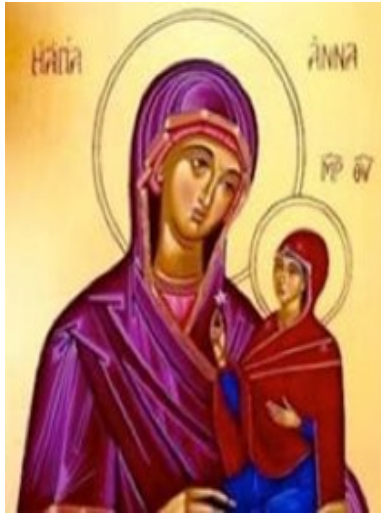




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**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**  
**Sunday, December 17, 2023**  
**Orthros: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.**

**Reverend Protopresbyter Anthony Savas**  
**Reverend Protopresbyter Elias Koucos, Retired**  
**Reverend Father Dimitri Burikas**  
**Deacon John Kavass**

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## Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:4-11)

*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.*



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, 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**

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**

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)

### **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)

### **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, December 17, 2023: Tony Kalivas (26 years); Helen Kalivas (13 years); Tom Martinez (2 years); Jo Ann Baldwin (40 days)

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

### **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

**Teaching Divine Liturgy:** This year's Teaching Divine Liturgy will take place on Saturday, January 6, 2024, as we celebrate the holy Feast of the Baptism of Christ. Services begin at 9:00 a.m. and will include, for all to see:

- *Kairos:* Service of Preparation
- *Vesting:* Service of the Vesting of the priest
- *Proskomede:* Oblation, or Reparation of the Gifts
- *Divine Liturgy:* with the priest facing the people and explaining the sacred details of the service
- *Blessing of the Waters:* The Feast of Lights and the Enlightenment of the World through the Baptism of Christ

For all who want to experience these divine services with a full explanation, an educational vantage point, please join us! The fact that Epiphany falls on a Saturday gives us no excuse to miss!

### **PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2024 Parish Council:** Congratulations to the following, who have been elected to serve a two-year term on the Parish Council:

Michael Petrogeorge, George Sergakis (incumbent), Steve Simos (incumbent), Sam Soter (incumbent), and Moses Williams. These five will be joined by Pam Martinez, Jonathan Mau, Elaine Peterson, Dmitri Smirnov, Julie Steele, and Peter Yannias to serve as our 2024 Parish Council. Many thanks and God's greatest blessings to Tom Leitko and Joe Sasich for their dedicated service on the Parish Council.

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

## PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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!

**Save the date:** Vasilopita Sunday will be held January 14, 2024. Please contact Sophie Wondolowski at [sophwondo@gmail.com](mailto:sophwondo@gmail.com) or 801-278-3395 or if you can bake a Vasilopita for this annual event!

## 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!

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**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.

**Orthodox Inquirers' Class:** The Orthodox Inquirers class will meet 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!***

## STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

With 2023 coming to a close it's time to turn our attention to the prayerful stewardship commitments we will make to fund our parish needs in 2024. To that end, 2024 stewardship packets will be available at church beginning this Sunday, December 17, 2023. Please make plans to pick up your packet and return your stewardship commitment card as soon as possible!

The budget for 2024 approved at our Fall Parish Assembly calls for a fourteen percent (14%) increase in total stewardship commitments (as compared to the 2023 budget) to meet the increased financial commitments associated with the financing obtained to fund the purchase of our property, the build out of our sanctuary, and the other renovations and improvements at our church. With the support and participation of our faithful parishioners we are confident this goal can be achieved.

Thank you for being an active part of our every success, unto the glory of God!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scouting News!** St. Anna's would like to welcome Scout Troop 4. They will begin meeting at our Church on Monday evenings beginning January 8, 2023. All boys ages 11-17 are invited to visit any time to see if they would be interested in joining. Meetings typically start at 7:00 p.m. unless there is a special event. The troop will be holding a meet and greet in January for parents to come

learn more about the Scouting program. We will post specific dates and times as soon as plans are set. For further information, please contact Mark Hunter at [scouts.troop4@gmail.com](mailto:scouts.troop4@gmail.com) or 801-750-8472 or Scoutmaster Scott Wilde at [dzikiszczur@aol.com](mailto:dzikiszczur@aol.com) or 801-718-9589.

We are also exploring the option of starting a Cub Scout pack at St. Anna's and trying to get a feel for how many parents may be interested in having their children involved in Cub Scouts. If you would like to see a Cub Scout pack started at St. Anna please contact Mark Hunter ([scouts.troop4@gmail.com](mailto:scouts.troop4@gmail.com))

### **Save the Date - Basile the Comedian:**



*What: AHEPA Scholarship/AHEPA House Fundraiser*

*When: Saturday, January 20, 2024*

*Location: St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Meyer Hall, 3015 E Creek Rd, Cottonwood Heights*

*Cost: \$75 per person (includes dinner & comedy show)*

### **COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to the holidays, the next bulletin will be a two-week bulletin published for Sunday, December 24, 2023, and December 31, 2023. Please send bulletin announcements pertinent to the final two Sundays of the calendar year to Michael Petrogeorge at [mppetrogeorge@gmail.com](mailto:mppetrogeorge@gmail.com) no later than **Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!

### **PRAYER LIST**

As we approach 2024 we are resetting our prayer list. Please email Michael Petrogeorge at [mppetrogeorge@gmail.com](mailto:mppetrogeorge@gmail.com) by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. to add names to the prayer list.

### **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 17, 2023 (11<sup>th</sup> 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

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Sunday before Nativity)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy
- 5:00 p.m.: Nativity Matins
- 6:00 p.m.: Nativity Divine Liturgy on Eve of Christmas

Monday, December 25, 2023 (The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ)

- 10:00 a.m.: Nativity Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 31, 2023 (Sunday after Nativity)

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

Monday, January 1, 2024 (St. Basil the Great)

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

Friday, January 5, 2024 (Forefeast of Epiphany)

- 10:00 a.m.: Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil and Small Blessing of the Waters
- 6:00 p.m.: Matins for the Feast of Epiphany

Saturday, January 6, 2024 (Feast of Epiphany)

- 9:00 a.m.: Teaching Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters

# 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  
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Our...

Three-Week Virtual

# BABY SHOWER

To Benefit the New Infants, Now in the Care of the

*St. Innocent  
Orphanage*



Please scan the QR Code to send gifts directly to the orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, through their Amazon wish list. There is a bassinet at St. Anna's to fill with your personal cards, well wishes, advice and prayers. We will send your cards directly to the orphanage. Thanks!



DECEMBER 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

PERFORMED BY THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF:  
HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
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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

