

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

Sunday, February 25, 2024

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

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (3:10-15)

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 1. Psalm 11.

You shall guard us, O Lord; You shall preserve us. Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the holy man has ceased.



Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (18:10-14)



The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off,

would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

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)

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

Let us flee the boastful words of the pharisee and learn humility from the sighs of the publican; let us cry out to the Savior: Spare us, for You alone are rich in forgiveness. (Liturgy Book page 255)

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 <u>St. Anna YouTube Channel</u>.

Memorial Services - May Their Memories Be Eternal:

Today, 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 Gavrusev (36 years); Stephan Subbotina (39 years); Kiryll Gavrusev (40 years); Evdokia Gavrusev (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 25, 2024: Sam Simos

FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Dena Savas and the Smirnov and Subotina 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!

Parking: For Sunday services, the parish has arranged for overflow parking in the Lunatic Fringe parking lot to the south and the KinderCare parking lot to the north. Feel free to park in one of these lots if the main parking lot is full.

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>Communion/Sunday School Dismissal:</u> Commencing **TODAY** <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 25</u>, <u>2024</u>, communion and Sunday School dismissal will proceed as follows:

- First: Sunday School teachers. Father Anthony will dismiss all Sunday School teachers for communion. Sunday School teachers will line up first. Teachers receiving communion will leave their seats when dismissed by Father Anthony and process up the side aisles to receive communion and down the center aisle after receiving communion and proceed to their classrooms.
- Second: Sunday School Students. As soon as teachers are
 in line, all Sunday School students receiving communion
 will leave their seats, and process up the side aisles, and line
 up behind the teachers to receive communion. Students
 should <u>not</u> leave their seats to enter the aisles until the
 Sunday School teachers are lined up. After receiving
 communion students will follow teachers down the center
 aisle and proceed to their classrooms.
- Third: All Other Parishioners Receiving Communion (Besides Choir). After Sunday School students have received communion the Parish Council ushers will dismiss all parishioners wishing to receive communion. Parishioners will be dismissed by a Parish Council usher, row-by-row, from back to front. Parishioners should leave their row only when invited to do so by a Parish Council usher (and not before). Upon dismissal of their row, parishioners wishing to receive communion shall process up the side aisles to receive communion and down the center aisle after receiving communion to return to their seats.
- **Fourth: Choir Members.** Choir members wishing to receive communion will be dismissed last, after all other parishioners have received communion.

Your patience and cooperation in implementing the above will be greatly appreciated!

<u>Project Mexico Informational Meeting</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 join us for an informational meeting on **Sunday**, **May 3**, **2024**, **immediately following Divine Liturgy**. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Text Maria Soter at 801-631-2006 with questions.

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2024 stewardship cards. As of February 22, we have received 130 stewardship commitments totaling \$344,029, putting us at 75.6% of our budgeted goal (\$455,000).

The 2024 budget 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. We are off to a good start and with the support and participation of our faithful parishioners we are confident this goal can be achieved.

If you were a St. Anna Steward the last two years, your 2024 stewardship packet should have been mailed to you weeks ago. If you are new to the community and would like to become a St. Anna steward, you can still obtain a 2024 stewardship commitment card. They are on display in the Narthex and available on the <u>parish</u> website.

The generosity and vision of our parishioners has historically been 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!

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Parish Council Meeting</u>: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 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 Matthew's Gospel and meet at St. Anna. 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 March 21, 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, March 21, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Food Support Program - Please Donate!</u> 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!*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Hellenic Cultural Association Membership Luncheon:</u> The Hellenic Cultural Association Membership Luncheon will be held

today, Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Memorial Hall, 279 S. 300 West, Salt Lake City. Free to members. \$35 to become a member and be part of the HCA. \$15 for ages 12 and under. Join us to honor Kosta and Victoria Louras for the dedication and help throughout the years to further the purpose and goals of the HCA. We have much to share about our accomplishments and outreach!

<u>Daughters of Minos Appreciation Event:</u> Today, 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, March 3, 2024. Please send requested bulletin announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday**, **February 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Alex, Charles, Chris, Daniel, Emily, Eva, Jami, Joey, Katherine, Luke, Maria, Mary Lynn, 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.

<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 28, 2024

• 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

• 7:00 p.m.: 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.: 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.: 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

Monday, March 18, 2024 (First Day of Lent)

- 6:00 p.m.: Great Compline
- 7:00 p.m.: Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Lecture

Thursday, March 21, 2024

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

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 Lenten Retreat

Friday March 29

6:00 PM

Author of
"Thinking
Orthodox" and
"The Crucifixion
of the King of
Glory."

With Dr. Evgenia Constantinou

Following the Salutations Service, stay and enjoy Fellowship, a Discussion, Q/A, and Book Signing with one of the most relevant Orthodox Christian Biblical Scholars of our day. Dr. Jeannie is a prolific author, respected academic, dynamic speaker and featured host on Ancient Faith Radio. This Retreat is a joint venture with our Sister Parish of the Annunciation in Pocatello, ID. We are all encouraged to join them on Saturday for the continuation of her presentation. Friday down here. Saturday up there, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please join us for this opportunity to learn and grow!