIDGE HIGH SCHOOLS

## HELP FIGHT HUNGER

**DROP OFF DAYS/TIMES:** Sundays 9am-12pm  
Tuesdays from 9am-11am

### WHAT WE NEED:

- Canned Meats/Fish
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Chili
- Rice
- Dry Milk
- Flour
- Sugar
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly/Jam
- Granola Bars
- Top Ramen
- Cup O' Noodles
- Instant Mac & Cheese
- Other Instant Meals

Case Lot  
Goods  
Requested

**PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS IN THE LARGE BLUE BIN AT:**

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church 9201 South 1300 East, Sandy, Utah

# I HEAR HIS VOICE!

"THE PLACES ON EARTH WHERE GOD SPEAKS TO US"

ST. ANNA JOY MEETS  
THE LAST SUNDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
FOLLOWING SUNDAY  
SCHOOL



November 28: Mountains in the Bible

December 26: Off for Christmas

January 30: Rivers in the Bible

February 27: Wilderness in the Bible

March 27: Deserts in the Bible

April 24: Caves in the Bible

May 29: Seas in the Bible

June 26: End of Year Party!