



**St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday Before Christmas**  
**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**Orthros: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.**

**Reverend Protopresbyter Anthony Savas**  
**Reverend Father Elias Koucos, Retired**  
**Deacon John Kavas**  
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**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to The Hebrews (11:9-10, 32-40)**

*Prokeimenon Mode pl. 4 The Prayer of Azariah*

*Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.*

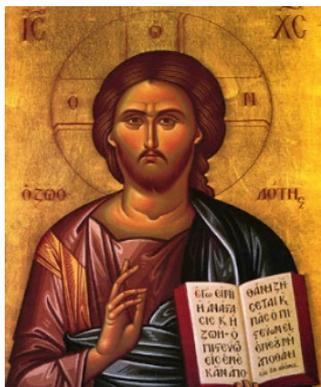
*Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us.*



The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (11:9-10, 32-40) Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms,

enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

## Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew (1:1-25)



The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father

of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'sseh, and Manas'sseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Sheal'tiel, and Sheal'tiel the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he

considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman'uel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

### **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 who were crucified in the flesh, 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**

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Saviour, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all 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)

### **For the Fathers**

How great is the pow'r of faith. By faith three young men rejoice in flames as if in refreshing water, and Daniel in the lions' den is like a shepherd with his sheep. Through their prayers, Christ our God, save our souls. (Liturgy Book page 195)

### **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)

### **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'rabable 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)

**Epistle Reader:** Sam Simos

**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:** Today, Sunday, December 18, 2022, Helen Kalivas (12 years); Tony Kalivas (25 years); and Tom Martinez, (1 year). May their memories be eternal.

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

### PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Parish Council Members:** Congratulations to the newly elected and/or returning members of our 2023 Parish Council: Pam Martinez, Jonathan Mau, Elaine Peterson, Dmitri Smirnov, and Peter Yannias.

They will serve with those who are continuing their ministry on the Parish Council: Steve Simos, Joe Sasich, Tom Leitko, Sam Soter, Julie Steele, and George Sergakis. God Bless you all for your blessed and sacrificial service to our parish.

We also wish to thank the dedicated members of the 2021 Board of Elections. Chairman, Jeff Varanakis, and Members, Sandra Zoolakis, Connie Pantke, Myra Varanakis and Elaine Zambos ran a smooth and organized election. God Bless you for all of your assistance.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held, Monday, December 19, 2022.

Livestreaming is back up and running on the St. Anna YouTube Channel.

### **ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY**

**Thank You for your Christmas Generosity:** A big heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful parishioners. Your generosity has insured that 60 children from the Head Start program, as well as their siblings, will have their wishes for new clothes and that special toy granted on Christmas morning.

And our parish continues to give. Thirty senior citizens who attend Sandy Senior Center will also have Christmas gifts to open. Each senior will receive a \$25.00 gift card along with other presents and candy to open on Christmas all wrapped in a Christmas gift bag.

Thank you all for continuing to open your hearts and time to those in need. Wishing everyone a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

St. Anna Service Ministry

### **St. Anna Food Support Program**

**Donations needed!**

Please continue to donate nonperishable food items, which can be dropped off anytime there are Church services, Bible Study, ministry meetings, etc. The blue bin will also be placed outside on Tuesdays

from 10:00 am– 6:00 pm. to collect both community and parishioner donations, Your ongoing generosity provides crucial support to the Entrada/Diamond Ridge pantry that distributes food to students, their families and our community neighbors facing hunger. See attached flyer. God bless.

### YOUTH MINISTRY:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Please note there will be no classes December 25, 2022, due to Christmas and January 1, 2023, due to New Years.

This year we are studying church history starting with Pentecost. Be sure to ask your Sunday School students what they are learning! It is important to learn together as a faith family. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

### ADULT EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Morning Bible Study, led by John Kaloudis at the home of Tom and Carolyn Leitko, 2334 E. Lincoln Lane (directly across the street, south of Olympus High School **has concluded for 2022**. We will resume **January 18, 2023**. For information, please call them at 801-842-2304. Thank you.

### STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish council and clergy of the St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church wish to thank the parishioners of our community, both new and continuing who have been so generous in sustaining our church through your Stewardship giving. If you have not yet contemplated, prayed about, filled out and submitted your 2022 Pledge Card, we kindly ask that you do so. There are pledge cards in the narthex, and you can sign up on our website. Even though we are more than halfway through the year, it is vitally important that everyone who considers St. Anna's their spiritual home, to be counted among our sustainers and Stewards. Your pledge cards are also the best way for our church office to capture any change in your contact information. Please, it's never too late to submit

your 2022 Pledge. Thank you for your past, present, and intended generosity, vision and support. We need it! We appreciate it!

Stewardship cards can also be submitted online at [https://stannagocutah.org/?page\\_id=21](https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=21).

Stewardship as you well know, is the absolute lifeblood 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.

### **COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bulletin Announcements:** The next bulletin will be a two-week publication for both **Sunday, December 25, 2022, and January 1, 2023**. Please send requested bulletin announcements to **Elaine Peterson** at **layniep53@comcast.net** no later than **Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!

