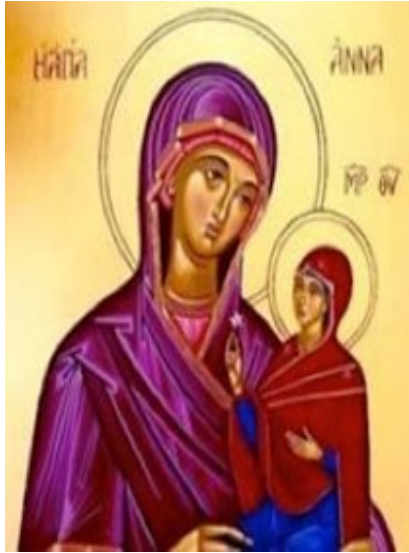




CHURCH BULLETIN



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church
9201 South 1300 East, Sandy, UT 84094
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Sunday before Nativity and Sunday after Nativity
Sunday, December 17, 2023 and Sunday, December 31, 2023

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

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Readings and Hymns for Sunday, December 24, 2023

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

Prokeimenon. Mode 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, 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 (Mt. 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'seh, and Manas'seh 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 (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

The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel
to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on
Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been
vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the
world with His great mercy. (Liturgy Book page 111)

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

As she carried in her womb what she conceived without seed, Mary
went to Bethlehem with elder Joseph to enroll, for they were of the
house and the lineage of David. The time arrived for her to give
birth to her Child; but then there was no place in the inn for them.
Therefore the grotto served as a luxurious royal palace for the
Queen. And Christ the Lord is born, to raise the image which was
formerly fallen.

Hymn 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. (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).

Readings and Hymns for Sunday, December 31, 2023

Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Galatians (1:11-19)

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 67.

God is wondrous in His saints.

Verse: Bless God in the churches.



Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew (2:13-23)



When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what

the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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 born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia (4). (Liturgy Book page 193)

Response to Third Antiphon

Your birth, O Christ our God, shines forth on all the world with the light of knowledge. For at Your birth, those who had adored the stars were taught by a star to worship You, to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to know You, the Dawn from on high. O Lord, glory to You. (Liturgy Book page 199)

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

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 page 115)

Hymn for the Feast

Your birth, O Christ our God, shines forth on all the world with the light of knowledge. For at Your birth, those who had adored the stars were taught by a star to worship You, to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to know You, the Dawn from on high. O Lord, glory to You. (3) (Liturgy Book page 199)

Hymn for the Ancestors of God

Go, holy Joseph, tell David what the angel said. With the shepherds and the wise men from afar, praise the Son of the Virgin, begging Him to save our souls. (Liturgy Book page 203)

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 gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth presents a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds give Him glory; wise men follow a star as they journey to Him who is God from all ages, yet for our sake is born as a little child. (Liturgy Book page 245).

Trisagion Hymn

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (Liturgy Book page 39).

Megalynarion (Hymn for the Theotokos)

O my soul, magnify the ever-virgin Maid who from the curse has redeemed us.

Easier for us is from fear to love silence, free of any peril as it is, O Virgin; whereas to weave stirring hymns out of longing in earnest, is difficult. Therefore, O Mother, give us strength to match our volition, we pray you.

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

Your birth, O Christ our God, shines forth on all the world with the light of knowledge. For at Your birth, those who had adored the stars were taught by a star to worship You, to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to know You, the Dawn from on high. O Lord, glory to You. (3) (Liturgy Book page 199)

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:

Sunday, December 31, 2023: Maria Petrogeorge (1 year)

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

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Jake and Nikki Maguire for hosting fellowship hour on Sunday, December 24, 2023.

If you would like to host the fellowship hour on Sunday, December 31, 2023, or any future date please contact Julie Steele at 801-971-5277. Following the New Year, interested fellowship hosts will be able to sign up either in the binder or via sign-up genius. In addition to bringing refreshments for fellowship hour, fellowship hosts are expected to set up their food prior to fellowship hour and

clean up after fellowship hour. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of our fellowship ministry!

2023 Holiday 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

January 1, 2024 (St. Basil the Great)

9:00 a.m. - Orthros

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 5, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil and
Small Blessing of the Waters

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

Saturday, January 6, 2024

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



PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Elections: The packet for the uncontested Parish Council election held December 17, 2023, has been sent to the Metropolis of Denver for ratification. Thank you to all who voted,

and a special note of thanks to our 2023 Election Committee: Jeff Varanakis (Chair), Steve Shenk, Craig Stagg, Elaine Zambos, and Sandra Zoolakis.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, February 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos Meeting: Our first meeting of the new year will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Save the date: Vasilopita Sunday will be held January 14, 2024. Please contact Sophie Wondolowski at 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 January 18, 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 - Donations Needed! The Diamond Ridge/Entrada pantries are serving growing numbers of students and community members facing hunger, and ongoing donations are urgently needed. ***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. 2024 stewardship packets will be available at church beginning this Sunday. Please make plans to pick up your packet and return your stewardship commitment card as soon as possible! Any packets not picked up will be mailed.

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. 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 or 801-750-8472 or Scoutmaster Scott Wilde at 801-718-9589 or dzikiszczur@aol.com.

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)

AHEPA Fundraiser with Basile the Comedian: The AHEPA Scholarship/AHEPA House Fundraiser with Basile the Comedian

will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church (Meyer Hall), 3015 E. Creek Road, Cottonwood Heights. 6:00 p.m. Social Hour; 7:00 p.m. Dinner. \$75 per person for dinner and comedy show. Cash bar. Tables of 8 or 10 available. RSVP to Chris Floor at 801-450-2105 or cfloor7456@msn.com or Kathy Floor at 801-450-9626.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, January 7, 2024. Please send requested bulletin announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 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 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 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

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 (St. Stephen the First Deacon and First Martyr)

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

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series

Friday, January 5, 2024 (Forefeast of Epiphany)

- 10:00 a.m.: Vespertal 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

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series

Sunday, January 14, 2024 (Leavetaking of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy
- *Following Liturgy:* Vasilopita Lunch and Auction

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 (St. Anthony the Great)

- 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, January 18, 2024

- 7:00 p.m.: JOY Meeting

AHEPA presents a
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January 20, 2024

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6pm Social Hour - 7pm Dinner
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Needed Food Items

Canned meat / Tuna

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Canned chili / Stews

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Please drop off your donations in
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