



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

9201 South 1300 East, Sandy, UT 84094

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14th Sunday of Luke

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (5:8-19)

Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 32.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You.

Verse: Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.



Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (18:35-43)



At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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 rose from the dead, save us who sing
to You, Alleluia (3). (Liturgy Book page 29)

Response to Third Antiphon

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 the world. Therefore O giver of life, the powers
of heaven praise You: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory
to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of
mankind. (Liturgy Book page 99)

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 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. (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. 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).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Chapel: For Saints and Readings of the Day, please visit the [Archdiocese's Online Chapel](#).

St. Anna Livestream: Livestreaming is back up and running on the [St. Anna YouTube Channel](#).

Memorial Services – May Their Memories Be Eternal:

TODAY, Sunday, December 3, 2023: Ange Floor (1 year)

Sunday, December 10, 2023: Mary Koucos (28 years); William J. Koucos (50 years)

Sunday, December 17, 2023: Tony Kalivas (26 years); Helen Kalivas (13 years); Tom Martinez (2 years)

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

A Musical Christmas Concert: All are cordially invited to attend an entertaining and inspiring Christmas concert presented by the combined choirs of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church, and St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., in the new St. Anna Sanctuary. See attached flyer for details. If you plan to attend the Lenten dinner following the concert, please R.S.V.P to Sophie Wondolowski at sophwondo@gmail.com.

2023 Nativity Services



Sunday, December 24, 2023

5:00 p.m. – Nativity Matins

6:00 p.m. – Nativity Divine Liturgy on Eve of Christmas

Monday, December 25, 2023

10:00 a.m. – Nativity Divine Liturgy

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Elections: Elections for the 2024 Parish Council will be held next Sunday, December 10, 2023. There are five (5) Parish Council seats up for election this year, with the following candidates having been nominated to fill the open seats: Michael Petrogeorge, George Sergakis (incumbent), Steve Simos (incumbent), Sam Soter (incumbent), and Moses Williams.

Voting will commence immediately following Divine Liturgy and close at 1:30 p.m. To be eligible to vote you must be a steward of the parish in good standing and have paid at least three-fourths

(3/4) of your stewardship commitment for 2024. If you have questions about your stewardship status, contact Parish Council Treasurer Dmitri Smirnov at treasurer@stannagocutah.org.

If you are unable to vote in person, you may contact Fr. Anthony at 385-313-9358 or franthony@stannagocutah.org to request an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be returned to Fr. Anthony no later than **5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2023**, in order to be counted.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos Meeting: Due to the holidays, we will not hold meetings in November or December. Our first meeting of the new year will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Baking for You! Our Philoptochos is delighted to assist you with your holiday baking. We will be selling koulourakia. \$9.00 per dozen. Place your order today and pick up after church on December 10, 2023. Orders may be placed during fellowship hour or by contacting Sophie Wondolowski at 801-278-3395 or sophwondo@gmail.com.

It's a Baby Shower - Help Fill the Bassinet! St. Innocent Orphanage is being blessed with babies, so St. Anna Philoptochos is hosting them a shower! These little ones need diapers, bottles, blankets, burp cloths, and so much more. They are in great need of diapers sizes 2, 3 and 4. If you would like to help, please visit this [Amazon page](#) to purchase a gift through Amazon that will be sent directly to the orphanage. Please also place a greeting card with good wishes, advice, blessings, etc. in the bassinet at church, and we will send them to the orphanage. Thank you!

Operation Chimney Drop: **REMINDER:** Today, Sunday, December 3, 2023, is the **last** day to bring your Operation Chimney Drop gifts. We will be delivering all the gifts during the upcoming week. Please remember to help make the holidays special for these young children! If you still want to help us reach our goal of filling wishes for 50 children, please consider making a monetary donation. Checks can be made payable to St. Anna Philoptochos Chimney Drop Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOY: JOY meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held December 21, 2023. All children in grades 1-5 are welcome and encouraged to attend!

GOYA: Join us for our annual ice-skating outing on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Gallivan Center, 74 East 2000 South, Salt Lake City. Bring \$12.50 for skates and admission. GOYA will sponsor pizza after liturgy and then we will change our clothes and head out! GOYA is for those in grades 6-12.

Young Adult League (YAL): Save the date for our Christmas gathering on Friday, December 15, 2023. Details to come!

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2023 stewardship cards. As of November 8, 2023, we have received 162 stewardship commitments totaling \$404,008! Funding our parish needs through stewardship continues to be a defining aspect of this community. We very much appreciate your prayerful commitment and continued support. Thank you for being an active part of our every success, unto the glory of God!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Retreat: Please join us for our Advent Retreat with Fr. Dan Suciú on Friday, December 8, 2023, and Saturday, December 9, 2023. See attached flyer for details.

Morning Bible Study: Morning Bible Study, led by John Kaloudis, will resume in January 2024, on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. We will be discussing Mark's Gospel and meet at St. Anna, in the hopes that more parishioners can join us. For more information contact John Kaloudis at 801-230-5121.

