

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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16th Sunday of Matthew Sunday, February 11, 2024

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

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (6:1-10)

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46.

Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises. Verse: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.



Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of

God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew (25:14-30)



The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made

two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with

them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

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 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

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you. (Liturgy Book page 225)

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'rable 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).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Online Chapel:</u> For Saints and Readings of the Day, please visit the <u>Archdiocese's Online Chapel</u>.

<u>St. Anna Livestream:</u> Livestreaming is back up and running on the St. Anna YouTube Channel.

<u>Congratulations!</u> Congratulations to Kimberly (Beck) Lundergan and baby Violet Elizabeth Lundergan on the celebration of their 40-Day Blessing that will take place near the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy. Please take the time to pray for Mom and Baby, together with Violet's Daddy, Patrick Lundergan. God bless the growing Lundergan Family

Memorial Services - May Their Memories Be Eternal:

Sunday, February 11, 2024: Caleb Jungert (1 year); Helen Elia (24 years); Adam Gounaris (39 years); Amalia Mpakarakes (4 years); Thomas Mpakarakes (39 years); Chris Eia (39 years); Margaret Gounaris (46 years); James Gounaris (47 years)

Sunday, February 25, 2024: Dan Agrapides (40 days); Nick Savas (18 years); Raisa Subbotina (10 years); Vera Gladkih (21 years); Lubov Truhnina (28 years); Nikolas Gavrusev (32 years); Sara Gavruseva (36 years); Stephan Subbotina (39 years); Kiryll Gavrusev (40 years); Evdokia Gavruseva (59 years); Olimpiada Truhnina (61 years)

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

Epistle Reader:

TODAY, Sunday, February 11, 2024: Sam Simos

Sunday, February 18, 2024: Jonathan Petrogeorge

Sunday, February 25, 2024: Nicholas Simos

FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the Gounaris and Jungert families for hosting today's fellowship hour!

If you would like to host fellowship hour on these dates or any future date, please contact Julie Steele at 801-971-5277 or sign up in the binder available during fellowship hour after church.

In addition to bringing refreshments for fellowship hour, fellowship hosts are expected to <u>set up</u> their food prior to fellowship hour <u>AND clean up</u> after fellowship hour. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of our fellowship ministry!

<u>Church Etiquette:</u> On this, our first Divine Liturgy in our new sanctuary, let's refresh ourselves on Orthodox church etiquette:

- Do not enter or move around the sanctuary at the following times:
 - ❖ During the Small Entrance (when the procession with the Gospel takes place)
 - During the Epistle Reading
 - During the Gospel Reading
 - During the priest's sermon
 - When the priest is censing and is facing the congregation
 - During the Great Entrance (when the procession of the Holy Gifts takes place)
 - ❖ When the priest is blessing the congregation
 - ❖ During the recitation of the Nicene Creed ("I believe...")
 - During the Consecration of the Holy Gifts

- ❖ During the recitation of the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father...")
- Please silence and refrain from using your cell phones in the sanctuary.
- Please follow the instructions provided by the clergy and/or the Parish Council relating to dismissal for Holy Communion and antidoron. <u>Do not leave your seat or row</u> to process to the altar until invited to do so by a Parish Council usher.
- Please refrain from talking or visiting with other parishioners during the Sacrament of Holy Communion and while receiving antidoron. Reserve such conversation for the fellowship hour following Liturgy.

House Blessings: During the weeks following the Feast of Theophany (The appearance of the Holy Trinity at Christ's Baptism – Celebrated January 6th), it is customary for the Parish Priest to bless the homes of his parishioners with Holy Water from the Great Sanctification of the Waters, asking the Lord to grant peace, health, salvation, and protection upon the home, and to the family who resides there. It is also appropriate during this special time to have your business blessed as well if you desire to do so. This is a wonderful opportunity for Fr. Anthony to see you and your family in the comfortable environment of your own home. This is the best occasion to share your thoughts and dreams concerning our parish community with your priest.

To request a blessing, please complete the blessing request form, available in the narthex and attached to Fr. Anthony's weekly email and return it to Fr. Anthony. Upon Fr. Anthony's arrival, please have the family ready to begin the blessing service. Lights should be turned on in all the rooms of the house that are to be blessed. Please make sure that all televisions, radios, and computers are off at the time of the blessing. Please also be prepared to provide a list of all names of family members who live in the house so that he can properly pray for them.

<u>Project Mexico</u>: Our parish is making plans to again participate in a service ministry trip to Project Mexico/St. Innocence Orphanage

in Tijuana, Mexico, July 30 through August 5, 2024. If you are interested in participating, please text Maria Soter at 801-631-2006.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Parish Council Meeting</u>: The next Parish Council meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Philoptochos Meeting:</u> Our next meeting will be held Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Bible Study: Morning Bible Study, led by John Kaloudis, is held 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.

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>IOY:</u> JOY meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 15, 2024. All children in grades 1-5 are welcome and encouraged to attend!

FOREVER YOUNG

Next Gathering: The next gathering of Forever Young will be held Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Support Program - Please Donate! Ongoing parish and community donations are essential to support the Diamond Ridge/Entrada pantries serving increasing numbers of our neighbors facing hunger. In addition to the nonperishables listed

on the attached flyer, urgently needed food items include: canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.); canned fruit, pasta and sauces. **FILL THE BIN!**

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

If you were a 2023 steward but unable to pick up your 2024 Stewardship Packet from a Parish Council member at church please watch for your packet in the mail. Packets for new stewards are available in the narthex.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Daughters of Minos Appreciation Event:</u> Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church Gym, 5335 S. Highland Drive, Holladay. R.S.V.P. to Georgiann Pino at 801-450-0187.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, February 18, 2024. Please send requested bulletin announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Alex, Charles, Chris, Daniel, Eva, Jami, Katherine, Luke, Maria, Mary Lynn, Michael, Omar, Pam, Penny, Phil, Tammy

Please email Michael Petrogeorge at mpetrogeorge@gmail.com by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. to add names to the prayer list.

PARISH CALENDAR

Visit the <u>parish website</u> for an electronic copy. Unless otherwise specified, all events will be held at St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, 9201 S. 1300 East, Sandy.

Sunday, February 11, 2024 (16th Sunday of Matthew)

Today we celebrate the Inaugural Liturgy in our new worship space

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

Monday, February 12, 2024

• 7:00 p.m.: Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

• 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- 11:30 a.m.: Forever Young
- 7:00 p.m.: JOY

Sunday, February 18, 2024 (Sunday of the Canaanite)

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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

Friday, February 23, 2024

• 7:00 p.m.: Supplicatory Canon to St. Anna (Paraklesis)

<u>Sunday, February 25, 2024</u> (Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today)

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

Monday, February 26, 2024

• 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

• 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

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

Sunday, March 3, 2024 (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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

Saturday, March 9, 2024 (Saturday of Souls)

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

Sunday, March 10, 2024 (Judgement Sunday / Meatfare Sunday)

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

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

Saturday, March 16, 2024 (Saturday of Souls)

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

Sunday, March 17, 2024 (Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday)

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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

Saturday, March 23, 2024 (Saturday of Souls)

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



Daughters of Minos

Member Appreciation Event

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 PROPHET ELIAS 5PM DINNER, DRINKS, MINGLING

MEMBERS WITH 1ST-3RD GRADERS ATTEND FOR INFO AND REGISTRATION (NO PRACTICE) FOR KRI-KRI



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Scan code or call Georgiann 801 450 0187

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