**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).

### **ORTHODOX INQUIRER'S CLASS**

**St. Anna's Greek Orthodox Church**

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

**Fr. Anthony Savas & Mrs. Mary Yannias**

**No Class - Christmas Break**

Wednesday, December 21st

**No Class - Christmas Break**

Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

**Proper Acts of Christian Stewardship**

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

## **Eschatology and the End Times**

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

## **Open Forum & Closing Thoughts**

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

## **Paraklesis Service for our Inquirers & Their Families**

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

## **Text: Introducing the Orthodox Church by Rev. Anthony Coniaris (Provided)**

*Following this course, most people have the information necessary to make an informed and prayerful decision on Baptism and/or Chrismation into the Orthodox Christian Faith.*

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Please plan to attend the combined Holy Trinity, Prophet Elias, and St. Anna Choir Concert at Prophet Elias today, Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. If you plan to stay for dinner, please RSVP by text to Tom Harris at 801-557-2692. For more information on the concert and program, please see the flyer attached to this bulletin.

### **PRAYER LIST**

Bill, Brooklynn, Calley, Camille, Charissa, Deborah, Elizabeth, George, Jami, Jackson, Juliet, Kris, Lynn, Margie, Mark, Marylynn, Melany, Michael, Nicole, Pam, Ryley, Sophie, Stephen, Tamara, Tayler, & Theodore.

If you would like names added to or removed from the prayer list, please email Elaine Peterson at [layniep43@comcast.net](mailto:layniep43@comcast.net) by Tuesday at 5:00 PM. **Please note all names will be removed starting with the January 1, 2023, bulletin. Please contact Elaine if you would like names to remain or add new names. Thank you.**

### **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.

December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Sunday Before the Nativity 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  Prophet Elias Christmas Concert & Dinner 5:30 pm	19 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20	21	22	23 Royal Hours of the Nativity 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am Royal Hours	24 Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ 10:00 am Orthros  5:00 pm Divine Liturgy
25 The Nativity Christ 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	26	27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr and Protodeacon 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	28	29	30	31

January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Circumcision of Christ St. Basil the Great 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	2	3	4 Orthodox Inquirer's Class 7:00 pm	5 Forefeast of Theophany 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Royal Hours  5:00 pm Vesperal Liturgy and Lesser Blessing of the Waters	6 Feast of Theophany 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters	7 Synaxis of St. John the Baptist 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy  Chanting Class 10:30 am
8 Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  Philoptochos Vasilopita Cutting and Auction Following the Divine Liturgy	9	10	11 Orthodox Inquirer's Class 7:00 pm	12	13	14 Chanting Class 10:30 am

# St. Anna Food Support Program

## HELP FIGHT HUNGER

Food Collection Site  
Serving Sandy Area Food Pantries

Drop Off Days and Times:

Sundays 9am to 12pm

Tuesdays 10am to 6pm

### Needed Food Items

Canned meat / Tuna

Instant Meals

Canned chili / Stews

Rice / Noodles

Flour / Sugar / Dry milk

Peanut butter / Jelly / Jam

Granola bars / Snacks

Canned fruit / Canned veggies



Please drop off your donations in  
the big blue bin at:  
St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church  
9201 South 1300 East

# *St. Anna Holiday Schedule 2022-2023*

**Friday, December 23, 2022**  
Orthros 8:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 am  
Royal Hours of the Nativity 10:30 am

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**  
Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ  
Orthros 10:00 am (Morning Service)  
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm (Evening Service)

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**  
The Nativity of Christ  
Orthros 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Tuesday, December 27, 2022**  
St. Stephen the Protomartyr and Protodeacon  
Orthros 8:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
Circumcision of Christ  
St. Basil the Great  
Orthros 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Thursday, January 5, 2023**  
Forefeast of Theophany  
Orthros 8:00 am  
Royal Hours 9:00 am  
Vesperal Liturgy and Lesser  
Blessing of the Waters 5:00 pm

**Friday, January 6, 2023**  
Feast of Theophany  
Orthros 8:00 am  
Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters 9:00 am

**Saturday, January 7, 2023**  
Synaxis of St. John the Baptist  
Orthros 8:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**  
Philoptochos Vasilopita Cutting and Auction  
Following the Divine Liturgy



# Choir Community Christmas Concert and Dinner

At Prophet Elias Church  
Sunday, December 18, at 5:30pm

The combined Choirs of  
Holy Trinity, Prophet Elias and St. Anna  
Invite the Community to their Annual  
Christmas Dinner Concert

A special feature will be the  
Christmas Jazz Orchestra

Please join us for a Joyous Christmas Season!

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT!



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2022-2023



## \$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

\$20,000 awarded to Music and Arts Majors

### In order to apply students must:

- Be U.S. Citizens/U.S. Permanent Residents and living in the U.S
- Be of Hellenic descent
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Be enrolled at an accredited university/college in the U.S. as of Fall 2022
- Be full-time students who are pursuing a four-year bachelor's degree

### Applications are due

**January 31, 2023**

The application, criteria, requirements, and guidelines are available at

**[www.panhellenicsf.org](http://www.panhellenicsf.org)**

For inquiries please email **[scholarships@panhellenicsf.org](mailto:scholarships@panhellenicsf.org)** or call our office at **(312) 357-6432**



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Metropolis of Denver  
YAL Snow Conference

February 9-12, 2023  
Midway, Utah

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