Orthodox Inquirers' Class: The Orthodox Inquirers class will meet at the church every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series: Please join us for the Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series at the church every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Support Program - Help fight hunger! Ongoing food donations from our Parish and the community are vitally important to support the Diamond Ridge/Entrada pantries serving over 1400 people per month. **FILL THE BIN!**

PRAYER LIST

Alexis, Amie, Amy, Andrew, Anna, Ava, Calley, Caroline, Corey, Deborah, Don, Elaine, Elena, Jerry, Jim, Linda, Liz, Lynn, Maria, Mary, Marylynn, Michael, Nicole, Pam, Penny, Richard, Ryley, Stephanie, Steve, Theodore, Tinsley, Travis, Tyler, and Vanni

Please email Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. to add or remove names from the list.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pan Arcadian Christmas Party: All are invited to the Pan Arcadian Chapter #90 Christmas Party!



When: Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Sunday's Best, 10672 S. State Street, Sandy

Cost: \$50 for Adults; \$20 for children

Adult menu options include seared chicken, glazed baby carrots, and mashed potatoes OR egg noodles, curry broth, and seasonal vegetables. Children menu options include cheeseburger, pasta with butter, OR chicken fingers. Salad, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages included. Cash Bar for alcoholic beverages. RSVP with your menu selection to Karen Anastasopoulos at 801-913-2414 or karenanast@gmail.com by Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

PARISH CALENDAR

Visit the [parish website](#) for an electronic copy. Unless otherwise specified, all events will be held at St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, 9201 S. 1300 East, Sandy.

Sunday, December 3, 2023 (14th Sunday of Luke)

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

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (St. Nicholas the Wonderworker)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series

Thursday, December 7, 2023

- 6:30 p.m.: Annual Philoptochos Mingle Jingle @ Cottonwood Country Club, 1780 Lakewood Drive, Holladay

Friday, December 8, 2023

- 6:30 p.m.: Great Vespers for the Conception of the Theotokos
- After Great Vespers: Fellowship and Advent Retreat (Session I) with Fr. Dan Suci

Saturday, December 9, 2023 (The Conception of the Theotokos)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy
- After Liturgy: Advent Retreat (Sessions I and II) with Fr. Dan Suci

Sunday, December 10, 2023 (10th Sunday of Luke)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy
- After Liturgy: GOYA Pizza at St. Anna followed by Ice Skating at Gallivan Center, 74 E. 200 South, Salt Lake City

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series

Saturday, December 16, 2023

- 1:00 p.m.: Annual St. Modestos Pet Blessing
- 7:00 p.m.: Gingerbread House Family Night

Sunday, December 17, 2023 (11th Sunday of Luke)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros

- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy
- 5:00 p.m.: Choir Christmas Concert featuring the choirs of St. Anna, Prophet Elias, and Holy Trinity; Lenten dinner to follow

Monday, December 18, 2023

- 7:00 p.m.: Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

- 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series

Thursday, December 21, 2023

- 7:00 p.m.: JOY Meeting



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church
of Sandy, Utah Presents Our

ADVENT

Retreat

WITH FR. DAN SUCIU

December
8-9

Friday, December 8th:
Great Vespers for the Conception of the Theotokos, 6:30 pm
Fellowship and Session One

Saturday, December 9th:
Orthros, 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
Session Two
Lenten Lunch
Session Three

Come hear one of the most authoritative and engaging
speakers of the Orthodox Christian World.

The Conception of the Theotokos is a Feast of our Matron
Saint Anna. We are blessed to have Fr. Dan with us.

GOYA *Save the Date* Ice Skating.

BRING
\$12.50 FOR
SKATES AND
ADMISSION.

- GALLIVAN CENTER •

74 East 200 South, SLC

- 10TH DECEMBER •

GOYA will Sponsor Pizza
after Liturgy. Change Your
Clothes and We'll Go!!!

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St. Anna's Pet Blessing

Pet Blessing

Saturday, December 16, 2023
at 1:00 pm in the Parking Lot



Please Bring a Monetary Donation for the Humane Society of Utah.



FAMILY NIGHT

Ginger Bread House Decorating!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 7:00 PM

**St. Anna's will supply the House Kit, Pop Corn,
Hot Chocolate & Holiday Movie. You Bring a
\$25.00 Donation and Your Favorite Candies to
Use to Decorate. We'll begin with Small
Compline. Please Text R.S.V. P. to
Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987.**

**Please
limit One
House per
Household.**

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LONGER A
CONTEST.
JUST FOR
FUN!**



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DECEMBER 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

PERFORMED BY THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF:
HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
PROPHET ELIAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
ST. ANNA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

**Held in the New St. Anna Sanctuary
9201 South 1300 East in Sandy**

Please Join Us for a Lovely
Evening. Celebrating the
Nativity of our
Savior Jesus Christ.

Lenten Dinner to Follow.

Please Bring a
Canned Item for
Area Food Pantries

